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S.T.R.E.A.M. Camp Inspires Scientists, Artists, Musicians

(August 8, 2016) Students became inventors, musicians and artists during Bishop McHugh's Summer S.T.R.E.A.M. Program for two weeks in July. S.T.R.E.A.M. -- the acronym for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics -- is a curricular focus during the academic year. This summer, students also had a chance to explore these subject areas by taking any of three enrichment courses: Art, Music/Religion and Science/STEM.

“Students applied knowledge in these subject areas to tackle real world challenges, whether they were scientific and mathematical, or artistic and creative,” said Principal McGuire. “Coached by teachers, the students directed their learning experience, which included trial and error. The process was as important as the result.”

The Art program, taught by Bishop McHugh art teacher Lisa Beard Barry, had students working with many different materials, including pastels, colored pencils, paints and clay. As a final project, students painted the ceiling tiles in the art room. The tiles will be on display all year long.

The Music/Religion program, taught by Bishop McHugh music teacher Beth Walls, was

an opportunity for students to explore a variety of cultures and styles of music, and to create and perform original compositions. Students were introduced to music theory concepts, such as rhythmic and vocal improvisation, the playing of keyboard and percussion instruments, and songs from around the world.

As a final project, students performed a puppet show to teach a bible story to their families on the last day of camp. The students wrote the script, composed the songs, and designed the marionettes. They also learned about the history of marionettes and their relationship to Bible stories throughout history.

The Science/STEM program, taught by Bishop McHugh science teacher Diane Bruesehoff, encouraged students to be global learners, problem solvers, innovators, inventors, and logical thinkers. Students completed projects such as building a Ferris wheel, exploring critical load, fighting the flu, taking the sugar crystal challenge, and creating a catapult.

Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School is a PreK-8 regional school in Cape May County with a student-centered curriculum grounded in the Gospel values. The community is invited to “Like” the school on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BishopMcHughRegionalSchool and follow Principal McGuire on Twitter at @BMRCSPrincipal and Instagram at BishopMcHugh.



A student in the Science/STEM program works on the construction of his Ferris Wheel.



Students tested the catapults that they built using large and small marshmallows, and measuring which was more effective.



The art students chose to feature animals on their ceiling tiles.



A proud artist points out her work.



Music campers get into the rhythm with their own drums.