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Dear Members of the School Committee,

The Belmont Public Schools Summer Enrichment Session 2010 saw many changes, all of which contributed to a positive experience for both children and staff. This year two new courses saw great success, while several new staff members made seamless transitions into their roles as teachers and support staff. On another positive note, enrollment from last summer increased and many families signed up their children up after camp was already in session. Many made the decision to return based on a successful first two weeks which only continued to enhance enrollment.

Andy MacAulay, a fifth grade teacher at the Chenery Middle School, headed a computer skills class where children completed a variety of fun projects such as slideshows and web pages all while learning keyboarding skills and basic computer knowledge. Katherine Dryer who is a lifelong Belmont resident took on the open sports club position. As an experienced sports camp counselor, Katherine easily maintained the positive and active environment that has made the Sports Club so popular for many years.

Another addition to this summer's course offerings was Math Mania. This program was designed for incoming third and fourth graders to work on their math skills while in a variety of fun ways using games puzzles and other hands on activities. Lindsay Jacobson, who in previous years supported the Literacy Club, taught this class.

For the second straight year, Louisa Popkin has placed special needs students into various enrichment classes. All students were provided a one-to-one aide to ensure they are receiving the proper educational and social supports. This year the number of inclusion students doubled from last year, and it is our hope that it will only continue to increase.

I have enjoyed working with the Summer Session in the many years I have been involved. I felt this year was another successful one due in part from the staff, both in the classroom and in the School Department office who supported my efforts throughout the entire session.

Sincerely,



Liz Brown