“The research literature and this study’s assessment of Virginia year-round schools show that black, Hispanic, and economically disadvantaged students as a group are more likely to improve their test scores under the single-track year-round model.”
Opportunity To Explore A Variety Of Instructional Options

Opportunity To Meet Needs Of A Diverse Population

Opportunity To Explore Real Life Learning Experiences

Opportunity To Target Specific Skills
Stakeholder Communications

- School Board
- City Council
- Staff
- MPEA & Education Foundation
- PTO
- Parents/Community
- Local Day Care Providers
Research in Action

Thank you, Galax City!
Community Cafes
Community Cafes Feedback

9 General Themes for Intersession Ideas

- College & Career Exploration
- Educational Improvement (Test Prep, Study Skills, Tutoring)
- Fine Arts (Music, Dance, Art)
- STEM
- Life Skills (Finance, Child Development, Cooking)
- Field Trips
- Sports/Athletic Activities
- Health & Wellness (CPR, Fitness)
- Mentoring/Community Service/Internships
# 2015-2016 Academic School Year Calendar

### July 2015
- **3** Independence Day Observed
- **6-24** Summer School: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **6-8** MPMS, Project Graduation HS @ MPMS.
- **8-9** MPMS, Algebra 1 HS Credit Recovery Courses @ MPMS, M-F 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

### August 2015
- **3-11** 2 FLEX PTO, Returning Staff
- **6-7,10,11** New Teachers
- **12-14** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **15** 1st day of school. Kindergarten Orientation
- **16** 1st day of school. Kindergarten
- **17** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **18** Instructional Days

### September 2015
- **1** Labor Day-No School
- **5** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **6** Instructional Days

### October 2015
- **9** End of Grading Period (39)
- **12-16** Intermission I
- **17-19** Fall Break-No School
- **23-27** Instructional Days

### November 2015
- **3** No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **11** Veteran’s Day-No School
- **25-27** Fall Break-No School
- **28** Instructional Days

### December 2015
- **1** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **21-31** Winter Break-No School
- **24** Instructional Days

### January 2016
- **1** Winter Break-No School
- **18** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School
- **25-26** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **27-28** Instructional Days

### February 2016
- **15** President’s Day-No School
- **21-22** Spring Break-No School
- **28** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **29** Instructional Days

### March 2016
- **30** Memorial Day-No School
- **31** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **1** Instructional Days

### April 2016
- **2** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **3** Instructional Days

### May 2016
- **3** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **4** Instructional Days

### June 2016
- **5** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **6** Instructional Days
- **11** Graduation
- **15** Last day of school/End of Grading Period (42)
- **21** Early Dismissal: Elem 1:15 p.m., Sec 10:30 a.m.
- **26** Teacher Workday/Professional Development
- **27** Instructional Days

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*Adopted: 3/23/2015
Reviewed: 7/23/2015*
Intersession Mission

- A unique, time out from the regular school year to explore learning opportunities in new ways.

- Engaging, real world application of skills that will not only serve to help bridge gaps in achievement where needed, but inspire new learning paths.

- Bring the community into our schools and our students out into the community.

- Provide space for students to explore new interests, put their passions to work and be inspired to take their academic journey to a next level.
Course Offerings

Most Popular Student Choices

- Literacy Camp Inn
- Space Camp
- Dino Train
- Sew Fun
- “BIG” Big Intellectual Games
- Top Chef
- Cooking With Chemistry
- Minecraft And Media Literacy
- Fitness Through Numbers
- College Caravan
- Cosmetology
- Foods: Ins & Outs of Nutritious Cooking
Intersession Field Trips

- Cox Farm
- Stribling Orchard
- Mount Vernon
- Holocaust Museum
- Washington DC
- Prince William Forest Park
- Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
- Adventure Links
- MP Community Center
- Prince William Animal Shelter
- Lake Ridge Golf Course
- College Tours
The Cougar News Crew
Interesession Videos

Camp C.A.R.E.S. - Cougar Elementary
Things That Went Well

- Building Of Relationships
- Development Of Skills In Areas Of Interest
- Exposure To Opportunities Outside Traditional Educational Experience
- Collaboration/Connection With Outside Agencies (MPFD, MPPD, Red Cross)
- College Visits
- Visits To The Nurses Were Down Significantly
- Free Meals For All Students
- Professional Development For Staff
Anecdotal Remarks

- “I Wanted To Hate It, But Ended Up Loving It”
- Thank You Notes That Were Written By Students And Teachers To Coordinators
- At CES, A Parent Came To Pick Up His Child And The Child Asked Dad To Come Back Later!
- Little To No Discipline Issues
- Email From MS Parent Explaining How Easy It Was to Get Her Daughter Out Of Bed Each Day
- Buzz About The Program Is Happening In Much Larger Circles Than We Realize
# Intersession I Enrollments

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93% of families said their child(ren) were excited about the sessions offered at their school.

59% of families reported that the sessions were related to their child(ren)’s needs and interests.

73% of families said their child(ren) enjoyed the sessions they attended.

73% of families reported their child(ren) tried something new during the intersession.

82% felt the fields trips and guest speakers were beneficial and engaging.

83% of families were pleased overall with the intersession program.

79% of families would recommend the intersession to other community members.
Student Survey Results

- **Elementary Students**
  - 95% of students who attended Camp C.A.R.E.S./Camp Creation enjoyed Intersession I.
  - 91% of students who attended Camp C.A.R.E.S./Camp Creation want to come to Intersession II in the spring.

- **Secondary Students**
  - 95% of students who attended enjoyed Intersession I.
  - 91% of students who attended would recommend Intersession II to a friend.
Areas In Need Of Attention

- Student Attendance/Participation
- Remediation – How Do We Incorporate During Intersession II
- Portions For Meals
- Tracking Of Meals For Reconciliation Purposes
- Training For Teacher Cadets – How To Best Use Students
- Length Of Sessions
- Student Registration For Intersession I (Parental Involvement)
- Parent Permission Forms To Be Photographed
Intersession II Timeline

**November and December**
- Develop Course Offerings
- Submit Field Trip Request

**January**
- Course Offerings Posted On Website
- Parent Notification
- Student Sign-Up

**February**
- Complete Student Sign Ups
- Supply Orders Due to Coordinators
- Permission Slips To Parents

**April**
- Intersession II
Intersession II Ideas

- Later Start Time for Secondary Campus (9:00) ?
- Advanced Placement Boot Camps
- SOL Preparation/Boot Camp
- Student Deposits For Field Trips
- Overnight Field Trip
Thank you for coming!

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