



CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Your child has been selected to participate in Power Scholars Academy™ provided by the West Cook YMCA, in collaboration with District 89 and BellXcel.

**POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY | A SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM
WEST COOK YMCA**



REACHING YOUR CHILD'S FULL POTENTIAL

Power Scholars Academy™ is a free five-week summer learning program run in partnership with West Cook YMCA, District 89, and BellXcel. This program is designed to help advance students' academic achievement through a full-day summer experience that combines small group, rigorous literacy and math instruction, with hands-on enrichment activities, field trips, and service projects. Power Scholars Academy™ will help your child discover their inner scholar.

FIND THE GENIUS WITHIN

WHY MY CHILD?

Your child has been selected by your school to participate in this amazing experience based on his/her current academic need. At the Y, we believe students need equal access to necessary resources to realize their potential. With the support of our community, this summer experience will help your child be successful at school and beyond.

DOES IT REALLY WORK?

On average, 75% of youth who participate in this program across the nation maintain or gain reading and math skills through the course of the summer. Check out our impact report on the following page from the 2019 summer session.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

This program is offered at no cost to you. You must commit to the following items in order to participate:

- Students are required to attend the program every day. He/she may not miss more than 2 days throughout the course of the 5-week program. If your child must miss more than 2 days, he/she is not permitted to participate.
- Parents/caregivers should read with their child for at least 30 minutes each night
- Parents/caregivers must attend the Parent Information Night.
- Parents/caregivers must attend the Closing Ceremonies event during the last week of the program.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the West Cook YMCA Youth Development Department at 708-250-4264 or PSA89@westcookymca.org.

REGISTER HERE BY:

westcookymca.org/d89psa

PARENT INFO NIGHT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM & MEET THE STAFF

Zoom link to follow

POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY DATES & TIMES:

Monday-Friday	8:30 am – 9 am	Breakfast & Community Time
July 12- August 13	9 am- 12 pm	Academic Instruction
	12 pm- 1 pm	Lunch/Recess
	1 pm- 3 pm	Enrichment Activities
	3 pm- 4 pm	Extended Care (cost applies)



2019 SUMMER IMPACT REPORT

POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY
THE WEST COOK YMCA IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH D90 & D91

86

GRADE K-5
SCHOLARS

5

WEEKS

5

DAYS PER
WEEK

+1

AVERAGE MONTHS
GAINED IN MATH

0

MONTHS LOSS
IN LITERACY

92%

ADA

37.5

HOURS OF
MATH

37.5

HOURS OF
LITERACY

256

HOURS OF
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT



Program Goals

- Increase literacy and math skills
- Strengthen self-confidence, social emotional learning
- Increase parent engagement
- Build a stronger connection with schools and the community

88%

of parents reported an increase in their eagerness to learn



Enrichment courses foster critical 21st Century skills like teamwork and leadership, increase self-confidence, and expose scholars to new subjects, opportunities, and career paths. Scholars rotated through the following courses:

Art | Reader's Theater | Dance | Music | Spanish | Cake Decorating



100%

of teachers said scholars exhibited growth mindset



Field Trips & Community Engagement

Field trips, special events, and guest speakers supported learning by exposing scholars to diverse ideas, people, places, and opportunities while nurturing increased tolerance and critical thinking skills.

Experiences included:

- Brookfield Zoo
- Field Museum
- Adler Planetarium
- PSA Open House
- Closing Ceremony



Financial Supporters

- John G. Symons Trust Charities
- Forest Park National Bank & Trust
- The Rotary Club of OPRF
- West Cook YMCA
- BellXcel
- Forest Park School District 91
- River Forest School District 90



The Rising 5th grade class showed enthusiasm and excitement as they collaborated and learned throughout the Power Scholars Academy." PSA Educator



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