



"Around the World" *with*



Family Newsletter
July 12, 2026

Week 6 Country Theme

USA



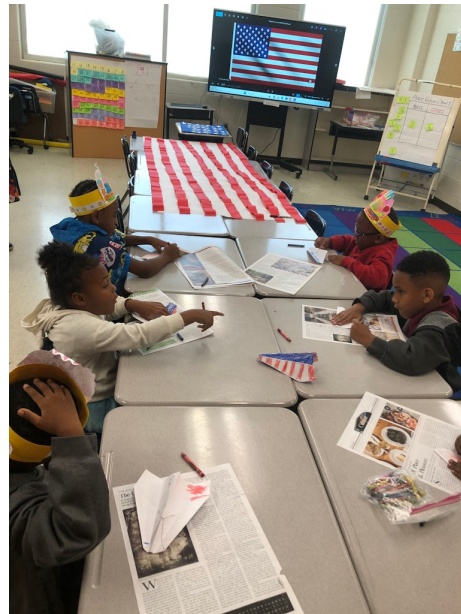
United States of America Flag.

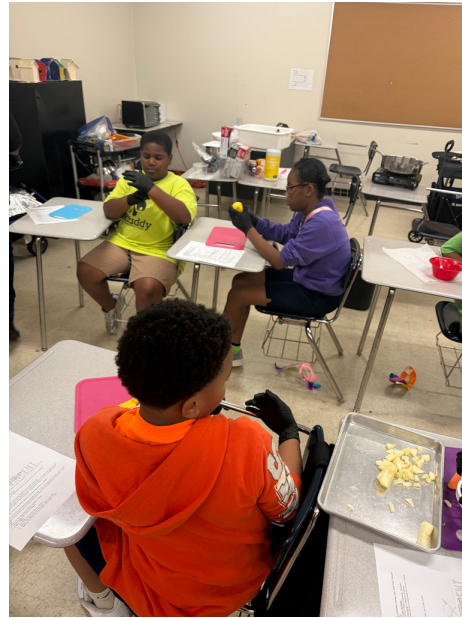
INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE USA

- Alongside the iconic bald eagle and our national flower (the rose), the U.S. has officially designated the mighty oak as the national tree (chosen by a public vote in 2004) and the North American bison as the official national mammal (signed into law in 2016).
- While apple pie was originally a 14th-century British invention, the popular phrase "as American as apple pie" actually originated in a 1924 newspaper advertisement for men's clothing, rebuffing British men's fashion.
- The original 1777 Flag Resolution never specified a design pattern for the 13 white stars, meaning early flagmakers legally improvised by sewing them in circles, clusters, or random rows until it was finally standardized in 1912. The 1777 Flag Resolution did set June 14th as national Flag Day.
- When red, white, and blue were chosen for the flag in 1777, they carried no official meaning; the symbols we know today (bravery, purity, and justice) were created five years later by a congressional secretary designing the country's Great Seal.

Week 6 Activities

Week 6 brought our Little Buddies home to the US of A. Students engaged in academic readings and math lessons tied to American culture. They got patriotic in Art by Country by making a giant USA flag to display and by making red, white, and blue beaded bracelets. In Culinary Enrichment, youth made genuine American apple pie!

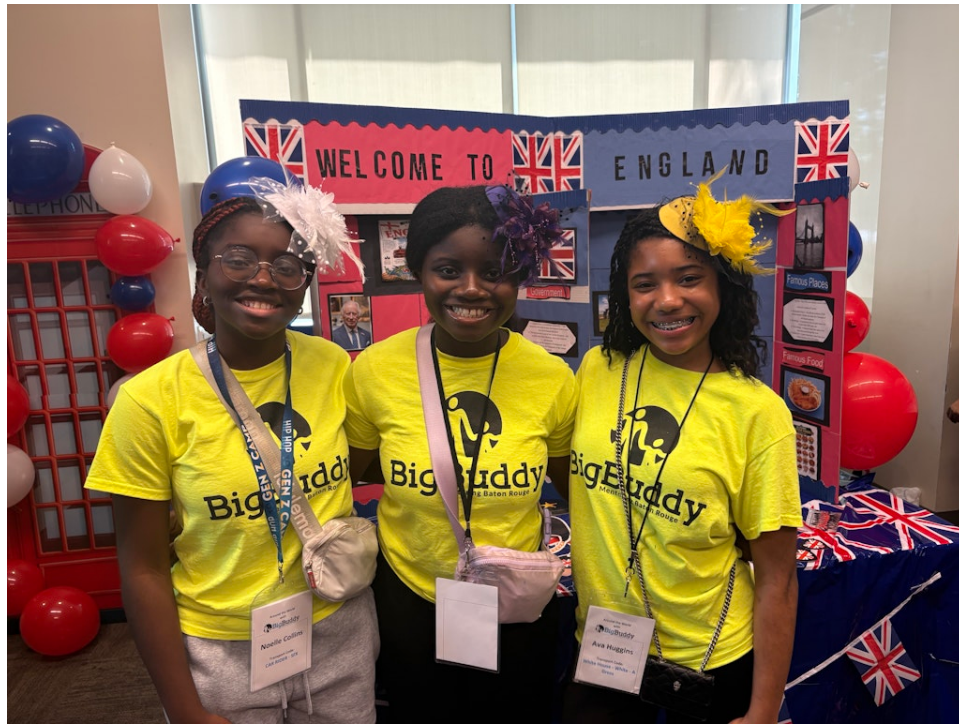




Travel Expo and Showcase

Our Travel Expo & Showcase were successful celebrations of our youth's journey "Around the World" this summer with Big Buddy! During the **Travel Expo**, our Middle School students proudly shared the countries they explored through creative displays, engaging presentations, and delicious country inspired snacks. Families and guests enjoyed visiting each exhibit and voting for their favorite, with the winner of the Travel Expo being **team England!** All of our youth then took the stage for the **Showcase**, where they performed cultural dances, sang songs from around the world, showcased their artwork, and shared other enrichment projects inspired by different countries. It was a wonderful celebration of our students' hard work, creativity, and all they learned and experienced throughout the summer.





Week 6's Field Trips

Elementary School youth enjoyed a trip to Maine Event this week! Youth participated in a variety of fun and engaging activities. Throughout the trip, students challenged themselves on the Sky Trail, competed in friendly rounds of laser tag, explored the arcade, and enjoyed bowling with their peers. The outing provided opportunities to build teamwork, sportsmanship, and social skills while creating lasting memories. To wrap up the experience, students enjoyed delicious pizza and had their choice of soda to complete a fun-filled day.



Middle School field trips included Main Event and The Bougie Bar where youth enjoyed a hands-on candle-making experience where they learned the process of creating their own candles while designing a personalized scent that reflected their unique preferences. To complement their candles, each student also customized a matching room spray. Throughout the activity, the room was filled with smiles, laughter, and excitement as students expressed their creativity. Although the atmosphere was fun and engaging, students remained focused and attentive, carefully following each step to create high-quality, personalized products they were proud to take home.

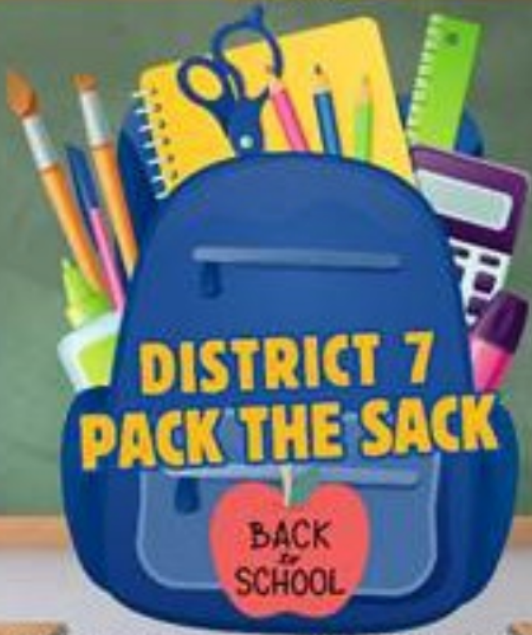




Back to School Events

Big Buddy's Summer Enrichment is over for this year, but we want to make sure you know about these upcoming **Back to School** events:

Councilwoman Twahna P. Harris
The MLK Community Center
Baton Rouge Police Department
Presents



**DISTRICT 7
PACK THE SACK**

BACK to SCHOOL

Saturday, July 18, 2026
10AM-2PM
4000 Gus Young Ave.

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 **CVS Health**  **aetna** **THE BRIDGE** **HARRY**



A NEW YEAR.
A BRIGHTER FUTURE!

BACK TO SCHOOL

PREPARING TODAY'S STUDENTS
FOR TOMORROW'S POSSIBILITIES.

-  **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
TO HELP THEM SUCCEED
-  **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**
BUILDING STRONGER FUTURES TOGETHER
-  **ENCOURAGEMENT**
EMPOWERING MINDS. INSPIRING DREAMS.
-  **OPPORTUNITY**
EVERY CHILD. EVERY DREAM.

-  **FOOD**
GOOD EATS!
-  **FUN**
BOUNCE, LAUGH, & ENJOY!
-  **GAMES**
PLAY, WIN, & HAVE FUN!
-  **VENDORS**
SHOP, SUPPORT, & CONNECT!

DATE: SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
LOCATION: SECOND BAPTIST
914N ACADIAN THRUWAY W
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

LET'S EQUIP. EMPOWER. & INSPIRE!
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

BECOME A VENDOR!
CALL TODAY!
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★ CHILD MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE SUPPLIES ★

Baton Rouge Housing Authority

Back to School Event

Date: August 3, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church



OUR SUMMER 2026 PROGRAM SERVED APPROXIMATELY 300 ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH THROUGH A FUN BLEND OF ACADEMICS AND ENRICHMENT. STUDENTS STRENGTHENED THEIR LITERACY AND MATH SKILLS WHILE EXPLORING LEADERSHIP, WORKFORCE READINESS, AND HANDS-ON LEARNING. A NEW HIGHLIGHT THIS YEAR WAS OUR ENRICHMENT CENTER, WHERE YOUTH SELECTED WEEKLY COURSES BASED ON THEIR INTERESTS. THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, VOLUNTEERS, FAMILIES, AND EVERYONE WHO MADE OUR SUMMER 2026 PROGRAM POSSIBLE. YOUR SUPPORT HELPED CREATE A MEANINGFUL SUMMER OF LEARNING, GROWTH, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS.

THANK YOU TO OUR CONTENT PROVIDERS AND PROGRAM PARTNERS!

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Junior Cosmetology
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