

# LIBERTY



## SUMMER 2023



## PIZZA!

LPP Delivers over 170 pizzas in June!



## INTERNS!

20 WCSD students participate in paid internships with LPP and the YMCA!



The Liberty summer programs are a collaboration between JCC the YMCA and WCSD. They are designed for students in grades 5 through 12. LPP is all about creating a supportive space where students can learn, grow, and make meaningful connections at school. Through fun activities and caring mentors, LPP students build social skills and friendships beyond their usual circle. Plus, we understand that having a routine can be a real challenge during the summer break, especially for families in our community.

That's why LPP programs provide a structured schedule that teaches students important life skills like discipline and time management. We believe that by offering a mix of enriching experiences, and skill-building in a structured way, our summer programs are a step toward helping LPP students succeed both in school and in life.

## EPIC!

25 Liberty students Participate in EPIC: a 4 week summer camp hosted by the YMCA.



## A BIG SLICE OF GRATITUDE: LPP SAYS THANK YOU WITH PIZZA!

The Liberty Partnerships Program at JCC (LPP) had a special celebration to mark the end of another successful school year, and it involved something everyone loves – PIZZA! During this yearly event, the Liberty Program showed their appreciation for LPP moms, dads and caregivers by delivering lunch to every LPP family in the district. The Liberty Staff took care of everything, making sure that over 170 pizzas, salads, and sodas from the famous Papa Tino's Pizzeria were brought right to the homes of Liberty students. This gesture of thanks from the LPP wasn't just about celebrating the end of another successful school year; it also showed how much they care about creating a strong community within the Liberty Program. It's a way of saying thanks and celebrating not only the students' hard work but also the teamwork it takes for students, parents and educators to thrive together.



**"PIZZA MAKES ME THINK THAT ANYTHING  
IS POSSIBLE" - HENRY ROLLINS**

## EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH INTERNSHIPS: A COLLABORATION BETWEEN JCC LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS AND YMCA

Again this summer, LPP partnered with the YMCA, to create meaningful opportunities for Liberty Students ages 15+ in the Watertown City School District. The programs demonstrated their commitment to empowering students by offering an enriching paid summer internship program at locations all around the city.

Students worked at the SPCA, Tunes 92.5, Urban Mission, Salvation Army and many others. The summer internship program provides students with valuable work experience as well as a chance to develop essential life skills. The Summer internship program offers LPP students the chance to gain hands-on experience in a real-world work environment. This experience goes beyond the classroom, allowing them to apply classroom learning to practical situations. From communication skills to problem-solving, these internships provide a space for growth exploration and the opportunity to make some extra money! With the guidance of LPP mentors, worksite supervisors and the nurturing environment of the YMCA, students earned paychecks and developed practical professional skills while building relationships and self-esteem.



## EPIC: UNLEASHING ADVENTURE AND LEARNING FOR LPP STUDENTS!

For LPP students at Wiley and Case, a remarkable program is creating ripples of change. This transformative initiative, known as EPIC, is more than just a summer camp; it's a platform for **Excellence, Passion, Integrity, and Community**. Let's take a closer look at how this program is making a difference in the lives of LPP youth.

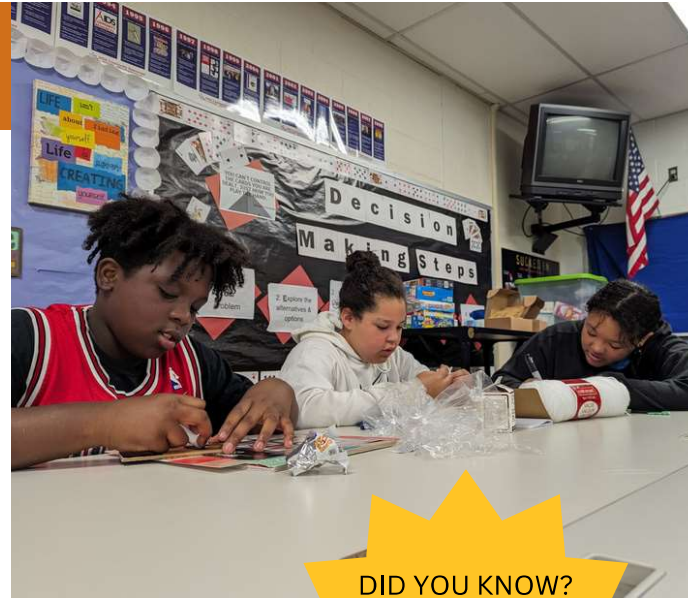
EPIC specifically targets Liberty students in grades 6 to 8, recognizing the unique challenges they face. By offering a supportive and welcoming environment, the YMCA and LPP aim to empower these young individuals by helping them discover their potential and unleash their inner leaders.

### FROM "AWESOME" MORNINGS TO "EPIC" EVENINGS

EPIC doesn't just focus on the daytime activities; it aims to make every moment count. Mornings begin with a burst of energy and enthusiasm, setting the tone for the day ahead. Afternoons are reserved for reflecting on the day's achievements, ensuring that each day ends on an EPIC note.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: GROWING TOGETHER

A vital aspect of the EPIC Summer Program is its commitment to community involvement.



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
95 % Of LPP  
Students were  
Promoted to the  
next grade!



Throughout the summer, participants engage in one or more volunteer projects, instilling a sense of responsibility and fostering personal growth. This involvement goes beyond the camp's boundaries, emphasizing the importance of giving back and making a positive impact on the world, which increases their self esteem.

As we witness the transformative power of EPIC, it becomes clear that it is not just a camp; it's a platform for growth, and a testament to the potential that lies within each and every Liberty Student.

If you would like to learn more about the Liberty Program at Watertown City School District or know a student who may benefit contact Program Director Todd Parody at 315-661-8112

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