

Dear Potential Pegasus Applicant,

We were so disappointed that Pegasus was not able to run in 2020 due the pandemic. Even now, in February 2021, Summer 2021 has question marks. Still, we are moving forward with what Pegasus might look like in 2021, with a further plan for program expansion, as the world starts returning to “normal”. At best, this option will be a much different Pegasus for both families and staff. First, we anticipate that masking, cohorts and social distancing will still be recommended. To meet these requirements, the following protocols will be in place: enrollment will be lower; program hours will be shorter; children will not transition in and out of specialties, electives and homerooms; off-site field trips will be replaced by on-site field days; and pool will not be offered. If we are able to expand at all, the addition of field trips and/or afternoon hours could be considered.

What follows is a brief summary of what’s planned and some timeframes for Pegasus 2021. Please keep in mind that, at this time, this programming model is planned for 2021 only.

- Pegasus will run in 2, 3-week sessions from Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. No programming on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.
- Daily hours of student attendance will be 9:00am-1:00pm.
- All students will stay with their Homeroom Communities for their entire 4-hour day, much like a typical Kindergarten and Preschool schedule.
- Specialty- and Elective-type activities will be planned and provided by the Specialized Homeroom Leaders in the homeroom classrooms on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Planning time and commensurate compensation will apply to all Specialized Homeroom Leader positions.
- Wednesday Field Day activities (classroom and outside) will be planned by the Activities Coordinator.
- Friday Special Events will be planned by the Activities Coordinator.

These significant changes mean that there will be no Pegasus positions as area specialists, elective leaders and extended day staff (both early and late). Specialized Homeroom Leaders will work Monday through Friday, 8:30am-1:30pm and other homeroom staff will work Monday through Friday, 8:45am-1:15pm. All homeroom staff will eat lunch with their students. Additional hours will include a mandatory 2-hour full-staff Orientation, a 4-hour Set-up Day, and a 1-hour Family Orientation (in-person or virtual). Additionally, a 1-hour Special Education Roundtable will be scheduled for every Wednesday afternoon, during which Special Education Assistants and/or Specialized Homeroom Leaders can make appointments to discuss specific student and protocol concerns with the Inclusion Specialist and the Site Coordinator. There will be no full-staff 8:00am meetings scheduled.

Pegasus 2021 job titles and job descriptions have been created, for which there are a limited number of available positions. All positions will be posted online via WPS. All interested applicants for Pegasus 2021 employment must complete a 2021 application and participate in an interview. As always, our goal will be to hire those people who are the best fit for the roles that are available. However, due to the uncertainty created by the continuing pandemic and the significant program modifications, there can be no presumption or guarantee of Pegasus employment in 2021.

To this email, I have attached a Pegasus 2021 application and job descriptions for the 4 positions available this year: Specialized Homeroom Leader, Adult Leader, Student Leader and Special Education Assistant. The Pegasus work commitment is for 6 weeks. All applications must be received in the WSCP office by Monday, February 22, 2021. Interviews will be conducted in March. Once Pegasus student registration is closed (April 5, 2021), we will fill positions based on enrollment, except those of some Special Education Assistants whose students may not complete registrations until May.

Do not hesitate to call me at (508) 358-6871 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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