



# GREETINGS FROM SPAULDING ACADEMY!

Despite the challenges presented by the global pandemic over the past year, the Spaulding Academy students and staff rose to the occasion and effectively achieved their educational goals. Our teachers expertly pivoted lessons, activities, and special events, allowing our students to enjoy a rich academic experience. We held virtual versions of our annual Authors Tea, Multicultural Celebration, Arts Festival, and Science Fair, which allowed students to flex their creativity while learning new skills and gaining knowledge.

Summer classes presented wonderful opportunities to incorporate seasonal learning. One classroom focused on the life cycle of food: learning where plants and vegetables come from, how they are prepared for meals, and even how to grow them. They planted a vegetable garden behind one of the classrooms, learned how to make salads with the harvest, and even took a field trip to a local supermarket to learn more.

Speech has also been very busy! In addition to trainings and certifications, the department has been following both the Social Thinking curriculum featuring conversational skills training and the Visualize/Verbalize Program for students with language disorders. The students also had fun completing a campus-wide scavenger hunt that emphasized Whole Body Listening and watching new summer movies to work on reading non-verbal communication, making social inferences, and thinking about perspectives of multiple people in a situation.

Even with the many rainy days this summer, our EChO program found occasions to take the kids swimming, kayaking, and paddle boarding. We are grateful for the many resources in our region – and on campus – for outdoor learning.

I'm also proud to share that several of our staff members recently completed their teacher credentials and Orton-Gillingham Approach certification. Spaulding Academy provides the mentoring, planning, and funding to help our staff achieve professional development both to enhance our curriculum and meet the evolving needs of our student population. It is an honor to be part of the process with these enthusiastic and caring teaching professionals.

Thank you for your interest and support of the exciting advancements in learning happening every day at Spaulding Academy!

Warm Regards,

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