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Western's Reaching Higher program keeps kids connected during summer vacation (http://www.mlive.com/)



Western Middle School students in the Reaching Higher program have continued to meet this summer for enrichment activities that included this July trip to the SkyZone Indoor Trampoline Park in Canton. (Courtesy of Western Middle School)

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PARMA, MI – Students in Western Middle School's Reaching Higher program have stayed active this summer, even though school wasn't in session.

A six-week summer session is part of the program, which takes place after school for 32 weeks during the school year. Forty-five students have participated this year, said Principal Ryan Tripp.

Reaching Higher aims to help students increase their math and language arts skills, along with participating in fun field trips and recreation activities.

In the summer program this year, students have participated in such activities as putt-putt golf at Jackson's Ella Sharp Park and days at Muskegon's Michigan Adventure amusement and waterpark and Canton's SkyZone Indoor Trampoline Park.

Reaching Higher is funded through a state 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant and directed by Highfields, Inc., a human services organization in Onondaga.

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