MPS is striving to make summer school fun and educational for sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students. The District's curriculum will incorporate iPod touches, Moodle and VoiceThread technologies into math and reading coursework.

Each program features hands-on learning activities. The programs available are:

1. Folwell Middle School: Students with outdoor and environmental interests have the opportunity to canoe the Mississippi River with Wilderness Inquiry. They will discover ways to improve and protect the environment through a unique project.

2. Nellie Stone Johnson Community School: Students will work with robotics, rockets, solar energy cars and wind turbines.

3. Northeast Middle School: Students will be introduced to a new language – Chinese, French or Spanish. Students also will participate in a theater production, cooking meals from different cultures and physical fitness activities such as swimming.

4. Ramsey International Fine Arts Center: Students will participate in a theater production, innovative dance classes, and create pottery and poetry.

Camp MPS begins July 7 and ends July 30. Campus days are from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are included free of charge for all students and transportation is provided for students that qualify.

Now is the time to enroll. Families may call 612-668-0440 for enrollment information or access the form online at: http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/ .

Minneapolis Public Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service program June 15 – August 13. The program, which provides meals to children at select school sites, is paid for with federal dollars available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

For information about the Summer Food Service program, please visit the MPS Food Service Department web site at http://foodservice.mpls.k12.mn.us/