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Special points of interest:

- ✓ The STREAM Program added 3 new volunteer/offsite opportunities in July.
- ✓ This month's STREAM theme was "The United States of America".
- ✓ STREAM went to the Minuteman National Historical Park on July 21, 2014.
- ✓ On July 25, 2014, the STREAM individuals visited the FOX 25 Zip Trip location here in Gardner.

This month in STREAM...

STREAM's theme for the month of July was The United States of America. Many of the activities were designed around this theme, from History class to Arts and Crafts time there was some part of the United States incorporated into each activity. In History class, we learned about and discussed The Revolutionary War and The Shot Heard Round the World. To highlight these topics, we took a trip to the Minuteman National Historical Park in Concord, MA! During our Arts and Crafts time, individuals had the opportunity to design, create and take home their very own 4th of July centerpiece. This craft was a big hit and they all came out great! In addition to these themed activities, there were 3 new offsite activities to choose from:

- Farmer's Market - Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg.
- Cooking Class - The Pathway

House in Gardner.

- Forward Strides Therapeutic Horsemanship - Templeton

The STREAM garden started to produce cucumbers, zucchini and summer squash in early July. These vegetables were picked and sold at the Farmers Market in

Fitchburg. STREAM will continue to grow, pick and sell vegetables as well as crafts at the Farmers Market every Monday from 10:00am to 1:00pm throughout the rest of the summer until late fall. Soon, the carrots, red cabbage, tomatoes, green beans, and peppers will be ready to sell as well. The STREAM program is still evolving and we will be adding even more activities for August. Stay tuned!

Below is a picture of one of our STREAM members, John Hayes, selling some crafts and veggies at the Farmers Market.



Pictured above - A 4th of July themed centerpieces that was made by one of our STREAM members.



STREAM visits The Minuteman National Historical Park!

Each month, STREAM plans an all day offsite trip to go on. Seeing as July's theme was "The United States of America", we decided to visit the Minuteman National Historical Park in Concord, MA.



Pictured above - The Minuteman National Historical Park's Visitor Center located in Concord, MA.

During History class, the STREAM members discussed the importance of the Revolutionary War and learned that the Minuteman National Historical Park now sits on the very land that the war started on. Having learned about The Shot Heard Round the World and of Paul Revere's ride, everyone was very excited to get the opportunity to visit this location in person. One STREAM individual noted upon his return to GAAMHA, "Once we arrived at the Visitor's center, we were able to walk around, view the displays and read

about the events that happened on April 19, 1775. We even had time to visit their gift shop before the movie started". The Visitor's Center showed a 30 minute multimedia presentation recalling the events leading up to and occurring after that historical date in 1775. After the show, everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch just outside the Visitor's Center and even had a visit from a curious squirrel who was looking for some lunch himself! Everyone really enjoyed the trip and it was an excellent day trip for STREAM.