

Introducing: Nick Plimpton

We are delighted to introduce our new Community Engagement Coach for next year– Nick Plimpton! Nick comes to us by way of the Wayzata School District, where he was a program instructor in their Wayzata Kids program. He has his BA in History from Kenyon College and his MA in Medical Studies from Boston University. Prior to his work with WPS he was a graduate instructor at the University of South Florida and taught English in Japan.

Nick will help us plan our Social Friday outings, as we look to expand and diversify our offerings. He will also plan and lead our new 'Choice Social' blocks next year. We are excited to have him!

Guess Who's Back? Everyone!

Thank you to those who completed the annual parent survey. Your feedback was vital as we continue to iterate with the program. While there were areas of growth for us (and we appreciate that feedback), we were pleased that 100% of respondents would recommend Capstone to others (77% 'highly recommend'). We can see that with a return rate of 100% this year for both students and staff. While there are often good reasons for turnover and change, and we expect some sizable 'graduating' classes in the future, in a challenging labor environment we take pride in a 3-year staff-retention rate of 89% and a student-retention rate of 94%! Thank you for your continued faith in, and support of, Capstone.

August 4th is for everyone!

Lots of 'everyone' themes today. We are inviting all current Capstone and incoming participants to our Friday event on August 4th, which we will hold at Franklin Center. Indoor and outdoor activities (including water games), as well as picnic food and drinks. We thought this would be a great opportunity for incoming participants to meet their peers in a casual, fun environment.



This will be in replacement of our Welcome Back Night, which felt was redundant for returning participants (who will only have been gone for two weeks). All relevant information for next year will be sent out along with the handbook and forms to be signed for next year.

"Where is the calendar?"

To better streamline the Capstone section of our website we combined all previous newsletters, calendars, the Course Catalog, and program webinars under the 'For Parents' tab.

Welcome back to Tammy!

Please welcome back our turtle friend, Tammy! Tammy was in my classroom from 2017-2019 but I took her home because, well, cleaning a turtle tank is a lot of work. But after many participants swore to me they would help with her care, we have brought her back to be the unofficial Capstone mascot. It'll totally work this time, guys.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Michael Faeth
Director of Adult Education

August
2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Williston Fitness Center 1	2	3	Capstone Welcome Picnic 4
PRISM/ Sholom 7	Williston Fitness Center 8	9	Williston Fitness Center 10	American Swedish Institute* 11
14	No Programming			18
21	No Programming			25
First Day of '23-'24 Programming 28	29	30	31	

Please note: This calendar is subject to change.

*Lunch included: Students will typically have an option to purchase food or other items on community-based trips.

