

staying connected



2019-2020 Community Report



summit schools
brilliant beginnings, bright futures



a letter from the head of schools

DEAR FRIENDS OF SUMMIT SCHOOLS,

Summit Schools has endured a lot in the 20+ years of its existence and this academic year started off like many others for students - several field trips into the community to enrich learning, classroom speakers welcomed through our doors, and after-school clubs that enhanced traditional school and learning experiences. Fundraisers and assemblies were held, our academic and activity calendars were very robust.

And then the world changed in March 2020. Summit students left for spring break and never returned to school in-person due to the global coronavirus pandemic. Summit quickly transitioned to online learning following spring break, one of the only local schools to do so. Summit classroom and exploratory teachers provided learning resources and content virtually. Annual Iowa Assessments were cancelled. Our Summit community met in monthly Town Hall Zoom meetings to stay connected and informed. Summit honored our four Summit graduates with drive-by parades and a virtual ceremony. A few of Summit's summer camps were transitioned online while onsite camps were cancelled, and private tutoring and music lessons were also moved online or cancelled.

Summit's Board of Trustees took action and issued a significant Grow Summit credit for 2020-21 tuition to meet the needs of our current families, and to make Summit more affordable for many prospective local families who wanted a smaller school and a strong academic program following the pandemic disruptions to learning. Through this all the Summit community learned what it meant to be #summitstrong. Not only did Summit survive the pandemic, we emerged stronger than ever as a tight-knit community and able to serve our surrounding community.



respectfully,
paul g. pressler



summit schools empowers each student to exceed their academic, social, and emotional goals to ensure a lifetime of success and personal fulfillment.



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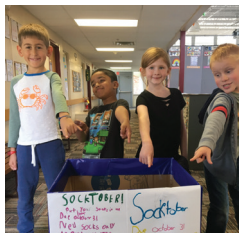


connected to the community



cedar valley humane society

A Cedar Valley Humane Society volunteer spoke to Pod 1 about proper animal care and pet safety.



socktober

243 pairs of socks were donated to Pod 2's **SOCKtober** community service project benefitting a local shelter.



summit y.a.l.e. program

Summit students reached new heights on Coe College's indoor rock climbing wall through **Summit's Y.A.L.E. (Yet Another Learning Experience) program**.



lego® league

Half of Summit's student population participated in **LEGO® League** and competed regionally.



cedar rapids police department (c.r.p.d.)

Glenn Kieler from the **C.R.P.D.** talked to Summit students in Pod 1 (PreK-1st grade) about what a police officer does and shared information on stranger danger.



storytimes at summit schools

Summit hosted free **Storytimes at Summit Schools** that included a story and music from Summit staff, craft and snack for local families with children 5 and younger.



summit pod field trips

All Summit students enjoyed learning experiences out in the community. Summit's Pod 3 took several field trips on their Flex Fridays, including Cedar Rock State Park and the Climate Strike Rally featuring **climate change** environmental teen activist **Greta Thunberg** in Iowa City.

activities & achievements

It's important for Summit students to not only get out into the community to learn, but to invite community members into our school to share their knowledge with our students. Summit also hosted a variety of community service projects and events and provided unique hands-on learning experiences for our students.



robert e. yager active learning award

Summit's PE and Wellness teacher Mr. Jamie Day received the **Robert E. Yager Active Learning Award** from The Iowa Children's Museum (ICM). The honor goes to outstanding educators in our community who go above and beyond to create a student-driven, active learning environment.

We are very proud of Mr. Jamie, and thank him for sharing his love of being and staying active with our Summit students! Jamie was nominated by multiple Summit families and was recognized at the ICM's Celebrate Play Gala.



girls who code

Summit offered **Girls Who Code**, an after-school club that introduced girls grades 3-5 to computer science careers, helped build their programming/tech confidence and skills, as well as provide instruction and opportunities for girls to build leadership and social skills. The nationwide program was open to all girls in the community, and attended by 10 girls, four of whom attended other schools.



strategies for young readers

Summit presented a 3-week reading series **Strategies for Young Readers** for Summit families and members of the community. PreK teacher Chris Maloney and longtime Summit tutor/board member Terri Petersen educated caregivers on building a strong reading foundation, teaching phonics at home, and how to love reading beyond storybooks.


virtual learning

As a small and independent school, Summit was quickly able to pivot to virtual learning following spring break in March 2020 due to the global coronavirus pandemic. Summit teachers provided academic content and support to students and families while many other local schools ceased instruction entirely. Summit also moved tutoring and music lessons online.

Summit hosted several virtual Town Hall meetings, and family events like the annual Fun Run, spirit days, and running club to keep our Summit community connected while apart. Summit's online 8th grade graduation was followed by a drive-by parade with Summit families who decorated their vehicles with balloons, streamers, and signs. Summit transitioned some summer camps online, but for the first time in over 20 years, it did not host in-person summer camps on our campus.

Summit Strong



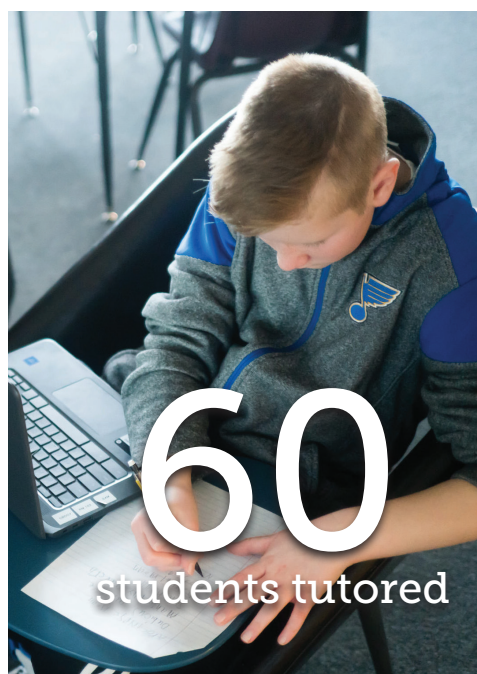


\$2,430

Grow Summit Credit to help families during the pandemic



31%
of students
received financial aid



60
students tutored



average student/
teacher ratio

12:1

gifts for *bright futures*

Summit is honored to have loyal and generous alumni, parents, and friends who give through their time and resources in a variety of ways. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Tuition alone does not provide the revenue needed to offer the excellent Summit education that is our school's tradition. Annual giving is the single

most important source of non-tuition income for our school. Summit appreciates a gift of any size because strong voluntary support from parents demonstrates the confidence from those closest to the school. Foundations and corporations carefully consider this type of support when awarding grants.



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- 19%: auxiliary programs
*(summer camp, tutoring,
learning extensions camps)*
- 11%: development/donation
- 1%: rental property



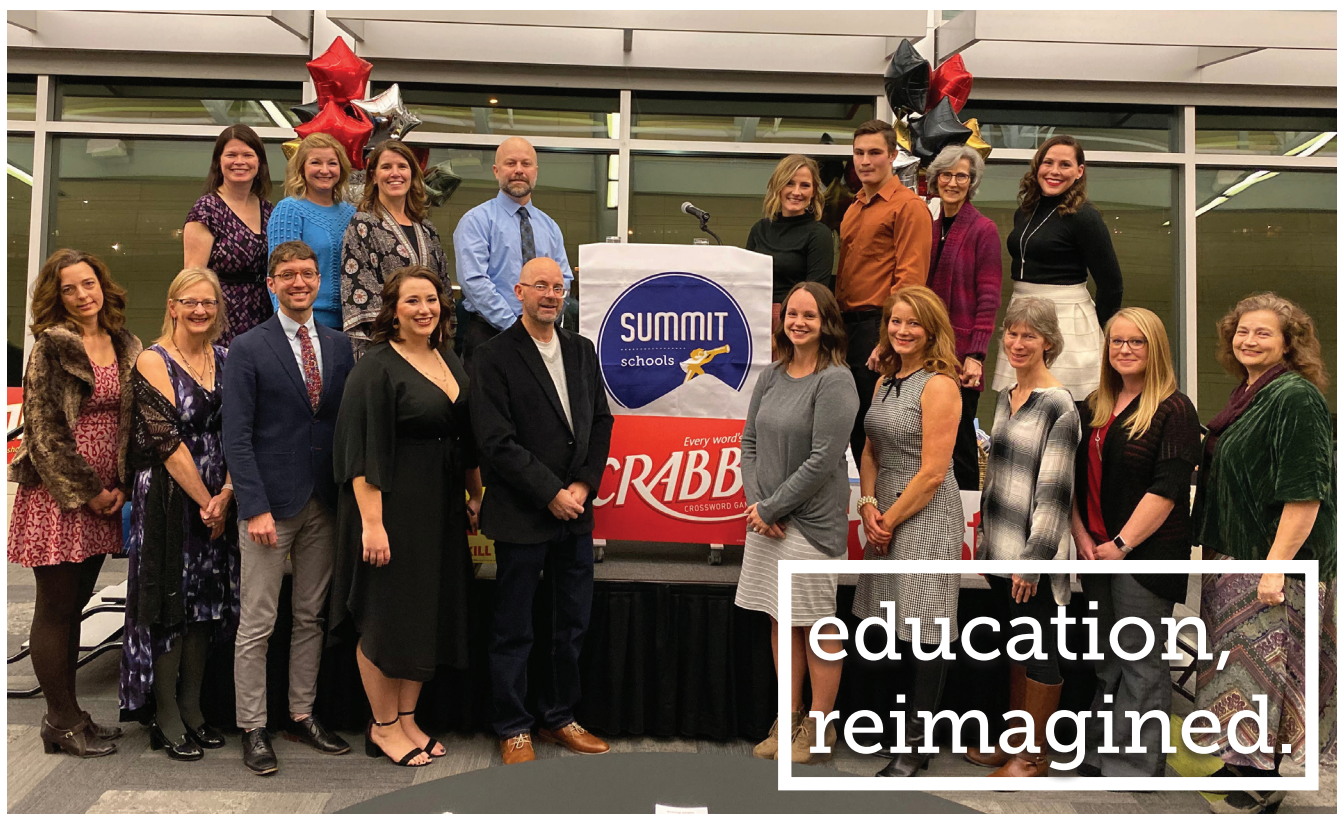
- 70%: wages & benefits
- 10%: auxiliary programs
- 8%: admin expenses
- 7%: materials & supplies
- 5%: utilities & maintenance



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