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Levy County Prevention Coalition takes students to EPCOT Theme Park



This is one of many collages from the June 23 trip to EPCOT shared on social media.

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ORLANDO -- The ACHIEVE Summer Program ended on Friday, July 23, with a field trip to Walt Disney World's EPCOT theme park.

The ACHIEVE Enrichment Program is provided by the Levy County Prevention Coalition in partnership with the Florida Department of Education, 21st Century Grant. The purpose of the ACHIEVE Enrichment program is to offer academic and social enrichment to students during afterschool hours and camps during the summer months.

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Staff members from the Levy County Prevention Coalition took students from seven Levy County Schools with Levy County School teachers, paraprofessionals, and bus drivers to celebrate all the success of the ACHIEVE Summer Enrichment Program.

The ACHIEVE Summer Program's theme this year was Around the World. The students learned about different countries around the world. They were able to "visit" Brazil, Australia, Japan, Germany, Africa and France. They learned about the various countries' music, art, people, food, celebrations and holidays, natural resources, and national landmarks. They even learned a few popular words of their language.

This is a similar program to what the Levy County Library System sponsored one summer years ago, when the library system had summer programs for Levy County students.

Although students were learning and keeping their brains in tip-top shape for the start of school through academic exercises such as reading, language arts and math, they also experienced more hands-on science through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) lessons.

Students learned about chemical change through a final experiment in making pancakes. They learned about electrical currents with batteries, light bulbs and wire. They learned about erosion with gravel, sand, small pebbles, "dirty" rocks and water. They learned about how important worms were for the Earth by setting up a worm "hotel" to observe and measure them.

They learned about light reflection with mirrors, flashlights and shiny spoons. They learned about designing a strong structure with popsicle sticks, Play-Doh, tape, water and a big fan when Tropical Storm Elsa passed through the area. (Tropical Storm Elsa made landfall in Taylor County.)

The students that attended the ACHIEVE Summer Enrichment Program worked hard and deserved some fun as their final day. It was a learning field trip, where students observed sea life, saw the impact of force and motion, used their imagination, learned about the land, and then "visited" the many countries in EPCOT. In addition to the educational experiences, they had fun.