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# Summer Programs Update

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# Strategic Plan 2021-26 Priorities

## EQUITY

### PRIORITY 1:

### Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders

**Goal I:** By 2026, at least 65% of OCS students will achieve grade level proficiency.

**Goal II:** By 2026, at least 90% of OCS schools will meet or exceed growth as measured by the state model.

**Goal III:** By 2026, the OCS 4-year cohort graduation rate will be at least 92%.



# Read to Achieve

# Read to Achieve Camp Overview

**Location:** HES and RPES

**Grades:** 2nd and 3rd Grade Students

**Student Numbers:**

- 178 second graders eligible and invited
- 83 second graders attended
- 187 third grade students eligible and invited
- 97 third grade students attended

**Staff Numbers:**

- 25 Staff Members

**Topics of Study:** Animal Kingdoms, Habitats, and Adaptations. These units incorporated high-interest texts and explicit hands-on learning that supported the development of decoding, fluency, and comprehension skills.



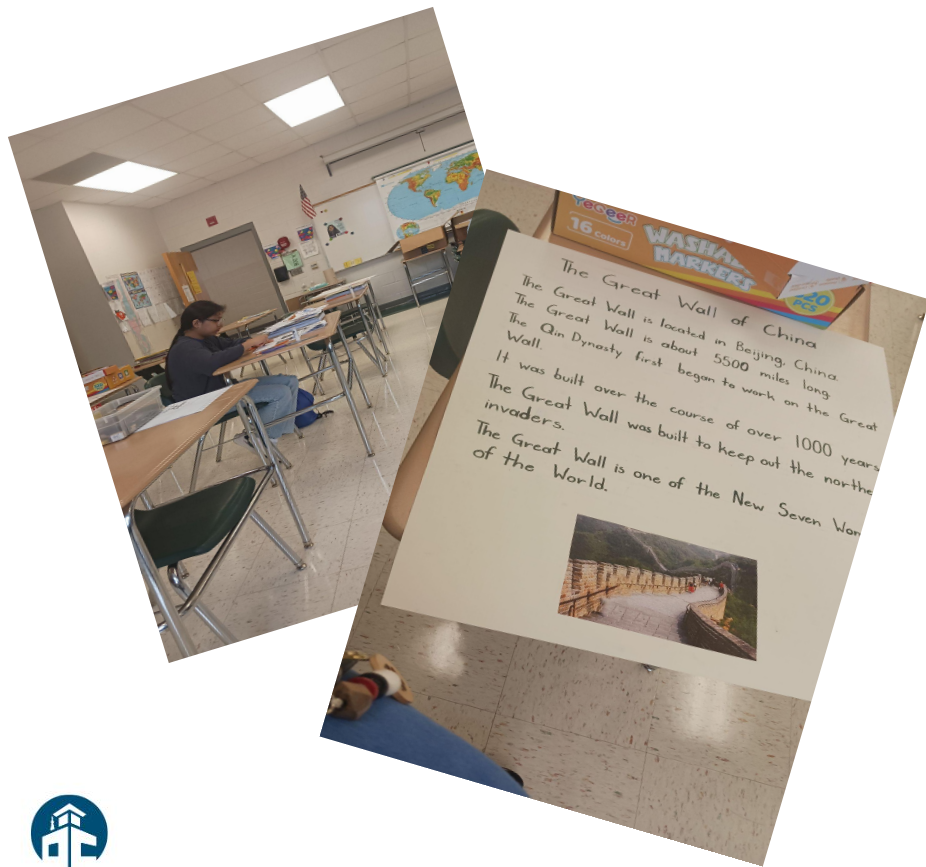
# RtA Camp Highlights

- 60% of student demonstrated growth in DIBELS scores  
↑ 25 points from 2023-24
- 23% of students demonstrated “minimal risk” in reading according to DIBELS scores  
↑ 4 points from 2023-24
- 17% of 3rd grade students who took the RTA assessment demonstrated proficiency
- 93% of students attended camp 7 or more days.
- Arts Integration Program was a success and students enjoyed this enrichment.



# ML Summer Bridge Program

# ML Summer Bridge Camp Overview



**Location:** Orange and Cedar Ridge High Schools

**Student Enrollment:** Multilingual Learners

**Grades:** 9th-10th Grade Students

**Student Numbers:**

- 25 students signed up to attend
- 72% attended

**Staff Numbers:**

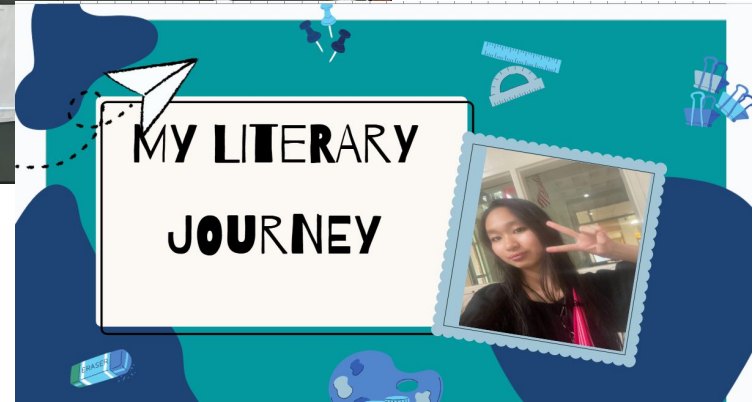
- 2 Classroom Teachers
- 3 ELD Specialists



# ML Summer Bridge Highlights

Preparing MLs for high school success by:

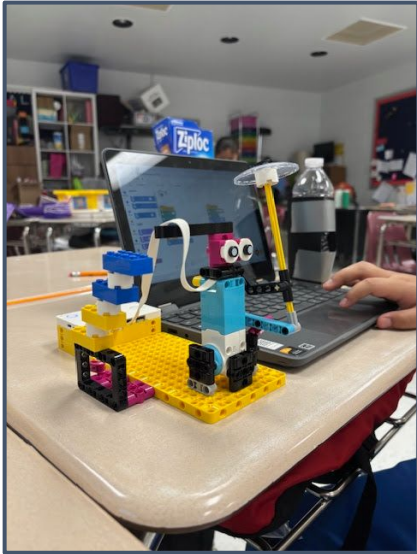
- Practicing and reinforcing foundational math skills
- Reading and writing personal narratives
- Developing cultural knowledge
- Growing speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in English
- Increasing sense of belonging as a vital member of the school community



# ML STEM Camp

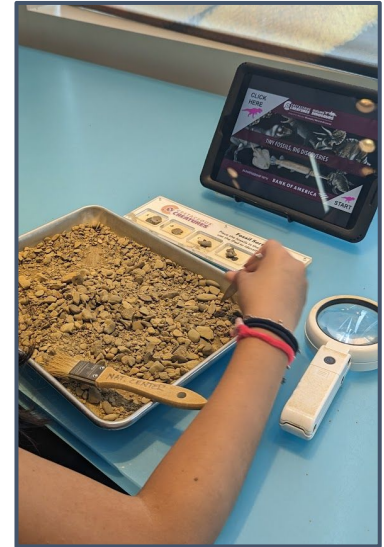
# Multilingual Learner STEM Camp

*Building Language, Building Futures*



## Program Goal

To empower multilingual learners to thrive academically and socially by integrating **STEM, language development, and hands-on learning** that builds the critical skills and content knowledge needed for success in the next grade level.



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# Multilingual Learner STEM Camp

**Location:** AL Stanback Middle School

**Grades:** 4th-8th Grade Students

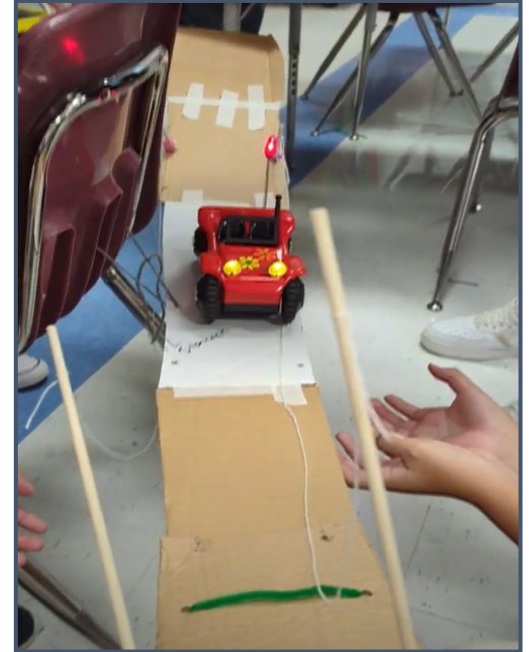
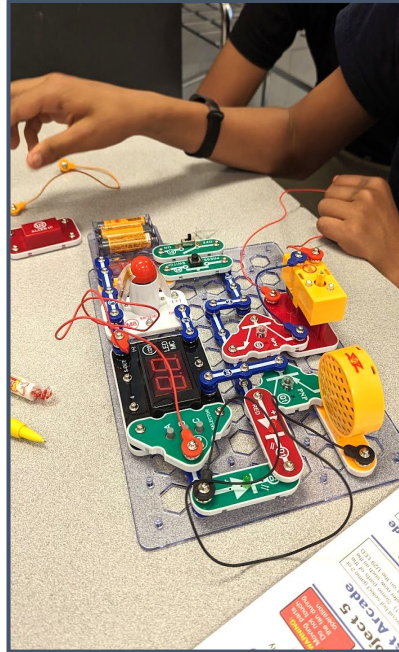
**Student Numbers:**

- 97 enrolled
- 71% of students attended 5 days or more

**Staff Numbers:**

- 5 classroom teachers
- 3 ELD Specialists

**Topics of Study:** Robotics, coding, chemistry, meteorology, gravity, energy, hydrology, neuroscience, and more!



# Multilingual Learner STEM Camp

## Professional Learning for Teachers



**Partnership with Duke University**  
Outreach Design Education



**Professional Learning**  
Engineering Design Process



# Summer Careers Academy

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## Building Our Future (BOF) and Driving Our Future (DOF)

- Cohort Year Four
- 17 Students Graduated; 9 OCS
- 120 hours on the job (internship or pre-apprenticeship)
- Teachers for BOF Avery Pipkin and Mike Scully and DOF Robert Ballard





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# Project Lead The Way

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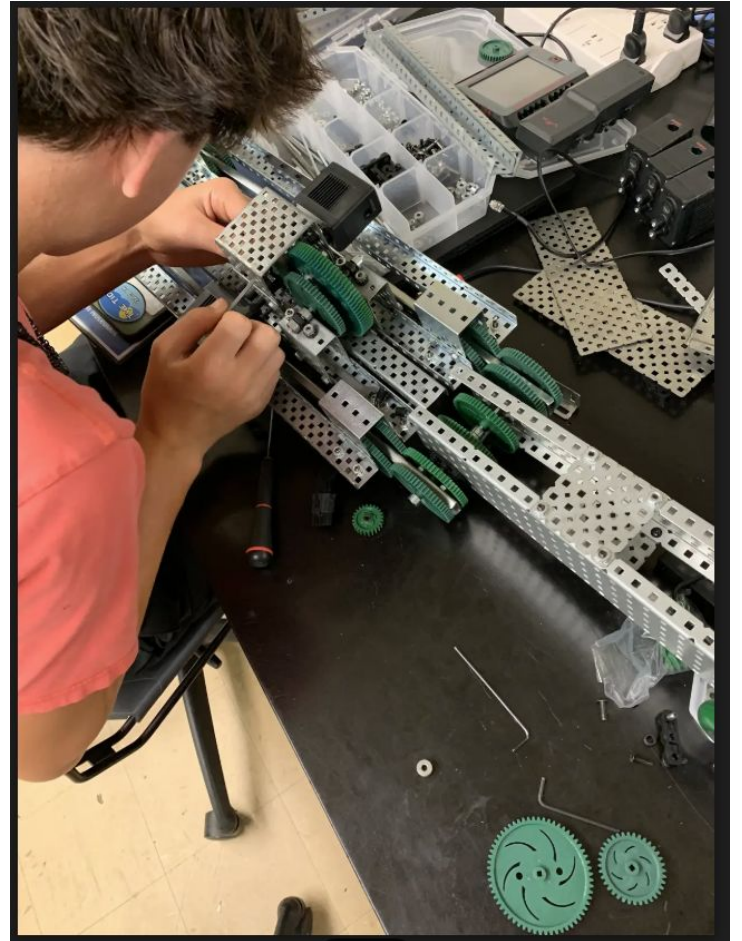
## Engineering Camp

### Engineering Eggspllosion

- Bridge camp for the transition from middle to high school to prepare for engineering
- Partners with Durham Tech

### Engineering Futures

- OHS provided enrichment for engineering academy students.



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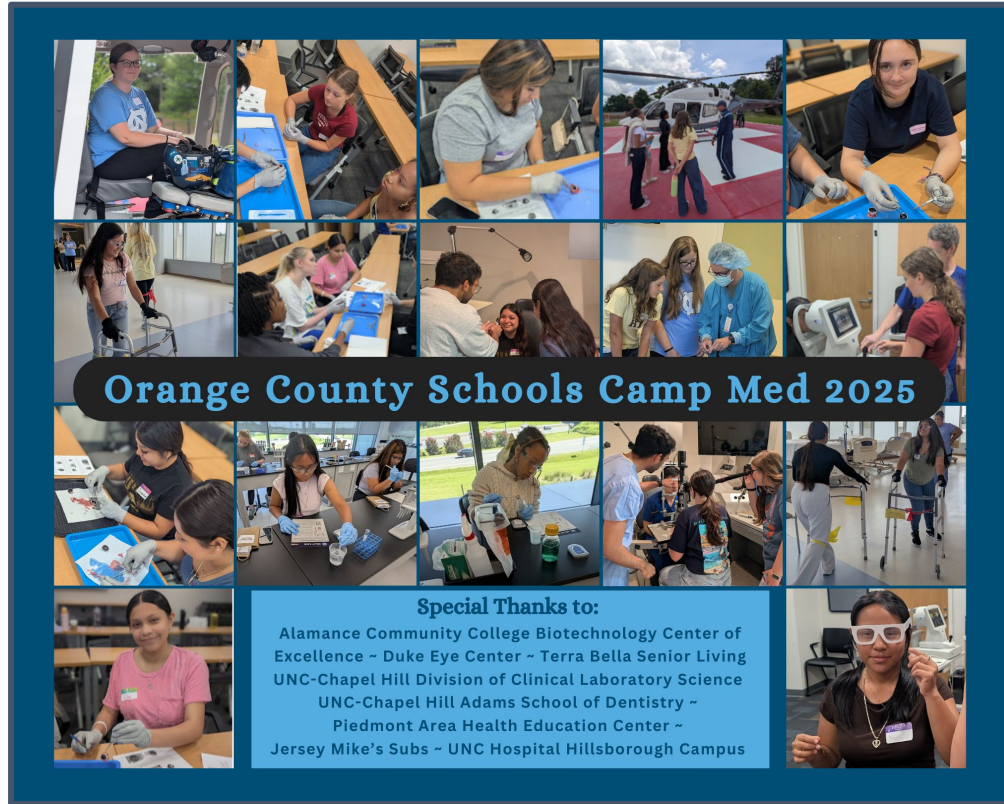
# Camp Med at CRHS

# Camp Med - 4 Day Camp

## Health Careers Exploration

Focus: Health career activities, tours, and interaction with health professionals

Started and ended each day's trip from Cedar Ridge High School



## Partners:

UNC Health Hillsborough

UNC Hospital

Duke Eye Center

ACC Biotechnology

Terra Bella Senior Living







# Orange County Schools

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