

West Allis - West Milwaukee Recreation Department Keeps Children Safe, Occupied, and Learning

(July 1, 2008) The West Allis - West Milwaukee Recreation Department provides a number of summer time activities through the *Summer Recreation Programs* to help keep our District's children safe and occupied. In today's society the need for both parents to be employed is increasingly necessary. The program is also a great learning experience for any children living in our District. The WAWM Recreation Department provides a service to those who need a safe, supervised and fun environment for their children.

The Recreation Department has roughly 50 different programs to offer the children in West Allis and West Milwaukee. *Summer Playground* is one such program offering supervised activities for nearly 1,000 children of all ages. This program operates during an eight-week period from June 16 to August 6 at thirteen different playgrounds throughout West Allis and West Milwaukee. Playground activities include active games, athletics, crafts, special events, field trips and more. The morning program is geared for K-4 through 2nd grade while the afternoon program is for children in 3rd grade and above. Children of all ages can enjoy the playground activities anytime throughout the day. As part of the Federal Summer Food Program, breakfast/lunch is provided at seven of the thirteen playground locations. The Summer Craft Program is one such activity which is offered in conjunction with the Summer Playgrounds Program

Though the Summer Playground program is a safe and supervised environment it should not be considered an alternative to individual child care. Attendance is not monitored and children are allowed to arrive and depart the playground at any time. For more information on this and any other summer recreation offerings, please go to www.wawm.k12.wi.us or call the West Allis - West Milwaukee Recreation Department at 414-604-4900.