Arlington (May 27, 2015) – Arlington Public Schools is excited to announce they are providing summer programs for district students in kindergarten through senior high school. Some of the programs are new opportunities and some are continuing courses that have been offered previously.

From June 17 through August 19, kindergarten through fifth grade students can visit the Books on the Bus bookmobile at various locations each Wednesday. The children will receive a book bag and can check out books as well as hearing stories read on the bus. “The district is excited to provide our community with this resource. One of the most important components for increasing literacy is assuring all students have access to books. Books on the Bus is just one way we are able to put books in the hands of our students,” stated Terri Bookey, Director of Early Learning.

Eligible third graders can attend Summer Literacy Camp at Kent Prairie Elementary where they will be involved in activities designed to improve their reading and writing skills. Once again, the district is providing a summer program for K-12 bilingual students to support their learning of the English language during summer months.

Elementary students can delve into robotics with the high school robotics team members as their coaches. Basic programming, electronics, 3D printing and
LEGO robots will be the focus of these programs. Robotics camp has been a highlight for our elementary students the past two summers, so the district is thrilled to provide several new NeoBots camps this summer.

A Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program will focus on understanding water safety and conservation during a two-week session for middle school students. This is a project-based learning opportunity that will culminate in an opportunity for students to present what they have learned to the community. Field trips and speakers are part of the curriculum for this exciting program. Last summer, high school students who participated in a STEM program really enjoyed this hands-on, project-based learning process.

As in the past, high school students have three options this summer: credit retrieval, APEX online courses and credit advancement. Credit retrieval allows students to retake a class they may have failed for pass/fail credit in order to graduate on time. Credit advancement provides an opportunity for students who need to take an entire class they have never taken in order to open up their schedule for electives next year. APEX is an online option for students who want to complete course work online. They will be required to meet with a teacher two days per week to ask questions, turn in homework and take quizzes.

A catalog of summer programs with details about dates, times and locations is being mailed out to families in the next week. The district has also posted the catalog on the website at http://www.asd.wednet.edu.