

Here is what people are saying...

“Nationwide, unstructured and unsupervised after-school hours can, and does, present a great risk for children. Our community, in partnership with the school, are adding meaningful enrichment to the lives of students, while addressing a very real challenge that exists in all communities. I cannot think of a better way to invest in our community than by providing additional resources for our children. The leadership and teachers at Warrensburg Elementary School have taken full advantage of the investment made by the community many times over already - just ask the kids and the parents of the kids who attend In The Zone.”

- Tony Stein

Owner/Director, Camp Echo Lake

“I love the program. It puts my mind at ease. My daughter is in a safe place while I am at work until 5pm, where she can be with friends, get help with her homework, and participate in a variety of activities. I am also grateful for the teachers!”

- Shannon
parent

“As a working parent, I really appreciate the In The Zone program. It provides a safe after-school environment that offers additional homework support and physical activity for my children. We are grateful to have this type of program offered to us.

- Cassandra
parent

“My favorite thing about In The Zone is that I can see friends who are not in my class.”

- Samantha
student

IN THE ZONE



**WARRENSBURG
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



In addition to academic support, students reap the benefits of physical activity.



In The Zone students host special guests. This photo features medical student Sunit Misra of Hudson Headwaters Health Network, who conducted a community-based project “Exploring Foods and Discovering Healthy Habits in School Age Children.”



In The Zone students learn to be good citizens by participating in community projects. For “Make A Difference Day” they raked leaves at Richards Library, which they visit on a regular basis.

Q: What is In The Zone?

A: In The Zone was introduced in the Warrensburg Elementary School beginning the 2017-2018 school year. The program serves approximately 50 of our elementary students grades 1-5. One of the program's many goals is to provide them with a safe environment after regular school hours (3pm - 5pm) and the opportunity for purposeful fun and academic enrichment. There is no cost to the students or their families to participate, as this program is a private-public partnership between the school, businesses, and the community. There are no other after-school programs like it in our region.

Q: How do students spend their time during In The Zone?

A: The students participate in a variety of activities including reading and math support, STEM activities, integration into the arts, health and wellness education, field trips, host special visitors, and other academic enrichment opportunities, including those offered by Cornell Cooperative, BOCES, and LEGO robotics. The program supports the District's mission statement, as the students learn to be good citizens by participating in community service projects.

Q: Why offer In The Zone?

A: The need for an after-school program was recognized by school administrators who conducted research and took action. Effective after-school programs bring a wide range of benefits to youth, families, and the community. After-school programs can boost academic performance, reduce risky behaviors, promote physical health, and provide a safe, structured environment for the children of working parents. Data from our first year demonstrates:

- Approximately 60% of the students participating are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program
- For students in the program absences decreased by 23%; total number of tardies decreased by 23%; early dismissals decreased by 48%
- 57% of students in the program are on or above benchmark in reading
- 59% of students in the program are on or above benchmark in math

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Warren Ford; and the Warrensburg PTA.

Q: How is it possible to offer In The Zone at no cost to the students or their families?

A: The Warrensburg Central School District is fortunate enough to be embedded within a community of businesses and individuals who see the value of the program and choose to invest in our youth through monetary donations. It is through their generosity and the partnership between the school and community that the program is available to our young members of our community.

Q: What can I do to ensure the future of In The Zone?

A: Businesses and individuals can invest in our children through monetary donations. Any and all dollar amounts are appreciated.

Checks should be made out to:
Warrensburg Central School District with
"In The Zone" noted in the memo of the check. Checks can be dropped off in person or mailed to:

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c/o District Office
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