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D.A. MORRISSEY'S BASKETBALL CAMP A layup for young Quincy athletes



The Quincy High gym was loud with laughter and the sounds of kids practicing their layups and learning life lessons this month, as District Attorney Michael Morrissey held his office's annual summer basketball camp for local kids.

"The camp provides a blend of constructive activity and constructive messages for the kids chosen to come," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said. "We combine basketball skill building with talks from older kids who have made good choices and adults they respect. They take away more than a better jump shot."

Many of the youngsters who attend the camp are hand-picked by the adults around them for a positive summer experience. "We are always looking for ways to help good kids stay on the right path," Morrissey said.

Retired Southeastern Regional Vocational and Coyle Cassidy High School basketball coach Carl Boen, who runs the three-day program alongside Norfolk DA staff, provides instruction for campers in grades 3 through 8.

Quincy High School Basketball Coach Dave Parry and several members of his team opened the camp doing warm-up drills with the campers. New QHS principal Lawrence Taglieri, himself a Quincy High graduate, stopped by to welcome the kids to his school.

Dr. Wayne Westcott, South Shore YMCA Fitness Research Director and author, talked with campers about the Importance of exercise and diet. Joanne Morrissey stopped by with fresh fruit for the participants on their final day.

Massachusetts State Police Trooper Brian Tully engaged the youngsters on the importance of team work and how it relates to the work of the State Police and law enforcement.

"The lessons many of us learned in sports and extracurricular activities when we were young became the basis for later good decisions and personal success," District Attorney Morrissey said. "This is a good opportunity to pass those lessons along."