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Layups and life lessons at DA Morrissey's Stoughton Summer Basketball Camp

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The gym at the O'Donnell Middle School was alive this week with 26 local kids, as Norfolk DA Michael W. Morrissey's summer basketball camp provided skills and advice for success on and off the court.

The campers, grades 3 through 8, attended the camp free for three days last week. "This is all paid for using money confiscated from and forfeited by the drug dealers of Norfolk County," District Attorney Morrissey said.

Some of the campers were hand-picked because adults around them felt they would particularly benefit from constructive activities to help fill the summer school break. "We don't only pay attention to the kids who are in trouble," DA Morrissey said. "We look for ways to help good kids stay out of trouble."

The camp features a variety of skill building exercises under the guidance of former Southeastern Regional basketball coach Carl Boen and had a visit from Stoughton High School coach John Gallivan. Police Chief Paul Shastany visited the kids and spoke to them on Tuesday.

"Summer break can leave young hands idle for a long time," Morrissey said. "We use seized drug money to provide young kids with something constructive to look forward to at the start of the summer, and some positive lessons about teamwork, looking out for your friends and good decision making to look back on at the end of the summer."

Similar camps will be held in Quincy and Randolph in the coming weeks, according to DA Morrissey. "All paid for by the drug dealers of Norfolk County."