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



The Randolph High School 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.

Randolph's state Representative Walter Timilty spent the opening day of camp talking and playing with the participants. Randolph Athletic Director Anthony Price talked about his experiences playing basketball in high school, and how it paved the way for him to go to college.

Former Framingham State College coach Paul Wholey, who is also a retired probation officer, talked about perseverance and how it helped him when he was a player at the University of Maine. Kalon Jenkins, the current Randolph High School coach, taught the campers drills, including things they could do at home. He also talked about what he expects from his players - both on the court and in how they conduct themselves.

"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."