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

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Quincy High School's gym is alive and steamy this week with two dozen city 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, are attending 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.

Many 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 a Thursday visit from Quincy High School Coach Dave Parry.

Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti helped the cause by sending Lt. Jack Kilrain and his search dog, Caro, to deliver constructive messages to the campers while talking about the K-9 program.

"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."

A similar camp was held in Stoughton last week, and another will be held in Quincy and Randolph next week, according to DA Morrissey.