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# cular Activities

Dear Students and Parents,

We are pleased to announce our school's enrichment program for the 2011-2012 school year. These courses will help to provide our students with a variety of experiences and we hope that our students will take an active role in our enrichment programs. Please use the following guidelines when choosing:

- ◆ Some courses are offered more than once in order to maximize participation; however, **students will only attend one session**. Do not sign your child up for a course he/she has already taken.
- ◆ Each course will last **nine weeks (9 sessions)**. Instructors will have the opportunity to make-up for classes that are cancelled as long as the schedule allows for it.
- ◆ All students who wish to participate will be placed in ONE COURSE before we consider placing any student in a second course.
- ◆ **BAND, ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS STUDENTS WHO STAY AFTER SCHOOL MUST CONTINUE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THEIR MUSIC GROUPS**. These students will have the opportunity to participate in enrichment by selecting courses that do not interfere with the music schedule.
- ◆ Please understand that not all students will be chosen to participate in their first choice of an enrichment class. This will depend upon the number of students who wish to participate and when the Application form is returned. We will try to accommodate everyone to the best of our ability. For this reason **we ask that each student select at least three courses they are interested in, listing them in order of preference. If your child wants to take more than one course please be sure he/she chooses several courses from various days, and check 'I would like to take more than one course' on the application form. This will give each child more opportunities to participate in an additional course. (Application form separate)**
- ◆ Transportation will be provided daily at 3:30pm if your child rides a bus. If you have any questions regarding transportation, please call Montauk Bus @ 345-9600.
- ◆ **Please know that participation in this program is considered a privilege.**

Sincerely,

*Stefanie Rucinski*

Principal

*Mandy Mazziotti*

Assistant Principal

*Clubs I May Be Interested In...*

# My Extra Curri

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Advisors I need to speak to...

**Astronomy Club (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor: Mr. McGovern**

**Meeting Time: Thursday**

The Astronomy Club provides a forum for students interested in astronomy to cultivate their knowledge and passion for the subject. The club will discuss new discoveries in astronomy; delve into astronomical topics of interest along with performing hands on activities and using interactive astrological websites. In the Astronomy Club, "the sky is no longer the limit."

**Athletic Clubs**

**Fundamentals of Pitching & Hitting (SPRING)**

**Advisors: Mr. Nolan/Mr. Baumann**

**Meeting Times: Monday**



This course will cover the basics of pitching and hitting in the sport of baseball. Students will be instructed in a step by step approach through individual drills and small group work. Batting tees, soft toss and live pitching will be the progression for the hitting portion. Stance, alignment, release point and throwing drills as well as pitch selection will be covered during the pitching portion of the course.

**Track & Field (FALL)**

**Advisors: Mr. Nolan and Mr. Keenan**

*Meeting Times: Monday*

Participate in numerous track and field events while learning to keep track of your resting and active heart rate. Play and watch your physical fitness level improve while participating in the various aspects of track and field.

**Chess Club (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor: Mr. Freda**

**Meeting Time: Thursday**



Chess club entails the teaching of beginner and intermediate skill sets, weekly instructional and competitive matches, and an end of the year tournament. Chess is an excellent strategy game that teaches students decision making, following complex directions and strategic planning. All children in grades 4 and 5 are welcome to join the chess club. For children who know how to play chess they will get the opportunity to have matches against each other, perfecting their skills while novice children will get to learn the fundamentals of the game.

**Students Working Together to Advance Technology (SWAT) Club**

**Advisor: Mr. Perkins**

**Meeting Time: Thursday (FALL AND SPRING)**

**(Members must commit to Fall and Spring sessions)**

The mission of the nationally recognized SWAT concept is to promote student leadership training, address technology competencies, provide outreach to the community through parent involvement, corporate support, and student community service, and to encourage collaboration among SWAT Teacher and Student Leadership.

**Test Prep Clubs: (FALL AND SPRING)**

**ELA: Grade 4**

**Advisor: Ms. Palermo ~ Mrs. Gallina**

**Meeting Time: Tuesday ~ Thursday**

**ELA: Grade 5**

**Advisor: Mrs. Muller ~ Mrs. Tietjen**

**Meeting Time: Monday ~ Wednesday**

In this course students will be taught time management skills, test-taking tips and strategies for the New York State ELA exam. They will be provided practice tests, focus on areas of strength and weakness, and furnished with reasons for incorrect responses. Students will learn methods to overcome test-taking anxiety and "freezing" on tests.

**Math: Grade 4 (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor: Ms. Ittig ~ Ms. Palermo**

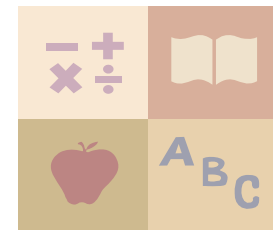
**Meeting Time: Tuesday ~ Thursday**

**Math: Grade 5**

**Advisor: Mrs. Harjes ~ Mr. Freda**

**Meeting Time: Monday ~ Wednesday**

In this course students will be taught time management skills, test-taking tips and strategies for the New York State ELA exam. They will be provided practice tests, focus on areas of strength and weakness, and furnished with reasons for incorrect responses. Students will learn methods to overcome test-taking anxiety and "freezing" on tests.



**Mock Trial Club (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor: Mr. McGovern**

**Meeting Time: Monday**

**(Members must commit to Fall and Spring sessions)**



Mock Trial combines law-related education with mock courtroom style competition. Using a simulated criminal court case, students explore current and complex legal, social and constitutional issues. Mock Trial also provides students with a hands-on experience from which they learn about the law and society.

**NEWSPAPER CLUB: The Who's News (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisors: Mrs. Warshaw and Mrs. White**

**Meeting Time: Thursday**

Members will be responsible for writing assigned articles on school happenings, community topics, along with interesting and fun topics that will capture your fellow students' interests. Any student in grades 4 and 5 are welcome to be a part of our writing team. There will be two online publications this school year.

**Reader's Theatre (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor: Mrs. Tietjen**

**Meeting Time: Tuesday**

**Advisor: Mrs. Gallina**

**Meeting Time: Wednesday**

Readers' Theater is an activity in which students, while reading directly from scripts, are able to tell a story in a most entertaining form, without props, costumes, or sets. This is a reading activity but students will not be asked to memorize lines. They will, however, be encouraged to "ham it up" and use intonation and gestures appropriate to their characters and their characters' words.



**First Lego League (FALL and SPRING)**

**Advisor: Ms. Gerig**

**Meeting Time: Wednesday**

**(Members must commit to Fall and Spring sessions)**

Every September, FLL releases a Challenge, which is based on a real-world scientific topic. This year's project is "The Food Factor: Keeping Food Safe". Each Challenge has two parts: the Robot Game and the Project. Teams of up to ten children, with one adult coach, participate in the Challenge by programming an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game) and developing a solution to a problem they have identified (Project). Teams may then choose to attend an official tournament, hosted by an Operational Partner. This program leads to the First Robotics Club.



**Foreign Language Clubs:**

**Introduction to French (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor: Mrs. C. White**

**Meeting Time: Tuesday**

French Club is devoted to the enrichment of the French language. Our goal is to further the understanding of the language and customs of the French heritage while providing a social outlet for students who share these interests.

**Introduction to Italian (SPRING)**

**Advisor: Mrs. Ellams**

**Meeting Time: Thursday**

The Italian Club is devoted to the enrichment of the Italian language. Our goal is to further the understanding of the language and customs of the Italian heritage while providing a social outlet for students who share these interests.



**Introduction to Spanish (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor: Ms. Kobel**

**Meeting Time: Wednesday**

Spanish Club is devoted to the enrichment of the Spanish language. Our goal is to further the understanding of the language and customs of the Hispanic world while providing a social outlet for students who share these interests.



**Future Corps Gardening Club (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor:** Mr. Cisek

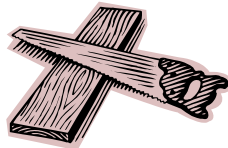
**Meeting Time:** Monday

The Gardening Club is open to all students who love the outdoors and plant gardens. Students will work to enhance the beauty of the outdoor garden area at FPL. They will learn the basics of creating and maintaining a garden, including planting and gardening techniques. The students will also learn about composting and the positive environmental benefits of mulching and organic fertilizing. The food grown during this club will be donated to local shelters, soup kitchens, or outreach programs.

**Future Corps Woodworking Club (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor:** Mr. Cisek

**Meeting Time:** Tuesday



The Woodworking Club provides students with an opportunity to learn and perfect woodworking skills. Children will learn to use squares, tape measures and protractors along with following explicit sets of directions to build projects. These projects will be donated to local community establishments.

**Homework Club Grade 4 (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor:** Mrs. Watson (Fall Instructor)

**Meeting Time:** Tuesday

**Homework Club Grade 5 (FALL AND SPRING)**

**Advisor:** Mrs. C. White (Fall Instructor)

**Meeting Time:** Monday

Our goal is to boost students' motivation in carrying out their school work and to improve/maintain their success. The tutors will guide and assist participating students with their studies in Mathematics and/or English, aiming to provide support and further students' understanding of their homework assignments. Students are responsible for bringing enough homework for one session.



**INTRAMURALS (SOCCER ~ FALL ONLY)**

**Soccer and Football (FOOTBALL ~ SPRING AND FALL)**

**Other Sports :** Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Hockey, LaCrosse,

**Meeting Time:** As noted on Application Form

**4 sessions for Soccer and play off game ~ 10 sessions for football**

Intramurals is a great way for any 4th or 5th grade student to have fun with their friends, meet new friends, and be physically active after the school day. Students will participate in various physical activities such as: volleyball, basketball, soccer, badminton and lacrosse. There will be a separate application to submit for intramurals.

**Math Olympiad**

**Advisor:** Mrs. Christie, Ms. Nabi, Mr. McGovern, Mrs. Harjes

**Meeting Time:** Wednesday (Level 4 students ~ invited to attend)

The goals of Math Olympiads Program are:

To stimulate enthusiasm and a love for Mathematics

To introduce important Mathematical concepts

To teach major strategies for problem solving

To develop Mathematical flexibility in solving problems

To strengthen Mathematical intuition

To foster Mathematical creativity and ingenuity

To provide for the satisfaction, joy and thrill of meeting challenges

Math Olympiad is a club for grade five students who scored a level four on the New York State Math Assessment. The school's Math Olympians meet for an hour weekly. Club members explore a topic or strategy in depth, using Creative Problem Solving in School Mathematics (or other sources) or they practice for the contests, using non-routine problem from Mathematical Olympiads Contest Problems for Elementary and Middle Schools. (Students will be invited to participate in Math

