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## **Frank P. Long Intermediate School** **Course Descriptions for Enrichment Courses 2011-12**

### **All Subject Areas**

#### **Homework Club (Grade 4 & 5)**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD**

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.

### **English Language Arts**

#### **ELA (Grades 4 & 5)**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD**

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.

#### **NEWSPAPER CLUB: The Who's News**

**Advisors: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall & Spring)**

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 four online publications this school year.

#### **Reader's Theatre**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall & Spring)**

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.

## **Mathematics**

### **Math (Grades 4 & 5)**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall & Spring)**

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.

### **Chess Club**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall & Spring)**

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.

## **Science**

### **Future Corps Gardening Project**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: Tuesday (Fall & Spring)**

The Gardening Club is open to all students who love the outdoors and planting 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 Project**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: Monday (Fall & Spring)**

The Woodworking club provides student 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.

### **Astronomy Club**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall & Spring)**

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."

## **Foreign Language**

### **Introduction to French**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall)**

French Club is an organization 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**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Spring)**

The Italian Club is an organization 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**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall & Spring)**

Spanish Club is an organization 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.

## **Physical Education**

### **Fundamentals of Pitching & Hitting**

**Advisors: TBD**

**Meeting Times: TBD (Spring)**

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**

**Advisors: TBD**

**Meeting Times: TBD (Fall)**

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.

## **Technology**

### **First Lego League**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall & Spring)**

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.

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

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall & Spring)**

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.

## **Social Studies**

### **Mock Trial Club**

**Advisor: TBD**

**Meeting Time: TBD (Fall & Spring)**

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.