

Pleasantdale Elementary School Clubs and Activities Brochure



2018–2019

September 7, 2018

Dear PES Families,

We are excited to announce the 2018-19 clubs and activities being offered to PES students. Please review the descriptions of these exciting opportunities for your children, and decide which your child would like to join.

Please note that parents are responsible for updating Pick Up Patrol to reflect your child's participation in these activities. Simply select the activity name and date(s) and we will make sure your child is dismissed accordingly. Signing your child up for an activity does not override the directives in Pick Up Patrol. We understand there are times when a child may not participate in an after school activity due to doctor appointments, etc. which is why we do not rely on activity/club registration for dismissal purposes.

Two activity buses will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for those students who are involved in after school activities. The buses depart Pleasantdale Elementary at 4:30pm and run a "North Route" and a "South Route". The dividing line is German Church Road.

There is no cost for any of the PES sponsored activities. Outside vendors do offer programs for our students at our location. These include: Yoga and Chess Scholars. Payment is required for these activities and require a separate registration form. Pick Up Patrol is updated to reflect both school sponsored activities and outside vendor activities. Individual Teacher Sponsors will send home permission slips for each club. Parents are invited to register their child for as many activities as they wish.

Should you have a question about any activity, please first contact the teacher listed as the Club Sponsor.

We look forward to having your child participate in these extra opportunities!

Sincerely,



Ms. Kathleen Tomei
Principal

SPORTS

Cheerleading

Description: Basic cheerleading skills are introduced and practiced to promote school spirit and physical fitness. Students will attend approximately four sessions depending upon the numbers of students who sign up.

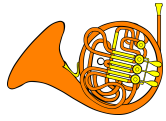
Grade Level: 2nd Grade

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays January-March

Time: 12:19-12:59pm (Lunch and Recess)

Sponsor: Ms. Halusek





PERFORMING ARTS



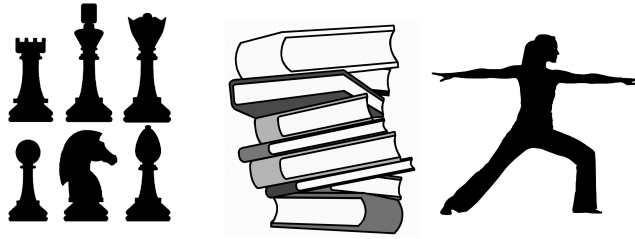
Band

- Description: 4th grade students will have the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument. The students will participate in group sectional lessons and full ensemble rehearsals. The students will perform two formal performances; once in February and once in May. The instruments students may select to learn are: Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba & Percussion (drums & mallets).
- Grade Level: 4th Grade
- Dates: Sept 22nd - May 9th
- Time: Sectional Lessons, weekday mornings 8:15 - 8:55am
Full Band Rehearsals (January - May), Thursday after school - 4:15pm
- Sponsor: Mr. Woltman

Orchestra

- Description: 4th grade students will have the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument. The students will participate in group sectional lessons and full ensemble rehearsals. The students will perform two formal performances; once in February and once in May. The instruments students may select to learn are: Violin, Viola and Cello.
- Grade Level: 4th Grade
- Dates: Sept 22nd - May 17th
- Time: Sectional Lessons, weekday mornings 8:15 - 8:55am
Full Orchestra Rehearsals (January - May), Monday after school - 4:15pm
- Sponsor: Mrs. Burke

CLUBS and ACTIVITIES



Battle of the Books

Description: Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grade 4. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers. Students are placed in teams and each team reads approximately 15 books from January to May. At the end of May, each team competes against the other teams to see who can answer the most questions about the books. The winning team is crowned our Battle of the Books champion!

Grade Level: 4th Grade
Dates: January-May, One day per week
Time: 12:51-1:31pm
Sponsor: Mrs. Crist, Mrs. DuVall

Book Club

Description: Book Club is a wonderful way for students to read and discuss a fun book with their peers. We will be meeting once a month during lunch/recess. During this time we will ask and answer questions about the book and do fun activities.

Grade Level: 3rd Grade
Dates: One Tuesday a Month
Time: 12:51-1:31pm
Sponsor: Mrs. Braband, Mrs. Griffin

Chess Scholars

**This is offered by an outside vendor. It is not a D107 sponsored activity.*

- Description: “Chess Scholars is our fun-filled professional chess program for children in grades K-8. We work with students of all levels, including complete beginners. During each one-hour class, there is an interactive instructional period of 15-20 minutes, followed by guided practice. Students can also test for Chess Belts, patterned after martial arts belts. We normally run a tournament with prizes towards the end of the session. Our curriculum is well suited for the needs of young students.”
- Grade Level: Kindergarten-4th Grade
Fall Session: Wednesdays, September 26-December 12 (No class 10/31, 11/21, 12/5)
Winter Session: Wednesdays, December 19-March 6 (No class 12/26, 1/2)
Spring Session: Wednesdays, March 13-May 22 (No class 3/27)
- Time: 3:20-4:20pm (*NOTE: There is no late bus available on Wednesdays.*)
- Sponsor: *After School Enrichments Solutions*

Geography Club

- Description: Geography Club is a club designed for 4th grade students with a goal of enriching the current and past, 3rd grade curriculum taught at Pleasantdale. It is a practical application of several of the 5 themes of Geography while traveling in and around the city of Chicago (real life situations). For example, skills in longitude and latitude are taught through geocaching using tools provided in a partnership with Fullersburg Woods Educational Department. There is also a focus on diversity, public transportation, map skills, safety while traveling, etc.
- Students will attend meetings after school to prepare and enrich the experiences they will have while traveling. All Geo Club trips will be attended by the child and a parent or parents for safety. Trips are to be determined, based on availability and dates. Past trips have included: Soldier Field; Chinatown; Daly Plaza (Christkindle Market); various children's plays in the theater district; and recently, Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve.
- Grade Level: 4th Grade
- Dates: TBA
- Time: Meetings held after school - One Thursday each month starting October 18-April 11th. Trips will be determined as date approaches.
- Sponsor: Mrs. Windisch, Mrs. Braband

Homework Club

Description: Homework Club is meant to provide a quiet place for students to work on their homework and get assistance as needed. If they complete their homework early, they will be expected to have a book to read until dismissal. Homework Club is not meant to replace home/parent involvement with homework. Rather, it gives students a chance to get a little extra help or get some of their homework done before they go on to their other after school activities like dance, hockey, music lessons, etc.

Grade Level: 3rd and 4th grade

Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays from September - April

Time: 3:20 - 4:20pm

Sponsors: Mrs. Biagini - Mondays

Mrs. Tindall - Wednesdays (*NOTE: There is no Late Bus on Wednesdays.*)

Coding Club: Intermediate Level

Description: Did you enjoy programming with Tickle and using the devices Ollie and Sphero? If so, this is the class for you! In this club, we will be using Sphero.edu to create hands-on projects with Ollie and Sphero designed by the students.

Grade Level: 3rd-4th Grade Previous enrollment in beginning coding club required. (Max 8 Participants)

Dates: Thursday April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, May 2nd and May 9th

Time: 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm

Sponsor: Mrs. Lisowski, Mrs. Marrari



Introduction to Code

Description: What is coding? Coding is using a sequence of commands designed to be carried out by a computer or a device. In this class, the students will learn basic skills of coding. They will be designing programs using the app Tickle with the devices Sphero and Ollie.

Grade Level: No prior coding experience necessary. 2nd-4th (Max 8 participants)

Dates: Thursday October 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, November 1st & November 8th.

Time: 3:30pm - 4:20 pm

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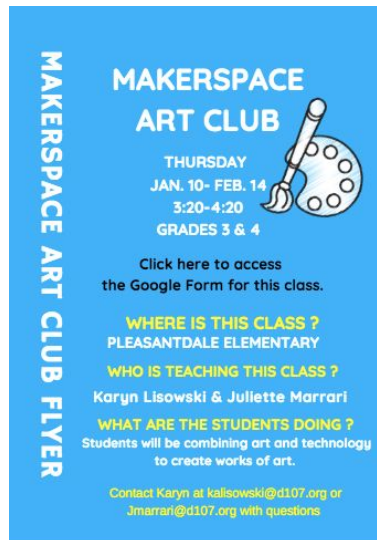
Dates: Thursday January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, February 5th, & 12th.

Time: 3:30pm - 4:20 pm

Sponsor: Mrs. Lisowski, Mrs. Marrari

To sign-up for intro to code, please click on the following link: [Intro to Coding Flyer](#)

MakerSpace Art Club



Description: Are you creative and tech savvy or just curious on ways to combine the two? This class merges the world of technology and art. You will learn how to use the Cricut machine, MakeyMakey, and the 3D Doodler pen to create personalized works of art.

Grade Level: 3rd & 4th grade (Max 8 participants)

Dates: Thursday January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, February 7th, and February 14th.

Time: 3:30- 4:20pm

Sponsor: Mrs. Lisowski, Mrs. Marrari



Description: During Math Lab students take part in lessons and games that re-teach and reinforce student math knowledge.

Grade Level: 1st-4th Grade

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays - See permission slip for attendance days

Time: 3:20-4:20pm

Sponsor: Mrs. Dittrich, Mr. Brade, Ms. Minasola, Mrs. Biagini

Open Library

Description: Open Library is an after-school activity that takes place on the dates listed below for students enrolled at their grade level on Mondays from 3:20-4:15 p.m. During Open Library, students listen to stories, read independently or with others, check-out library books, and participate in various literacy activities.

Grade Level: Kindergarten-2nd Grade

Dates: Kindergarten: Oct 29, Nov 26, Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 18, Apr 15
1st Grade: Oct 22, Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 6
2nd Grade: Oct 15, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, Apr 29

Time: 3:20-4:20pm

Sponsor: Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Tindall

Post Office

Description: Students will collect, sort, and deliver mail throughout the school to other students as well as staff members.

Grade Level: 3rd Grade

Dates: Every Thursday from October 18-May 23

Time: 1:10-1:30pm

Sponsor: Mrs. Braband, Mrs. Griffin



Rainbows

Description: Rainbows for All Children is a program for children when anything significant happens in their family through death or divorce. Trained staff will facilitate small confidential discussion groups that are formed in order to give students an opportunity to share grief, to begin to understand what has happened in their families, and to begin to accept what has occurred.

Grade Level: Kindergarten-4th Grade

Dates: TBD

Time: During student lunch/recess

Facilitators: Ms. Halusek, Mrs. Marrari, Ms. Minasola, Mrs. Spetter



STEM Club

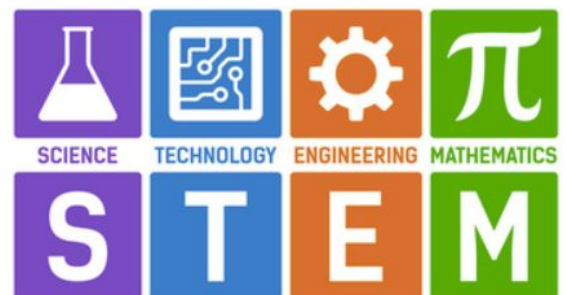
Description: Students will be introduced to what it means to be an engineer. We will discuss the process of engineering and then work together to design solutions to a real problems. Students will attend between 2-4 sessions of STEM Club depending upon how many students sign up.

Grade Level: 3rd-4th Grade

Dates: Students will be notified of the days they are to attend.

Time: 12:50 - 1:31pm (Lunch and Recess)

Sponsor: Mrs. Bedell



Student Council

Description: Student Council is a group of 4th grade students that help promote school spirit, while also helping in our community. Students help organize school spirit days including the ABC Countdown and also help organize school wide and community events such as the food drive.

Grade Level: 4th Grade

Dates: Every other Wednesday from September 19-May 22

Time: 1:10-1:30pm

Sponsor: Mrs. Braband, Mrs. Griffin



Girl Power Yoga Club

Description: "Girl Power Yoga is an after-school program where elementary-age girls grow in confidence as they practice yoga, engage in storytime, and play games."

Grade Level: Kindergarten-Grade 4

Dates: Wednesdays 9/19-12/5 (*NOTE: There is no Late Bus on Wednesdays*)

Time: 3:20-4:20pm

Sponsor: *Mission Propelle*