

After School Happenings

Overview: These classes are provided as a fun opportunity for McMurray Elementary students to explore interesting topics and hobbies. The program is organized by the PTA and taught by specialists in the listed fields. All instructors, for all *After School Happenings* classes must have PTSD required clearances. This is NOT a fundraising opportunity for the PTA.

Registration: Registration is conducted ONLINE only through the SignUp Genius Website: [//www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ba5aa2ba0fa7-mcmurray5](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ba5aa2ba0fa7-mcmurray5)

Registration Dates/Times: Monday October 16-Wednesday October 25th

Registration Process: All parents must log in to the SignUp Genius website (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ba5aa2ba0fa7-mcmurray5>). Proceed to the class you are interested in, and if there is space available, register for the class. Please also sign up to be a parent volunteer at this time. Class Maximums are indicated on the website. Once filled, the class will no longer accept registrations. Please note that parents must be members of the McMurray PTA to register.

Waivers & payment:

You must print out the waiver(s) (attached to this email), complete and send in with your payment by due date of October 27th. Payment is via CHECK made payable to McMurray PTA.

Due to the popularity of these classes, if payment and waiver(s) are not received by deadline, registration will be voided and your spot will be filled by the next person on the waiting list.

Parent Volunteers:

All class dates must have parent volunteer present to facilitate sign in and sign out. This is in lieu of having a volunteer for each individual class. Volunteers are needed to arrive at 3:20 to check in students and 4:15 to start checking students out. All check in \ out is done at the HUB location

If a parent volunteer is not available for classes prior to the start of the class session, then the after school class for that day will be cancelled. In this instance, payments will be refunded to the families for the class cancellation.

The volunteer schedule is sent out to all parents prior to the start of class. If a parent volunteer does not show for the day s/he volunteered, that class will not take place. The instructor will seat the students and call parents to come pick up their child. That class will not be rescheduled nor will refunds be issued in this case. We ask that every effort be made to attend your volunteer day or find a replacement.

Notes for Students:

Please send a note to your child's teacher each day that s/he has an after school class. These notes will be collected by the instructor or parent volunteer for the class.

Dismissal:

- You must come in to the school to pick up your child. You will sign your child out on a sign-out form and they will be released to you.
- If your child is riding home with a person other than the parent/guardian, please send in a note with your child stating this & include the individual's full name.
- If your child will be walking after the class is finished, please send in a "**Student Walker Form**" found on the McMurray website, allowing your child to walk after the program. The instructor will escort all "walkers" to the school exit after all other students have been picked up.
- If your child goes to EDS after the class, please send in a note stating this. EDS students will be escorted to EDS by the parent volunteer or instructor after class.

Make Up Classes:

If a class is cancelled due to weather or inclement weather, the instructors will contact you individually regarding make up classes.

Class Descriptions and general information forms can be found in the main office or online. Email blasts concerning the program will also be made through the McMurray Star system.

Class Descriptions:

Culinary Adventure Cooking Class: Do you love to eat and enjoy learning new recipes in the kitchen? Come join me on a culinary adventure! You will learn a variety of techniques; during each class you will eat the cuisine you prepare. Class examples include: Breakfast 101, Healthy Appetizers, Easy After School Snacks, and Ethnic Cuisine. Students will leave each class with a set of recipes to take home. Maximum enrollment is 15 students; minimum is 12 students. Instructor: Laura Maiello, 5 sessions, Cost: \$125 including supplies and food. Location: Faculty Lounge, Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays, Oct 30, Nov 6, 20, 27, Dec 4, 11 (please note no class on Nov 13)

Beginner Chess Club: Students will be introduced to board, game pieces and set up. An explanation of pieces, captures, tactics and strategy will be discussed. Participants will be able to practice what they learn. Boards will be provided.

Instructor - Kathleen Melnyk, Class minimum: 5class maximum: 15,
Cost: \$50 for 7 sessions; Location: HUB, Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5,12

Advanced Chess Club: Students with a knowledge of chess are invited to continue to learn and play with like minded peers. Students will be encouraged to practice and continue learning. Boards will be provided.

Instructor - Kathleen Melnyk, Class minimum: 5class maximum: 15,
Cost: \$50 for 7 sessions; Location: HUB, Time: 3:30-4:30, Fridays: Nov 10, 17, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, Jan 5

Climbing Wall Challenge: This course is a fun, active way to challenge yourself physically and mentally. Each session will involve free climb, climbing activities, partner and team challenges, and climbing games. Participants will use and develop total body strength, muscular endurance, balance, and coordination while having a blast on the climbing activities! Come get your "climb" on! Participants should dress for physical activity.

Maximum enrollment is 16 students; minimum is 8 students. Instructor: Dr. Jackie Conkle, 4 sessions, Cost: \$40.

Location: Climbing Wall Hallway, Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov 9, 16, 30, Dec 7

Dodge Ball Tournament: With a focus on fun and physical activity, the students will be given an opportunity to participate in seven different dodge ball variations which may include, but are not limited to, castle dodge ball, team dodge ball, captain dodge ball, medic, island dodge ball, doctor dodge ball, pin dodge ball, and backboard dodge ball. In addition to providing enjoyment, exercise, and an energy outlet, each game has cooperative and game strategy elements. To ensure safety, students must come dressed for physical activity.

Instructor: Dr. Jackie Conkle, 6 sessions, Cost: \$60, Location: MPR, Meet in the stage side gym,
Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Minimum of 10 students; Maximum of 30 students. Wednesdays, Nov 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec 6, 13

Safe Sitter© Babysitting Class: Child care basics class that teaches boys and girls how to handle emergencies when caring for younger children. Topics include behavior management, injury prevention, emergency recognition and response, infant & child choking response, etc. Participants will receive a Safe Sitter© Manual. Upon completion of the Safe Sitter Program, participants receive a Safe

Sitter Card. Class meets for 1 ½ hours for four weeks. Instructor: Safe Sitter Program Instructor, Margaret Walsh from St. Clair Hospital,
Cost: \$50, Location: HUB, Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m. Min. 8 Maximum 16 students. Mondays, Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20

TGA Golf: TGA Premier Junior Golf is the only national at-school, after-school golf enrichment program. TGA provides all equipment so students need to bring nothing but a smile to each class. With a maximum student to instructor ratio of 8:1, students learn all aspects of golf, from swing fundamentals to the game's rules, etiquette and life values, while advancing through a 5 level program. The TGA program helps build life values through educational concepts that include Math, English, Science and History. Students will receive a TGA hat, TGA hat clip with ball marker and TGA student handbook. The class is held in a fun, safe and nurturing environment that builds confidence, focus, motor skills and self esteem. Instructor TGA Golf, Cost: \$99 for 5 Sessions, Time: 3:30-4:30, Location: Aux Gym, Minimum Students: 7, Maximum Students: 24. Tuesdays Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28

Basketball: Enjoy Your BASKETBALL! Make more baskets! Dribble Better! Pass with accuracy & defend like never before! Play your Best Games! Sign up for Basketball with "Koach" and see your game SOAR! Please bring a snack.
Instructor: "Koach" Tim Conroy, Cost: \$160 for 8 Sessions. Time: 3:30 - 5:00, Location: MPR, Meet in the stage side gym, Minimum Students: 8, Maximum: 25. Thursdays: Nov 9, 16, 30, Dec 7, 14, 21, Jan 4, 11

Computer STEM Exploration: Explore STEM topics, including coding and robotics and even construct and program your own builds! Instructor: Stacy McCartney
Cost: \$75 for 8 Sessions. Location: Computer Lab Room 214, Session Time: 3:30-4:30, Minimum Students: 5, Maximum: 16. Tuesdays: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 19

Karate For All: Exciting opportunity for introduction to the basics of karate. All levels welcome from beginner to advanced. Please dress for physical activity. Uniforms are not required but may be purchased for \$25. Instructor: CS Kim Karate Cost: \$50 for 7 Sessions. Minimum Students: 4, Maximum: 20.
Location: Aux Gym. Time: 3:30-4:30. Wednesdays: Nov 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20

Art Studio: Please join Ms. Harrison and Miss Borra for afterschool art studio time. Together we will explore a variety of media and projects. Let's put on our aprons and create some amazing artwork! Projects will be tailored toward the groups of students who sign up for the class.
Instructors: Kelly Borra & Pam Harrison, Cost: \$65 for 6 Sessions. Location: Art Room(s). Maximum Class Enrollment: 40 Students. Time: 3:30-4:30. Wednesdays: Nov 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec 6, 13

Snapology Video Game Design: Create your own video game in this awesome Snapology program. We'll teach you how to design your very own online game that can be shared and played at home with family & friends. Don't miss out!! Instructor: Snapology. Cost: \$96 for 8 Sessions. Time: 3:30-4:30. Location: HUB. Minimum Students: 10, Max 20. Thursdays: Nov 9, 16, 30, Dec 7, 14, 21, Jan 4, 11

GaGa Games: The game of Gaga is known as the "Great Playground Equalizer." Participating students do not need to have a good arm to be able to play this form of fast-action dodgeball, as it calls upon communication skills and reactionary spatial awareness. Students will be able to interact with others and make friendships that spread across grade levels. Team building challenges and problem-solving scenarios

will also be provided. Instructor: Mrs. Seelhorst, 6 sessions, Cost: \$45 Location: MPR, Meet at Stage Side. Time: 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Min: 8, Max: 20 Fridays: Nov 10, 17, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22

McMurray Math League: McMurray Math League is a new class offering for 4th grade students only who exhibit a strong interest in mathematical practices and problem solving. During each hour-long session, participating students will be given academically rigorous scenarios that stimulate discussion and collaboration. This class will also be offered in the Spring. If a student has registered and participated in at least one of the Fall or Spring sessions, he/she will be able to participate in the International Mathematics League exam. This contest serves as a forum for mathematical achievement and recognition. Instructor: Mrs. Seelhorst, 7 sessions, Cost: \$70. Location: McMurray Elementary, Room 310 Time: 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Min: 6, Max: 15. Tuesdays: Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 19

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