



NISKAYUNA CSD

2024

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

PROGRAM BOOKLET

JULY 8 - 26, 2024

AT

CRAIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Morning Classes 8:00-11:00am

Afternoon Classes 12:00-3:00pm

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## WELCOME LETTER



Dear Niskayuna Families:

We are excited to share with you the **Niskayuna Central School District's 2024 Summer Enrichment Program**. We have put together an exciting group of classes that provide something for every grade level. There are classes in the visual arts, language arts, math, science, and technology, plus some sessions to get our students on the move.

Summer Enrichment is a fun way to give students time with their peers and to support their social, emotional, and academic development.

Please make sure to read through the brochure carefully, and pay special attention to the date, time and grade level information for each class. Grade levels refer to the student's CURRENT grade level.

Here's to a fun-filled Summer!

*Jess*

Jessica Moore  
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

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## IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

**The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)  
will run the following weeks:**

Session #	Session Dates	Morning Classes	Afternoon Classes
Session 1	July 8-12	8:00-11:00am	12:00-3:00pm
Session 2	July 15-19	8:00-11:00am	12:00-3:00pm
Session 3	July 22-26	8:00-11:00am	12:00-3:00pm
<b>COST:</b>	<i>\$150.00 per 3-hour class, per child</i>		
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<i>Craig Elementary School 2566 Balltown Road</i>		
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b>	<i>Families must provide their own transportation.</i>		
<b>LUNCH &amp; RECESS COVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE PER CHILD</b>	<i>Lunch and Recess coverage is available on a very limited basis, and is <b>ONLY</b> for students registered for both a morning and afternoon class in the same week.</i>  <i>\$15 per week, per child</i>		

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## JULY 8-12

**PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DATES, TIMES & GRADE LEVELS FOR EACH CLASS.**

**GRADE LEVEL IS STUDENT'S *CURRENT GRADE* IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**

### MORNING CLASSES

#### Class 101am - Articulation Academy (Kindergarten & Grade 1)

ALYSA EBENHOCH

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Welcome to the Articulation Academy - where speaking becomes super fun! At the academy, students get to learn cool tricks to improve their speech clarity and make sure everyone understands them perfectly. We have awesome activities like sound scavenger hunts, cool craft projects, and even have interactive games that you can play with friends. By practicing these fun activities, students become communication superstars and also get better at understanding sounds. With these new skills, kids will feel super confident when talking to friends and grown-ups. Plus, we focus on making new friends and learning how to chat like a pro! Students are invited to bring a fun folder to keep their awesome work and new communication strategies safe to go home with them. Come join us for a speech-tacular time at the Articulation Academy!

#### Class 102am - Computer Coding Club (Kindergarten & Grade 1)

CINDY CASTREN AND LAUREN DEL ZOTTO

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Do you like playing computer games? Would you like to learn how to design and code your own computer game? Computer coding is a “BIG” deal right now, and it’s never too early to start learning! In kid-friendly terms, coding is using a set of instructions to communicate with computers. In this course, you will learn basic coding instructions using a special computer language called block coding. Coding teaches kids how to think creativity and logically, solve problems, enhance math skills, and work collaboratively with peers.

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## Class 103am - STEAM Club (Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2)

NICOLE CHIUDINA

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Calling all scientists, technology enthusiasts, engineering fanatics, artists and mathematicians! STEAM Club will have hands-on projects where you will work to solve problems, think outside of the box, and reach a goal with your STEAM Club friends! Come join the fun!

## Class 104am - Interior Design (Grades 2, 3, 4, 5)

CHLOE DUDLA AND JANE GRANT

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Step into your own work of art and reimagine the spaces around you with the magic of interior design! Learn the ins and outs of creating your dream bedroom, art studio, kitchen, or gaming room. The possibilities are endless! Develop valuable real-life skills in design and spatial awareness, and unleash your inner architect by drawing in one-point perspective, inventing and building model furniture, and learning how to make a space your own down to the throw pillows!

## Class 105am - PE Games & Sports (Grades 1, 2 & 3)

KRIS WEST AND JEFF PARISI

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

This course will be a combination of your favorite PE games such as capture the flag, treasure hunt, asteroids and more along with traditional sports such as soccer, basketball, kickball, etc.

## Class 106am - Introduction to Dance (Grades 1, 2 & 3)

THERESE BRIGHAM

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

In this introduction to dance styles class, students will learn the basics of ballet, jazz, tap, and lyrical styles of dancing. Students should come prepared to move (form-fitting clothes are best, with layers so that as they warm up they can accommodate). Water bottles and a snack should

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be brought to class every day. While dance shoes are not required, if students have any type of dance shoe, they should be brought to class. Otherwise, bare feet are welcomed. Students will explore various forms of dance, watch dance clips and presentations, learn basic choreography, and work with partners and in small groups on dance techniques, concepts, and skills. By the end of the week, the group will have choreographed their very own dance!

## Class 107am - Craft Kindly (Grades 3, 4 & 5)

LESLIE ALLEGRETTO & HEATHER CALLAGAN

*SESSION I - JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS - 8:00-11:00 AM*

Are you kind and crafty? Do you want to unleash your creative side while spreading kindness to those around you? Join us for a fun, hands-on craft adventure where you'll create projects that represent Acts of Kindness that you can share with others. We will explore a variety of artistic mediums that you can take home with you each day. We can't wait to paint, draw, and sculpt with you while sharing the message of the importance of kindness.

## Class 108am - The Wonders of Watercolor (Grades 3, 4 & 5)

ERIN SHOUDY

*SESSION I - JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS - 8:00-11:00 AM*

Explore the magic of watercolor painting and create beautiful textured art! Students will experiment with everyday objects like salt, plastic wrap, tape, toothpicks, and more to paint pictures with pizzazz. We will also explore a variety of watercolor painting techniques, including wet-on-wet and wax resist. Come discover the joy and relaxation of painting in watercolor!

## Class 109am - Tower Building - STEAM Challenge (Grades 5 & 6)

CAROL WALKER

*SESSION I - JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS - 8:00-11:00 AM*

Have you ever wondered how sky scrapers are built? Or maybe you are curious about how the Eiffel tower stays tall and strong or why the Burj Khalifa in Dubai is the tallest building in the world. Using ingenious engineering methods and creative designs, students will construct the tallest free-standing structure possible using an array of different building materials. Each small group will be assigned a budget to purchase their materials, they will learn about

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architecture design through looking at tall buildings around the world and applying what they learned to create their own tall building. Students will get creative. Try different materials. Experiment with different bases for their structure and most importantly, HAVE FUN! It will be a week filled with learning about construction principles as well as the chance to practice principles of team building through cooperation, communication, coordination, listening, positive reinforcement and the love of discovery. And just maybe, someday, you will create the tallest building in the world!

## Class 110am - Math & Baseball (Grades 5, 6 & 7)

BRIAN ROGERS

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Baseball has always been "America's Pastime" but did you know it is also a mathematician's dream? During our course, we will examine the many calculations that are used to determine the statistics of baseball. We'll watch daily highlights, follow the standings, make our own All-Star team rosters, and dive into another side of the math - Fantasy Baseball. Weather permitting, we'll get outside for some wiffle ball every day as well!

## Class 111am – Digital Arts Preteen/Teen Camp (Grades 6, 7 & 8)

KATIE CHWAZIK

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Experiment with a variety of digital and physical techniques in a series of hands-on projects, including digital photography, stop motion animation, digital drawing and painting, and digital animation. Campers will use art supplies and art iPads provided, and will have opportunities to create individually or collaboratively.

## Class 112am – French Camp (Grades 7 & 8)

VALERIE LAVASH

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Students will engage in fun activities which will increase their ability in speaking French, and spark their interest to learn more.

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## Class 113am – Future Nisky Authors (Grades 7, 8, 9 & 10)

BREE MORAN & APRIL KOHLER

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Embark on a creative adventure with "Future Nisky Authors" a week-long enrichment program designed to ignite your passion for writing and unleash your creative potential. Dive into a world of imagination, inspiration, and creativity as you explore various genres, hone your writing skills, and connect with fellow aspiring writers in a supportive and dynamic environment.

## Class 114am – Math Literacy for the ACT/SAT (Grades 9, 10 & 11)

SHANA DEROCCO

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

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## Class 115am – Printmaking, Collage & Mixed Media (Grades 9, 10 & 11)

SUSAN LARSON

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## AFTERNOON CLASSES

### Class 116pm – Play the Day Away with Sculpture & Clay (Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2)

JANE GRANT

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

Have fun building, creating, and sculpting in this hands-on class! Using a variety of art tools and materials, we'll learn all about 3D art techniques to make unique sculptures. From clay, to cardboard, to papier mâché, the possibilities are endless!

### Class 117pm – Under the Sea Crafts (Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2)

MERCEDES PURAN AND WANDA TORRES

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

Children will learn that different sea creatures need specific conditions to survive and thrive and will create crafts to depict under the sea life.

### Class 118pm – Computer Coding Club 2-3 (Grade Levels 2 & 3)

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## Class 120pm – Friendship Bracelets and the Legend of the Wish (Grades 1, 2 & 3)

NANCY SOHOSKI-STELLA

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

Step into an adventure for your hands, eyes and friends! We will learn to make these bracelets using bright colored string and simple knotting techniques. All supplies will be provided, just let your creativity and imagination shine!

## Class 121pm – Creative Collage (Grades 3, 4 & 5)

CHLOE DUDLA & MADDY POLLACK

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

One person's trash is another person's treasure! Dive into a world of innovation where we'll transform found materials into stunning works of art. Students will experiment with cutting and piecing together a kaleidoscope of images to create interesting compositions that tell stories, explore color theory, and more. From magazine mash-ups to cut paper mosaics, this class is a feast for the eyes and a celebration of creativity!

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HILARY LAFOUNTAIN

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

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In this summer enrichment program, you will be given the opportunity to craft items for a variety of local and national levels! Including but not limited to creating cards for local nursing homes, welcome home signs for Habitat for Humanity, braiding dog toys for the local humane society, and making blankets for a variety of different charities. This program will not only encourage students to give back to their community, but also gives them an opportunity to learn new skills, and see the value in working with their peers.

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## Class 127pm – Craftpreneur Kickstart (Grades 8, 9 & 10)

LESLIE ALLEGRETTO

*SESSION I – JULY 8-12*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

Embark on a creative journey with our Craftpreneurship class tailored for aspiring teen entrepreneurs! Dive into the world of trendy crafts as we explore the realms of clay, yarn, beads, and beyond. From crafting chic home decor to fashioning bespoke jewelry and luxurious beauty products, students will unleash their artistic flair while mastering essential entrepreneurial skills. Through hands-on projects and interactive sessions, participants will not only hone their crafting expertise but also learn invaluable strategies for marketing and selling their creations, empowering them to turn their passion into profit.

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## JULY 15-19

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### MORNING CLASSES

**Class 201am – Simon Says “Let’s Play Instruments” (Kindergarten, Grades 1 &2)**

SARAH SANSON

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Simon Says, "Let's Play Instruments!" Students will have plenty of fun performing on classroom percussion instruments throughout the course of the week, while also playing enjoyable musical games! Let's make music!

**Class 202am – Crafting & Bracelet Making (Kindergarten & Grade 1)**

JULIA MOTLER

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Join us for an unforgettable week of creativity and fun at our Crafting and Bracelet Making Summer Camp! Dive into a world of color, texture, and imagination as campers explore various crafting techniques and design their own stunning bracelets. From beading and braiding to knotting and weaving, participants will develop fine motor skills while expressing their unique style and creativity. Our program fosters collaboration and cultural awareness. Don't miss this opportunity to make memories, friendships, and beautiful bracelets and crafts that will last a lifetime!

**Class 203am – Creative Writing (Grades 2, 3 & 4)**

BETHANY SCHULDT & PEGGY LABRIE

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Come join us for a week of creative writing. Students will work on a writing piece of their choice from a different genre, such as realistic fiction, fantasy, fairy tale, and mystery. During

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the week students will examine these different genres, they will learn to add author's crafts to their writing, they will develop a good story structure which has characters, setting, and a strong plot that contains a problem, a climax, and a resolution. By the end of the week the students will put their final published piece in a book with pictures to share.

## Class 204am – Unboring Board Games (Grades 2, 3 & 4)

RACHEL KUNKER & NICOLE FYVIE

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Do you love playing games? Are you ready for an awesome summer full of fun and learning? Join our fantastic Board Game Class designed just for you! Get ready to put your thinking caps on and dive into exciting challenges where you'll sharpen your mind, make smart decisions, and have a blast playing games like Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, Uno, and more! Plus, you'll make new friends, create unforgettable memories, and learn new games you can play with your family! Don't miss out on the ultimate summer adventure! Register now to secure your spot and let the games begin!

## Class 205am – Tower Building STEAM Challenge (Grades 3 & 4)

CAROL WALKER

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Have you ever wondered how sky scrapers are built? Or maybe you are curious about how the Eiffel tower stays tall and strong or why the Burj Khalifa in Dubai is the tallest building in the world. Using ingenious engineering methods and creative designs, students will construct the tallest free-standing structure possible using an array of different building materials. Each small group will be assigned a budget to purchase their materials, they will learn about architecture design through looking at tall buildings around the world and applying what they learned to create their own tall building. Students will get creative. Try different materials. Experiment with different bases for their structure and most importantly, HAVE FUN! It will be a week filled with learning about construction principles as well as the chance to practice principles of team building through cooperation, communication, coordination, listening, positive reinforcement and the love of discovery. And just maybe, someday, you will create the tallest building in the world!

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## Class 206am – Escape Room (Grades 3, 4 & 5)

BREE BIELAWSKI & ALLISON CAPPIELLO

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Have you ever wanted to become a real-life detective? In this class you will find clues, solve riddles and puzzles, decipher codes and open Breakout Boxes. These boxes have additional objects or clues to help you solve the mystery and escape a themed Mystery Room. Can you solve the mystery, beat the clock and escape the room before the time runs out? Many different room challenges await you and your team every session!

## Class 207am – Bead It! (Grades 3, 4 & 5)

SUSAN LARSON

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

There are so many different kinds of beads and so many different things to make from them! In this class you'll start by making some of your own beads from paper and clay. Then you can make a bracelet, necklace, and sun catcher using the beads you've made combined with a variety of other beads. You can also make fun pendants that look like animals, insects, or cartoon characters that you can use as a key chain or hang from your backpack.

## Class 208am – Computer Coding Club 4-5 (Grades 4 & 5)

CINDY CASTREN & LAUREN DEL ZOTTO

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Do you like playing computer games? Would you like to learn how to design and code your own computer game? Computer coding is a "BIG" deal right now, and it's never too early to start learning! In kid-friendly terms, coding is using a set of instructions to communicate with computers. Using hands-on learning, this course will explore several different coding languages such as Block and JavaScript, while using some of the best computer coding websites out there. Participants will learn how to use Micro: Bits. Participants will have the opportunity to design and create a unique, playable, sharable, and fun computer game using the working code that they acquired. Coding teaches kids how to think creativity and logically, problem solve, enhance math skills, and work collaboratively with peers. Participants need to bring their school Chromebook, fully charged, to class each day!

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## Class 209am – Friendship Bracelets (Grades 4 & 5)

REBECCA FARRELL

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

You see people wearing friendship bracelets everywhere - ESPECIALLY during the summer time! They are so much fun to make for yourself or to give to others, and there are so many different kinds! Have you ever tried to make them before? Come to this friendship bracelets class and learn how to make 8-10 different kinds of friendship bracelets using embroidery thread/floss, beads, and hemp twine/cord. Then, you can keep making them all summer long!

## Class 210am – Creative Writing for Middle Schoolers (Grades 5, 6 & 7)

CAROL WHITE

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

The half day course will provide middle school students, who enjoy creating characters and writing stories and poetry, a supportive place to experiment with techniques, to get feedback on their writing, and to work on individualized writing projects. The course will be run as a workshop, where students will be exposed to various writing techniques and models, and then apply what they learned to their own writing in a Writer's Notebook. They will write poetry, character descriptions and monologues, and stories. Also, various energizers and group activities will enable students to build a writing community that will serve as a springboard for inspiration as well as a source of feedback and support as students work to craft, revise, and polish various creative pieces. Students will also be encouraged to experiment with character development, voice, genre, and stylistic techniques. Students should bring a notebook to class that will serve as their Writer's Notebook for the course. Students also need to be able to access their Google Drive.

## Class 211am – Craftpreneur Kickstart (Grade 6, 7 & 8)

LESLIE ALLEGRETTO & HEATHER CALLAGAN

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Embark on a creative journey with our Craftpreneurship class tailored for aspiring teen entrepreneurs! Dive into the world of trendy crafts as we explore the realms of clay, yarn, beads, and beyond. From crafting chic home decor to fashioning bespoke jewelry and luxurious beauty products, students will unleash their artistic flair while mastering essential entrepreneurial skills. Through hands-on projects and interactive sessions, participants will

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not only hone their crafting expertise but also learn invaluable strategies for marketing and selling their creations, empowering them to turn their passion into profit.

## Class 212am – Future Nisky Authors (Grades 8, 9 & 10)

BREE MORAN & APRIL KOHLER

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Embark on a creative adventure with "Future Nisky Authors" a week-long enrichment program designed to ignite your passion for writing and unleash your creative potential. Dive into a world of imagination, inspiration, and creativity as you explore various genres, hone your writing skills, and connect with fellow aspiring writers in a supportive and dynamic environment.

## Class 213am – French Camp (Grades 7 & 8)

VALERIE LAVASH

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Students will engage in fun activities which will increase their ability in speaking French, and spark their interest to learn more.

## Class 214am – High School Art Portfolio (Grades 8, 9, 10 & 11)

STEPHANIE PALAZEKE

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Are you looking to improve your skills in art and design? This one-week course will be tailored to what YOU want to learn and develop your skills in. On Day 1 we will discuss what you want to leave the course with and work with Mrs. Palazeke to come up with activities and projects that will meet YOUR goals. The rest of the week will be dedicated to those activities and learning about art from each other. Some people may leave with a portfolio of sketches and designs, some may have one major artwork, and others may have a digital folder of photography. This will be a course made just for you!

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## AFTERNOON CLASSES

### Class 215pm – Let's Get Messy (Kindergarten & Grade 1)

SHERRY JONAS

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

Come spend the day finding out how art and science go hand in hand. You will have the opportunity to explore and experiment with colors, various ingredients & materials while we make slime, tie-dye, paint, and more! You will take home a variety of projects and ideas. So, bring a smock and get ready because this class promises to be fun and messy!

### Class 216pm – Tech Ninjas K-1 (Kindergarten & Grade 1)

LAUREN DEL ZOTTO & CINDY CASTREN

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

Do you like exploring and using computers? Would you like to enter 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade one step ahead? Spend the week with us as we learn some basic computer skills! You will learn to use easy programs like Seesaw, Starfall and Kami to create fun and unique projects! During this course, you will create your very own bookmark that you will get to take home to use! You will ALSO get to create, design and print an "All About Me" postcard to send to your teacher for next school year!

### Class 217pm – Disney, Dessert & Dance (Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2)

REBECCA FARRELL & PAULA MILLER

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

Do you love anything and everything Disney? WE DO! Do you like dessert? WE DO!! Do you like to dance? WE DO!!! During each day of "Disney, Dessert, and Dance" we will start and end with a dance party, make and/or decorate the "most magical" Disney themed treats, make a Disney craft, and sing & dance! Come join us at "the happiest summer class on Earth!"

### Class 218pm – Craft Kindly (Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5)

LESLIE ALLEGRETTO

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

Are you kind and crafty? Do you want to unleash your creative side while spreading kindness to those around you? Join us for a fun, hands-on craft adventure where you'll create projects that represent Acts of Kindness that you can share with others. We will explore a variety of

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artistic mediums that you can take home with you each day. We can't wait to paint, draw, and sculpt with you while sharing the message of the importance of kindness.

## Class 219pm – Under the Sea (Grades 3, 4 & 5)

MERCEDES PURAN & WANDA TORRES

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

Children will learn that different sea creatures need specific conditions to survive and thrive and will create crafts to depict under the sea life.

## Class 220pm – Color Guard Basics (Grades 4, 5, 6 & 7)

STEPHANIE PALAZEKE

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

Have you heard of color guard? This camp will introduce you to this performing art where teams perform choreographed routines to music using flags, dance, and other equipment. We will study basic forms of color guard (not the military type) and learn a flag routine by the end of the week. Let's master basic moves and even try some flag tosses! We will practice easy dance, performance, and marching basics. We can also learn about the history of the modern color guard activity and its connections to the Military, Marching Band, Parades, Theater, and Dance. Come spin with us!

## Class 221pm – Crocheting with Mr Ortiz (Grade 4 through Grade 11)

CHRISTOPHER ORTIZ

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

All skill levels welcome! Learn to crochet in a fun environment, and gather the basics to explore a new craft. Already have some crocheting experience? Practice new patterns or even learn the skills to make your own project. All students will be able to take home the crocheted plush they complete over the week in addition to their very own crochet hook to keep forever. Come join in and Let's Get Crocheting!

## Class 222pm – Charity Crafting & More! (Grades 5, 6 & 7)

HILLARY LAFOUNTAIN

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

In this summer enrichment program, you will be given the opportunity to craft items for a variety of local and national levels! Including but not limited to creating cards for local nursing

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homes, welcome home signs for Habitat for Humanity, braiding dog toys for the local humane society, and making blankets for a variety of different charities. This program will not only encourage students to give back to their community, but also gives them an opportunity to learn new skills, and see the value in working with their peers.

## Class 223pm – Dungeons & Dragons for Middle Schoolers (Grade 5, 6, 7 & 8)

MADELYN POLLACK

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

Calling all brave adventurers! Do you want to explore fantastical lands while solving puzzles, defeating evil foes, and completing epic quests? Whether you are a complete beginner or a seasoned pro, come learn how to play the classic tabletop roleplaying game Dungeons & Dragons (D&D). D&D is an improvisational game of fantasy in which players and the Game Master co-create a world where successes and failures depend on the roll of the dice. This course aims to introduce students to the game and give them the resources they need to continue with their friends and family after the week has ended. Please come with a notebook, something to write with, and your Chromebook. Character sheets and dice will be provided.

## Class 224pm – Strategic Board Games (Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

RACHEL KUNKER & NICOLE FYVIE

SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM

Welcome to Strategic Board Games! Get ready to embark on an exciting journey of strategy and excitement tailored just for 5th to 8th graders like you! Throughout our week together, we'll explore the amazing world of board games and how they can supercharge your brainpower while having loads of fun. Dive into the heart of strategic thinking as we explore captivating board games that challenge your mind and spark your creativity. Learn how to analyze game situations, anticipate your opponents' moves, and craft cunning strategies to achieve victory. Discover the thrill of problem-solving as you tackle obstacles, evaluate solutions, and adapt your strategies on the fly. Join forces with fellow gamers to unleash the power of teamwork and collaboration. Communicate, strategize, and celebrate victories together as you forge friendships that will last a lifetime. Are you ready to play? Join us for an unforgettable adventure where you'll sharpen your mind, unlock your full potential, and have a blast along the way. Enroll now and let the Strategic Board Game Adventure begin!

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## Class 225pm – Bead It! (Grades 6, 7 & 8)

SUSAN LARSON

*SESSION 2 - JULY 15-19*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

There are so many different kinds of beads and so many different things to make from them! In this class you'll start by making some of your own beads from paper and clay. Then you can make a bracelet, necklace, and sun catcher using the beads you've made combined with a variety of other beads. You can also make fun pendants that look like animals, insects, or cartoon characters that you can use as a key chain or hang from your backpack.

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*PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DATES, TIMES & GRADE LEVELS FOR EACH CLASS.  
GRADE LEVEL IS STUDENT'S **CURRENT GRADE** IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.*

### MORNING CLASSES

#### Class 301am – STEAM Club (Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2)

NICOLE CHIUDINA

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Calling all scientists, technology enthusiasts, engineering fanatics, artists and mathematicians! STEAM Club will have hands-on projects where you will work to solve problems, think outside of the box, and reach a goal with your STEAM Club friends! Come join the fun!

#### Class 302am – Melodies & Masterpieces (Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2)

SARAH SANSON & JANE GRANT

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Join us for a vibrant summer class designed for primary grade students! This immersive program invites young learners to express themselves through play-based activities that combine music and art.

#### Class 303am – Tech Ninjas 2-3 (Grades 2 & 3)

LAUREN DEL ZOTTO

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM*

Do you like exploring and designing fun things using computers? Would you like to enter 3rd or 4th grade one step ahead with your computer skills? Spend the week with us and let your imagination come to life while creating and printing mini projects to take home like a personalized bookmark and WordArt, using Canva, Kami and Adobe Express! You'll also learn the basics of Google Docs and Slides while you make a fun "All About Me" slide

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## Class 304am – Art of Animation (Grades 3, 4 & 5)

CHLOE DUDLA

SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26

MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM

Do you love technology and art? Are you interested in stop motion animation, engineering, or optical illusions? Art in animation explores not only how technology can create animated artworks, but also does a deep dive into the hands-on roots of where animation came from. Learn how to trick the eyes and the brain by creating flip books, zoetropes, thaumatropes, and collaborative short films.

## Class 305am – Chromebook Heroes (Grades 4, 5 & 6)

BREE MORAN

SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26

MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM

Come Join this Summer Enrichment Program for a journey of digital discovery with our one-week “Chromebook Heroes” enrichment program designed for budding tech enthusiasts. Over the course of five days, students will immerse themselves in a diverse array of interactive workshops, hands-on activities, and engaging projects crafted to ignite their passion for innovation and equip them with essential digital skills. From learning skills to create projects on Canva to finding AI Tools on Adobe Express students will unleash their creativity while cultivating problem-solving abilities in a supportive environment. Students will leave with a toolbox of technological ideas and digital tools. Join us for a week of inspiration, imagination, and endless possibilities!

## Class 306am – Crafting and Bracelet Making (Grades 6 & 7)

JULIA MOTLER

SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26

MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM

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## Class 307am – Creative Writing Workshop (Grades 7, 8 & 9)

CAROL WHITE

SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26

MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM

The half day course will provide middle school students, who enjoy creating characters and writing stories and poetry, a supportive place to experiment with techniques, to get feedback on their writing, and to work on individualized writing projects. The course will be run as a workshop, where students will be exposed to various writing techniques and models, and then apply what they learned to their own writing in a Writer's Notebook. They will write poetry, character descriptions and monologues, and stories. Also, various energizers and group activities will enable students to build a writing community that will serve as a springboard for inspiration as well as a source of feedback and support as students work to craft, revise, and polish various creative pieces. Students will also be encouraged to experiment with character development, voice, genre, and stylistic techniques. Students should bring a notebook to class that will serve as their Writer's Notebook for the course. Students also need to be able to access their Google Drive.

## Class 308am – Color Guard Basics (Grades 8, 9, 10 & 11)

STEPHANIE PALAZEKE

SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26

MORNING CLASS – 8:00-11:00 AM

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## AFTERNOON CLASSES

### Class 309pm – Digging Dinos (Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2)

ASHLEY SMITH

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

Do you have a child who loves dinosaurs? Come join our hands-on class where we will have some fun Science, Math, and Literacy activities all with a dinosaur theme. There will be experiments, crafts, and many opportunities to get our bodies up and move around.

### Class 310pm – Let's Get Messy (Grades 2 & 3)

SHERRY JONAS

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

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### Class 311pm – Fabulous Fashion (Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5)

CHLOE DUDLA & JANE GRANT

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

Lights, camera, fashion! Join us on a journey into the glamorous world of wearable art and Fashion Design! From dazzling sculptural jewelry to fabulous textures and textiles, students will dive into the exciting realm of fashion creation. With hands-on projects and creative challenges, they'll design and craft their own unique pieces, ready to strut down the runway in our epic finale fashion show!

### Class 312pm – Tech Ninjas 4-5 (Grades 4 & 5)

LAUREN DEL ZOTTO

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

Do you like exploring and designing fun things using your Chromebook? Would you like to enter 5th or 6th grade one step ahead with your computer skills? Spend the week with us and let your imagination come to life while creating things like a personalized bookmark and a digital time capsule, using programs such as Canva, Kami and Adobe Express! You'll also learn the basics of Google Docs and Slides while you make a fun "All About Me" slide

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## Class 313pm – Crocheting with Mr Ortiz (Grades 4 through 11)

CHRISTOPHER ORTIZ

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

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## Class 314pm – Chromebook Heroes (Grades 7, 8 & 9)

BREE MORAN

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

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## Class 315pm – High School Art Portfolio (Grades 8, 9, 10 & 11)

STEPHANIE PALAZEKE

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

Are you looking to improve your skills in art and design? This one-week course will be tailored to what YOU want to learn and develop your skills in. On Day 1 we will discuss what you want to leave the course with and work with Mrs. Palazeke to come up with activities and projects that will meet YOUR goals. The rest of the week will be dedicated to those activities and learning about art from each other. Some people may leave with a portfolio of sketches and designs, some may have one major artwork, and others may have a digital folder of photography. This will be a course made just for you!

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Class 316pm – Dungeons & Dragons for High Schoolers (Grades 9, 10 & 11)

MADELYN POLLACK

*SESSION 3 - JULY 22-26*

*AFTERNOON CLASS – 12:00-3:00PM*

Calling all brave adventurers! Do you want to explore fantastical lands while solving puzzles, defeating evil foes, and completing epic quests? Whether you are a complete beginner or a seasoned pro, come learn how to play the classic tabletop roleplaying game Dungeons & Dragons (D&D). D&D is an improvisational game of fantasy in which players and the Game Master co-create a world where successes and failures depend on the roll of the dice. This course aims to introduce students to the game and give them the resources they need to continue with their friends and family after the week has ended. Please come with a notebook, something to write with, and your Chromebook. Character sheets and dice will be provided.

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## TIMELINE – REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

### Dates for Your Calendar

The Summer Enrichment Program is a self-sustaining program with all expenses paid out of registration fees. Once the **registration period ends on May 31, 2024**:

- Classes **that have not met the minimum enrollment will be cancelled** by the District and a full refund will be given.
- If a registrant cancels during the **cancellation period – June 3 through June 16 – a refund, less a \$15 cancellation fee**, will be given.
- **No refunds will be given after June 16, 2024**

Please be advised that refunds can take three to four weeks to be processed.

<b>May 6 – May 31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registration open via LINQ Connect</li><li>• Registration is on a first come, first served basis</li><li>• CREDIT CARD PAYMENT IN FULL is necessary at the time of registration</li></ul>
<b>June 3-9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Classes that do not meet minimum enrollment will be canceled by the District and full refunds processed</li><li>• A FULL refund will be issued ONLY if a class is cancelled by the District - a processing fee of \$15 per class will be charged for registrations canceled by the family during the cancellation period – June 3-16.</li></ul>
<b>June 10-16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class lists finalized</li><li>• June 16 is the FINAL DATE for families to cancel a registration – a processing fee of \$15 will be charged for each canceled class</li></ul>
<b>June 17-28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rooms assigned, and final details sent to families</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ There will not be waitlists for any classes</li><li>○ Once a class reaches its maximum registration the class will be closed</li><li>○ ONLY REGISTER STUDENTS FOR CLASSES THAT MATCH THEIR CURRENT GRADE LEVEL IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR – Students registered for classes that do not match their CURRENT grade level will be charged the \$15 processing fee and the balance of the registration fee refunded.</li></ul>	

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## MAKING PAYMENT

We will be collecting payment for SEP classes using the District's online payment service [LINQ Connect](#).

THIS IS THE SAME SYSTEM AS THE ONE USED TO PAY FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES.

If you do not already have LINQ Connect account, you will need to register for an account and add your student(s) to your account. When creating your account for the first time, you will need your child's name and birth date, and their student ID number. The student ID number can be found in the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on the Student Information page.

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# SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2024

## FAQ'S ABOUT REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

MY 7<sup>th</sup> GRADER REALLY WANTS TO TAKE THE ART PORTFOLIO CLASS - IT SAYS IT'S ONLY FOR GRADES 9-12. CAN I SIGN HIM UP ANYWAY?

- **PLEASE DO NOT** sign your child up for a class that does not match their current grade level
- Teachers were asked to give a suitable grade level range for their classes based on content
- Check that your child's **CURRENT GRADE LEVEL** matches the acceptable grade level for each session - **submissions that do not match will be canceled and charged a processing fee**

THE MORNING SESSION ENDS AT 11:00AM AND THE AFTERNOON SESSION STARTS AT 12:00PM. CAN MY CHILD JUST STAY AND EAT LUNCH BETWEEN SESSIONS?

- Midday supervision is available for a limited number of students at an additional cost, and will only be for students who are enrolled in both a morning and afternoon class in the same week. Registration for lunch and recess coverage is listed in the brochure as L&R - Lunch and Recess Coverage for each week.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD GOT INTO THE CLASSES THEY WANT TO GO TO?

- Class lists will be finalized the week of June 10-16
- Families will be contacted via email with room numbers and final details the week of June 17-28
- Please make sure you provide an accurate email address that you check frequently

**IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM PLEASE EMAIL:**

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