

## Elective Descriptions – 4th Quarter: 2020–2021

### **AIG:**

#### **2nd/3rd Choice:**

**AIG - Protectors of the Earth\* (In-Person only):** In what ways do you help preserve nature and its surroundings? In this elective students will work in our school gardens and learn about the positive and negative interactions of living organisms and their environment. They will increase their global awareness through an in depth study of the biomes, pollution, and recycling.

#### **4th/5th Choice:**

**AIG - Public Speaking & Debate\* (In-Person only):** In the first part of this course students will explore the production and reception of oral communication in three major types of public speaking: informative, persuasive, and entertaining. Emphasis will be on writing, delivering, and critiquing informal and formal speeches. Students will create and perform their own TED Talk! The second portion of the course will be devoted to teaching students the elements of formal debate. Students will then use acquired skills to debate issues in class.

### **Dance:**

#### **K/1st AND 2nd/3rd Choice:**

**Exploring Dance Styles (VA & In-Person):** This course will introduce & allow students to continue to learn the basic movement principles that pertain to all dance styles, students will develop strength, coordination, and flexibility. **(VA Students do not need a large space to participate in this elective, VA lessons are planned with this factor in mind.)** **Students enrolled in this elective 3rd qtr. may sign up again. Our goal is to share our work with each other and potentially a recorded Spring Virtual Performance.**

#### **4th/5th Choice:**

**Dance Forms (VA & In-Person):** This course will allow students to continue exploring a wide variety of dance forms. These forms may include creative, improvisational, jazz, musical theatre, hip-hop, ballet and/or modern dance. **(VA Students do not need a large space to participate in this elective, VA lessons are planned with this factor in mind.)** **Students enrolled in this elective 3rd qtr. may sign up again. Our goal is to share our work with each other and potentially a recorded Spring Virtual Performance.**

### **Drama:**

#### **K/1st Choice:**

**Intro to Stage (VA & In-Person):** In this class, students will explore what it means to perform on the stage. We will have fun with short Reader's Theatre Scripts for Emergent Readers, as well as poems that we write and perform. Reader's Theatre is a fantastic tool for gaining skills in both reading and acting! We will film our work along the way and share it with an audience.

#### **2nd/3rd Choice:**

**Theatre Production (VA & In-Person):** We will adapt the hilarious book, Interrupting Chicken, into a Reader's Theatre script. We will bring the story to life, film it, and share it with an audience. Reader's Theatre is a fantastic tool for gaining skills in both reading and acting!

#### **4th/5th Choice:**

**Theatre Production (VA & In-Person):** Students will create a pantomime sketch based on a story of their choice. They will create all of the characters, props, and events with their face, body, and imagination. . . but not their voice. Both silence, music, and sound effects may accompany their performance. We will film our work and share it with an audience.

### **Media/Technology/Math/Science:**

#### **K/1st Choice:**

**Archimedes Activities - Computer Programming (VA only):** Solving problems is what computers do! Do you ever wonder how? Are you interested in how you can tell a computer how to solve a problem? Are you curious about the steps and strategies used to solve problems and how a computer can do this really fast? Students will explore the world of technology integrated with the basic math concepts of problem solving. Students will complete computer tasks by solving fun problems and playing games to learn basic coding.

**Engineering (In-Person only):** Students will be introduced to 12 different types of engineering. 21st Century Skills will be utilized as they explore each type of engineering field and develop a deeper understanding of what it means to be an engineer.

#### **2nd/3rd Choice:**

**Architecture All Around Us (In-Person only):** Architecture is everywhere. Students will discover the many forms of architecture and look for patterns in buildings and nature. They will use these discoveries to apply logical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students will use lego architect kits to build architectural structures.

**Computer Critters (VA only):** Animals, animals, animals everywhere! Become an animal expert by exploring and researching the different animal groups such as mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, insects, and birds. Sharpen your computer skills and confidence while learning the fascinating facts and unique characteristics of each animal group. As an animal expert, you will complete computer art, math, science, and language arts activities using a variety of computer programs. Come join the animal adventure!

***\*Teacher Recommendation Encouraged***

### **4th/5th Choice:**

**School News - WPLA (VA & In-Person):** The primary purpose of this elective is to produce a "Your School News This Week" program to virtually present important school information and events. Students who participate in this elective will study concepts of presentation: speaking, diction, personality, celebrity, marketing, branding and advertising. Research, writing, editing, and reporting as well as incorporating new technologies to produce each program, are prime focus areas.

### **Music:**

#### **K/1st Choices:**

**Orchestra I (year-long) (VA & In-Person):** Learn to play the violin and read music in an ensemble!

**Story Time for Young Listeners (VA only):** Listening is essential and basic to all musical experiences. Through a variety of integrated arts activities, students will hear and study famous classical compositions, their stories/origins, and their composers.

**Making the Classics Connect (In-Person only):** Roll Over Beethoven! This is a course designed to make learning about classical music fun and exciting. Students will create, listen, illustrate, move, conduct works by, and read about the masters of classical music.

#### **2nd/3rd Choices:**

**Orchestra I/II - (year-long) (VA & In-Person):** Play the violin, viola, or cello in this course. Emphasis will be placed on both individual and group instruction. Solo and ensemble performances will be encouraged.

**Band I - (3rd Graders only - year-long) (VA & In-Person):** Learn to play a musical instrument heard in a band.

**Meet and Make Musical Instruments (VA only):** This course is an introduction to the four families of instruments: strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Students will meet these instruments through stories, songs, films, and performances. Percussion instruments will be played. Students will learn to read and perform percussion scores.

#### **4th/5th Choices:**

**Orchestra II - (year-long) (VA & In-Person):** Continue playing the violin, viola, or cello in this course. Emphasis will be placed on both individual and group instruction. Solo and ensemble performances will be encouraged.

**Band II - (year-long) (VA & In-Person):** This course will include instruction on woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Emphasis will be on individual and group instruction. Solo and ensemble performances will be a vital part of this course.

**Sounds of the World - Ukulele 101 (VA Only):** An appreciation for a variety of musical styles will be fostered through exposure to music from around the world while learning how to play the ukulele.

### **P.E./Health:**

#### **K/1st AND 2nd/3rd Choice:**

**PE Variety (VA & In-Person):** Do you want to have fun while learning about lots of different games and sports? Students will learn a variety of skills used in many different sports. Students will develop locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills such as running, jumping, throwing and kicking through different games. In addition, students will develop positive social skills and safe practices through group activities.

#### **4th/5th Choice:**

**Lifetime Sports (VA & In-Person):** This course is designed for the student who is interested in investigating and developing skills in a variety of lifetime sport activities. Students will learn the basic skills, rules and regulations, game play and strategies associated with sports that can be played at any age. Individual and dual sports to be covered in this course may include sports such as tennis, badminton, bowling, golf, and horseshoes.

### **Visual Arts:**

#### **K/1st Choice:**

**All Together (VA & In-Person):** Students will explore a variety of art media to build their skills of drawing, cutting & pasting, and sculpting.

#### **2nd/3rd Choice:**

**You Gotta Have Art (VA & In-Person):** In this course, students will learn new art skills, and practice and refine them. Some of these new skills may include drawing, cutting & gluing, modeling, and/or constructing.

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### **World Language:**

#### **K-5th Choice:**

**Beginning Spanish (VA & In-Person):** Hola! Join the Spanish elective to learn basic Spanish vocabulary, common phrases, and some silly songs. Also learn about some famous people, places, and the beautiful culture of Spanish speaking people.

