

# Elective Descriptions – 3rd Quarter: 2020–2021

## Dance:

### K/1st Choice:

**Exploring Dance Styles (VA & In-Person):** This course will introduce students to the basic movement principles that pertain to all dance styles, students will begin to 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.)**

### 2nd/3rd Choice:

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### 4th/5th Choice:

**Dance Forms (VA & In-Person):** This course will introduce students to 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.)**

## Drama:

### K/1st Choice:

**Theatre Games (VA & In-Person):** Through hands-on activities students will participate in improvisational theater activities to build concentration, stage presence, communication skills, self-confidence, and cooperative skills.

### 2nd/3rd Choice:

**Acting (VA & In-Person):** In this course, students will participate in role-playing, scripted study, improvisation, and characterization. Teacher-guided study in voice, body movement, and concentration techniques will develop the actor's tools.

### 4th/5th Choice:

**Mime (VA & In-Person):** Marcel Marceau said, "Pantomime is the art of silence. Mime makes the invisible, visible and the visible, invisible." In this class, we will explore the origins of mime, and learn mime technique. Most importantly, we will learn to use our bodies, faces, music, and silence, to express ourselves and tell our stories.

## Media/Technology:

### K/1st Choice:

**Archimedes Activities II - 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.

**Coding (In-Person only):** Anybody can learn the basics of computer programming. This elective encourages the use of logic and critical thinking by performing fun activities and culminates in students creating their own computer games.

### 2nd/3rd Choice:

**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!

### 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.

## AIG:

### 2nd/3rd Choice:

**Best of the Best - AIG\* (In-Person only):** In this elective, students will discover and experience reading in a new way. Students will explore Caldecott, Newbery, and other award-winning books and decide what sets these books apart from all the other books. In this course students will look closely at the criteria used to distinguish these books as the best of the best. Students will actively read and experience a variety of award-winning books from the past and present using thinking routines, analytical and critical skills in conjunction with literary elements (story elements, figurative language, point of view, and universal themes) and the arts. As they explore, discuss, and debate the books through rigorous, active learning experiences, students will discover what truly makes a book "The Best of the Best."

## 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:

**Growing Strong (VA & In-Person):** Don't be a couch potato! Get off the couch and get fit... you're worth it! Learn positive ways to get and stay healthy. Activities will include fun ways to develop good health and safety habits. Take it one step at a time and learn the "inside" story, get moving, get strong, and eat well. Put it all together to build one healthy you!

### 4th/5th Choice:

**Shaping Up/Track Skills (VA & In-Person):** Who's in control of having a healthy body? Aerobic exercises and nutritional education will enhance the awareness of what food and exercise can do for the body. An emphasis will be placed on learning the basic rules, principles, and techniques involved in track and field.

## 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.

**\*Teacher Recommendation Encouraged**

