

Elective Descriptions - 4th Quarter: 2021-2022

Dance:

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

Let's Move: Students in this elective will be exploring different styles of dance and technique to put together a Spring Performance. Dancers in this elective will be performing at least one dance in the performance in May - specifics on dates/times TBA.

4th/5th Choice:

Dance Forms - Let's Move: Students in this elective will be exploring different styles of dance and technique to put together a Spring Performance. Dancers in this elective will be performing at least one dance in the performance in May - specifics on dates/times TBA.

Drama:

K/1st Choice:

Theater Games: 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:

Behind the Scenes: Students will explore a variety of technical aspects of the theater: makeup, costumes, sound, properties, scenery, and stage crafts.

4th/5th Choice:

Wacky MakeUp & Crazy Costumes: This course is an introduction to the basic skills of making costumes and creating "makeup" for theater. Students will learn how creativity can take them beyond the boundaries of a makeup kit and sewing machine. Through the use of paper, glue, scraps, and everyday household items, students will create theatrical characters.

Media/Technology/Math/Science:

K/1st Choice:

Authors in the Making: Lego Narrative Builder: LEGOS are EVERYTHING AWESOME! Explore the enormous collection of LEGO's through writing and be inspired! Imagine building fantastical storyboards to learn how to SHOW NOT TELL. Learn the writing process with a fun twist using LEGO Fairy Tales, LEGO Space and LEGO Communities expansion kits. Build-up the story elements, character, setting, action and problem-solution brick by brick.

2nd/3rd Choice:

AIG - Protectors of the Earth*: Save the planet! How can we help the plants, animals, and people in our local community? In this project-based elective, students will use creative problem solving to research, plan, and implement projects that will help the environment around our school. Through these projects, students will learn how we can support native plants and animals and reduce our own impact on the environment.

4th/5th Choice:

AIG - I LOVE A MYSTERY*: Using the format of the mystery story, students will read and view classic mystery stories. These may include Sherlock Holmes, Nancy Drew, Agatha Christie, and Edgar Allen Poe. The story elements of character, setting, and plot will be examined and used in writing original stories. Deductive reasoning skills will be stressed.

School News - WPLA (semester long): The primary purpose of this elective is to produce a "Your School News" program to 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.

World Language:

K-5th Choice:

Exploring Spanish: 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.

Music:

K/1st Choices:

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

Music We Can Play and Sing: Through a sequential, vocal/instrumental approach, children will be introduced to music reading skills. Students will learn to become independent musical thinkers with the help of a rich variety of folk and classical music.

There's Magic in Music: Students will discover the magic of music through singing while discovering the joy of listening to recordings and making creative responses to action songs and dances.

2nd/3rd Choices:

Orchestra I/II - (year-long): 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): Learn to play a musical instrument heard in a band.

Meet and Make Musical Instruments: 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): 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): 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: Students will explore the cultures of the world through music and musical instruments. An appreciation for a variety of musical styles will be fostered through discovery of music from all over the world.

P.E./Health:

K/1st Choice:

PE Variety: 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.

2nd/3rd AND 4th/5th Choice:

New Games: Students will participate in a wide variety of games which focus on the joy of play, cooperation, and trust, rather than simply striving to win. These games are based upon the philosophy, "Play hard, play fair, nobody gets hurt." Activity level will range from physically active to quiet group games. Good sportsmanship will be emphasized as well as practice in basic movement skills.

Visual Arts:

K/1st Choice:

All Together: Students will explore a variety of art media to build their skills of drawing, painting, cutting and pasting, and sculpting.

2nd/3rd Choice:

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

4th/5th Choice:

Drawing the Line: Students will have the opportunity to draw a wide variety of subjects from life and imagination. Line techniques, perspective, proportion, and visual texture will be taught.

***Teacher Recommendation Encouraged**