



2023-24 Academic Enrichment Programs

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Ellington Public Schools is offering academic enrichment programs after school with a focus on **Art** and **Mathematics**. **The schedules vary by program, so please review the specific dates, times and targeted grades carefully.** Please be aware that space is limited for each program and subject to sufficient enrollment. As such, **students must be enrolled at the school in which the program is being offered.**

Parents must arrange for students to be picked up from the school promptly at the end of the session. Parents should use the main office entrance when picking up their child.

Registration for these programs will begin on October 2, 2023. Parents will be able to register for these programs through the Ellington Public Schools website. Please see Page 5 for additional registration information.

If you have any questions about these programs, or would like to apply for financial assistance, please contact the Educational Services Department at 860-896-2300, ext. 119.

**Please be sure to register your child for the club
located at his or her elementary school.**

*Important Note: On days when there is no school,
or an early dismissal due to conferences or weather,
afterschool programs and clubs will not meet.*

THE S.T.E.A.M. KITCHEN at Windermere School (Grades 2-5)

This is a hands-on cooking class in which students will explore STEAM concepts as they relate to the food we eat. Some examples of this are: what is emulsion (science), cooking then vs. now (technology), pizza fractions (mathematics).

In each class, students will learn about a different STEAM topic as they follow and prepare a simple recipe.

They will participate in games and/or activities relevant to the topic of the day, and will savor their creations at the end of each class.

Location: Art Room

Instructor: Ms. Cruz

- **Dates: Tuesday ~ 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19**
- **Time: 3:30 - 5:00pm**
- **Fee: \$45.00**

DRAMA SKILLS at Center School

A Hartford Stage teaching artist will work with students in an afterschool drama program.

Students will learn the foundations of acting: building an ensemble, developing a character, practicing proper vocal and movement techniques, and strengthening concentration and focus skills, while working toward a small performance for parents and friends.

Grades 4-6:

Location: Room 24—Music Room

Instructor: Mrs. Herrity

- **Dates: Tuesday ~ 10/11, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20**
- **Time: 3:20 - 4:20pm**
- **Fee: \$40.00**

Grades 2-3:

Location: Room 24—Music Room

Instructor: Mrs. Herrity

- **Dates: Wednesday ~ 4/3, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5**
- **Time: 3:20 - 4:20pm**
- **Fee: \$40.00**

Art ~ Clay Club (Grades 2-6)

During this after school program, students will engage in a variety of clay building projects. Students will be given the opportunity to be creative and learn about texture, shape, and form using various hand building techniques.

Slab, coil, extruded, and pottery wheel work will be introduced along with a variety of techniques to decorate the clay products. Students will have the opportunity to complete projects that can be used as functional pottery, as well as sculptural pieces for display. The last class will be reserved for glazing the various projects.

Please register for the program located at your child's school. Students must be enrolled in grades 2-6 to participate. *Space is limited to 18 students at each location.*

Center School:

Location: Art Room

Instructor: Mr. Bernard

- **Dates: Mondays & Thursdays - 3/18, 3/21, 3/25, 3/28, 4/1, 4/15**
- **Time: 3:15-5:00pm**
- **Fee: \$85.00**

Crystal Lake School:

Location: Art Room

Instructor: Mr. Bernard

- **Dates: Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 3/19, 3/20, 3/26, 3/27, 4/2, 4/16**
- **Time: 3:15-5:00pm**
- **Fee: \$85.00**

Math ~ Stock Market Club at Crystal Lake School (Grade 6)

Crystal Lake School is happy to offer a brand new club to sixth graders! The Stock Market Club is for those who want to learn all about investing in stocks. The program will be taught by Mr. Garant (known as Mr. G. to students), a paraprofessional at Crystal Lake School who has over twenty years of experience in the field of accounting and investing. Students will have the opportunity to invest "play money" on a live platform, and compete with students at other schools. Mr. Garant will also teach students many interesting topics such as net worth, portfolio management, compounding of money, and much more!

If you are interested in signing up for this class please email or speak to Mr. Garant (agarant@ellingtonschools.net/860.896.2322) to receive more details.

Location: Room 160

Instructor: Mr. Garant

- **Dates: Wednesday ~ 11/15, 12/6, 12/20, 1/3, 1/17, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1**
- **Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm**
- **Fee: \$35.00**

Maximum of 8 students.

Continental Mathematics League

Do you enjoy solving challenging math problems?
Students are invited to join the Continental Mathematics League
for the 2023-2024 contest year!

- CML afterschool experiences are designed to both maximize student opportunities to participate and to improve their problem solving capabilities.
- Students participate with other students on the same grade level from schools all over the United States.
- Practice problem-solving sessions are held afterschool to provide students the opportunity to solve challenging math problems before participating in the contests.
- Contests or 'Meets' are held periodically throughout the program and students are expected to work independently to solve problems within a prescribed time period.

Center School (Grades 4-6)

Instructors: Mrs. Herrity
& Mr. Messier

Dates: Mondays ~

• 10/23/23 - 3/25/24

• Time: 3:15-4:15pm

• Fee: \$40.00

Maximum of 20 students.

Crystal Lake School (Grades 4-6)

Instructors: Mrs. Powell
& Mrs. Schumacher

Dates: Wednesdays ~

• 10/25/23 - 4/3/24

• Time: 3:15-4:15pm

• Fee: \$40.00

Maximum of 20 students.

Windermere School (Grades 4-6)

Instructors: Mrs. Donovan
& Mrs. Schumacher

Dates: Mondays ~

• 10/23/23 - 3/25/24

• Time: 3:15-4:15pm

• Fee: \$40.00

Maximum of 20 students.

EMS Math Club (Grades 7-8)

Instructor: Mr. Trout

EMS participates in MATHCOUNTS for students grades 7-8.

MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment program & competition series focused on engaging the critical thinking and problem-solving skills of middle school students in grades 7-8.

The Competition Series has 4 levels of competition—school, chapter, state and national. Each level of competition is comprised of 4 rounds—Sprint, Target, Team, and Countdown Round.

At MATHCOUNTS meetings, we will play fun math games and work together to solve different types of math challenges. We will also prepare for a competition that will take place in February against other middle school students across the state.

The EMS MathCounts Club will meet starting in December and the advisor, Mr. Trout, will be sending information out about how to join in the late fall.



Registration Information:

Registration for the **2023-24 EPS Academic Enrichment Programs** begins on **Monday, October 2, 2023**. Registration will be available through the **Ellington Public Schools website** at www.ellingtonpublicschools.org. **After School and Summer Program Registration** is located under the 'PARENTS' tab.

After registering you will receive an automated email confirmation. If your child is waitlisted for the program, you will be notified when space becomes available.

We will make every effort to run these after school programs, but reserve the right to cancel any program that has insufficient enrollment numbers. Parents will be notified if a program will be cancelled due to low enrollment numbers.

Transportation is not provided. Parents must arrange for students to be picked up from the school promptly at the end of the session. Parents must use the main office entrance when picking up their child.

Financial assistance is available to qualifying families. If you have any questions about these programs, or would like to apply for financial assistance, please contact the Educational Services Department at 860-896-2300, ext. 119.

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