



# Ellington Public Schools 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Ellington Public Schools will be offering a variety of programs this summer that support both academic learning and enrichment. **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. Programs will be held at Center School, Crystal Lake School, Windermere School, Ellington Middle School or Ellington High School. Transportation is not provided. 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 dropping off and picking up their child.

Registration for these programs will begin on **Thursday, May 20th**. Parents will be able to register for these programs through the Ellington Public Schools website. Please see the back of this handout for additional registration information. There is no cost to families for these sessions.

*The K-2 Reading and 3-6 Math Summer Camps will be held in July and are by school invitation only, focused on addressing learning loss.*

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact the Educational Services Department at 860-896-2300, ext. 119.

## **UNIFIED ARTS & CRAFTS CAMP**

**For students entering grades 9-12**

Dates & Times: July 27 - August 5  
Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: High School, Art Room  
Instructor: Ms. Lanz

*Limited to 20 students.*

For students interested in arts and crafts - this program is a powerful community service opportunity for you to mentor and collaborate, while aiding in building/creating an amazing unified art course for the high school.

### **SUMMER BAKING CAMP**

**For students entering grades 5-6**

Dates & Times: July 12 -July 16  
Monday - Friday, 9:00am -12:00pm

*Limited to 16 students.*

Location: Ellington High School, Room 308  
Instructors: Mrs. Herrity & Mrs. Prifti

Come bake with us!

Mrs. Prifti and Mrs. Herrity are offering  
a week-long baking extravaganza  
this summer!

Learn the tricks to cakes and more.  
It will be a delicious time!

### **J/A ~ MORE THAN MONEY**

**For students entering grades 5 & 6**

Dates & Times: July 12 - July 16  
Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 12:00pm

*Limited to 16 students.*

Location: Crystal Lake School, Room #157  
Instructor: Mrs. Coachman

Through games, simulations, and hands-on  
activities students will engage in:

- Making smart decisions about money in everyday life - earning, saving, and spending
- Thinking like entrepreneurs and identifying a small business they can start
- Learning the basic steps of starting a business
- Running a simulated business
- Considering the advantages and disadvantages of borrowing money
- Exploring global market opportunities

### **DESIGN A BOARD GAME**

**For students entering grade 7**

Dates & Times: July 6 -12  
Tuesday - Friday & Monday, 9:00am - 12:00pm

*Limited to 10 students.*

Location: Middle School, Computer/Tech Ed  
Instructor: Ms. Melnick & Mrs. Nigro

Students will create a board-style game, sketch out the design of the board along with the game pieces, the game cards if applicable, design the game box and write the instructions.

You will then use the laser printer to imprint the board, and use the 3d printer to print your playing pieces and dice. Students will game test each others games at the end, and then bring them home.

### **THE YIN & YANG OF MARTIAL ARTS: Awareness, Philosophy, and Practice of Self Defense**

**For students entering grades 7 - 12**

Dates & Times: July 12 - August 6  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 8:00am -10:00am

*Limited to 30 students.*

Location: High School, Gymnasium  
Instructor: Mr. Scavotto

In this class, participants will learn to build self-confidence, assertiveness and self-awareness by studying the ancient traditions, philosophies, meditations and martial techniques of the earliest bushi (warriors).

Students will learn how to be present in the moment, recognize their surroundings, calm their minds, and use both their voice and body for self-defense. Participants will learn to build their own presence through kata, kihon and kumite.

## DISC GOLF

### For students entering grades 6-12

Dates & Times: Wednesdays - 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/28 & 8/4 - 8:30am to 11:00am

Location: Ecker Hill Disc Golf Course, Vernon  
Instructor: Mr. Raiola

*Limited to 24 students.*

Join your fellow students in a game of disc golf!

Students will be required to bring their own set of discs (recommendations can be provided).

The game of 18 holes takes 2 to 2 1/2 hours to play. No experience necessary.

## PICK UP BASKETBALL

### For students entering grades 6-8

Dates & Times: Mondays - 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/26 & 8/2 - 8:30am to 11:00am

Location: Middle School, Lower Parking Lot  
Instructor: Mr. Raiola

*Limited to 20 students.*

This program of pick up basketball games will give students a chance to stay active while building peer connections in a casual, supportive environment.

## COOK THE BOOK

### For students entering grades 9-12

Dates & Times: June 21 - July 1  
Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 12:00pm

*Limited to 12 students.*

Location: High School, Room #306  
Instructor: Ms. Donovan

Are you a literary-minded person who also enjoys cooking and baking? This is the program for you!

In this two-week program, we will look at scenes from popular books and re-create the popular dishes featured in those texts.

Plus, cooking and baking are great ways to stay busy and relieve stress and anxiety. Join us to 'cook the book!'

## BROADWAY BOOK CLUB

### For students entering grades 9-12

Dates & Times: August 2 - August 13  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Noon - 3:00pm

*Limited to 20 students.*

Location: High School, Room #418  
Instructor: Mrs. Willis

Are you missing the joy of seeing theater live on stage? Join us in August for Broadway Book Club!

Each week we will watch three professionally filmed Broadway musicals or plays, and have discussions about their different theatrical elements.

No theater experience needed - just come ready to watch some awesome shows!

## CREATIVE WRITING THROUGH IMPROV

**For students entering grades 7-9**

Dates & Times: August 16th-20th  
Monday - Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm

*Limited to 10 students.*

Location: Middle School, Library Media Center  
Instructor: Ms. Czaplinski

Do you have writer's block? Do you want to become a better writer with more unique characters? Have you never tried creative writing before but are interested in approaching it in a fun, gamified way? Come learn how the power of improvisational theatre can power up your creative writing skills! Create an original story with original characters using the freedom of "yes, and" improv techniques! This unique class combines writing techniques with theatre games to help students come up with their own storylines.

Students will also get to explore other creative writing genres like poetry, fantasy, and script writing.

The final product will be a summer literary magazine that will be shared on the EMS Literary Magazine website and with parents!

## EMS Media Center Summer Hours

Looking for a great book to read this summer?

Mrs. Polack will be in the Media Center for book checkouts and returns, recommend a book to read, and help with summer reading requirements for students entering grades 7-8.

**Visit the EMS Library in June to stock up on summer reads:**

June 8th - 5:00pm to 7:00pm  
June 9th - 11:15am to 2:00pm  
June 10th - 2:15pm to 4:00pm  
June 15th - 2:15 to 4:00pm  
June 16th - 11:15am to 2:00pm

**Come back during the summer to get something new, swap books or check in!**

July 13th - 9:00am to Noon  
August 12th - 9:00am to Noon

## VIRTUAL FAMILY BOOK CLUB

**For students entering grades 4-8**

Dates & Times: Tuesday, July 20th at 6:00pm  
& Thursday, August 19th at 6:00pm

Location: Virtual  
Instructor: Ms. Polack

**Read the book, join the conversation!**

Open for students in grades 4-8 and their families. Selected books are 2022 Nutmeg Book Award Nominees.

July 20th: Sal & Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez

August 19th: Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

Discussions will start at 6:00pm. eBooks are available for free through Hall Memorial Library's Hoopla. Send an email to Lisa Polack [lpolack@ellingtonschools.net](mailto:lpolack@ellingtonschools.net) to sign up for one or both discussions.

## MATH REFRESHER COURSES

### For students entering grade 8 & 9

Location: Middle School, Library Media Center  
Instructor: Ms. Enrique

*Limited to 25 students for each section.*

Dates & Times: August 2 - 6  
Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 10:00am

**Grade 8:** Math refresher course for incoming 8th graders. This program will cover a review of grade 7 math topics that are important for 8th grade math, so students begin the year more confident in their math skills. We will review together with mini-lessons, activities, practice, and games so students are feeling ready for 8th grade math!

Dates & Times: August 2 - 6  
Monday - Friday, 11:00am to 1:00pm

**Grade 9:** This program is a math refresher course for incoming 9th graders. It will cover a review of grade 8 math topics that are important for Algebra 1, so students begin the year more confident in their math skills. We will review together with mini-lessons, activities, practice, and games so students are feeling ready for high school math!

## ELA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

### For students entering grades 7-9

Dates & Times: June 21 - 25  
Monday - Friday, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

*Limited to 16 students.*

Location: High School, Library Media Center  
Instructor: Ms. Donovan

The ELA Leadership Institute is a program that centers around several meaningful themes, along with reading, writing and speaking skills that will help students set a positive tone for the upcoming school year. We will use a high-interest young adult text with fun/valuable activities and discussions!

Join us for the most fun parts of ELA!

## SUMMER WRITING WORKSHOP

### For students entering grades 10-12

Dates & Times: June 28 - July 1  
Monday - Thursday, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

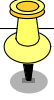
*Limited to 16 students.*

Location: High School, Library Media Center  
Instructor: Ms. Donovan

This summer writing program is for high school students to learn how to write personal, high-interest works that are ready for publishing.

We will workshop our writing pieces every day, share out writing samples, give and receive feedback, and hone our writing skills.

The writing will be predominantly creative nonfiction, and will also give students a peek into writing best designed for college essays. Join us for these introspective and valuable writing workshops!



## Registration Information:

**Registration** for EPS Summer Programs begins on **Thursday, May 20th**. Registration **will be available through the Ellington Public Schools website:** [www.ellingtonpublicschools.org](http://www.ellingtonpublicschools.org), located under the “PARENTS” tab.

After you register online, you will receive an automated email confirming your registration. If your child is waitlisted for the program, you will be notified if space becomes available. Registration for Summer Programs will close Friday, May 28th.

We will make every effort to run programs but reserve the right to cancel any program that has insufficient enrollment numbers. Parents will be notified by June 4th 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 dropping off and picking up their child.

Additional information about the registration process is available online. If you have any questions about our summer programs, please contact the Educational Services Department at 860-896-2300, ext. 119.

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