

Kindergarten After School Programs

Girl Scouts

Session Available: Through Fall and Spring


Day of the Week: Every other Friday starting Oct. 11th.

Grade-levels Accepted: K-4th

Session Description: Girls will focus on Courage, Confidence, and Character while learning through the girl scout curriculum and activities. They earn patches, take trips, and become sisters.

Culminating Event Description: A Hooping and Bridging ceremony and celebration.



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Inspire Girls Academy

Session Available: Spring

Day of the Week: Tuesday & Thursday

Grade-levels Accepted: K-1st and 2nd-3rd

Session Description: Through hands on activities girls learn about things such as electricity, eco-systems, and other steam subjects.

Culminating Event Description: Girls present what they have learned to their friends and family then celebrate. They take home their projects they have created.



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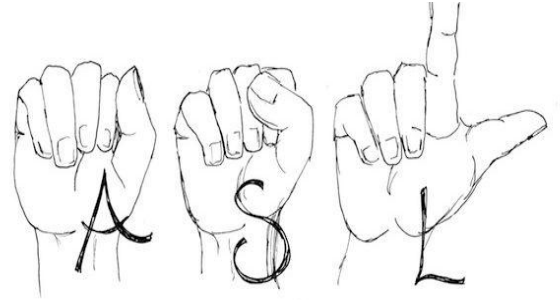
# 1st-4th Grade After School Programs

# American Sign Language

Session Available: Fall

Days of the Week: Wednesdays beginning October 9th

Grade Levels accepted: 2nd-4th grade



Session Description: Students will learn the alphabet, numbers, months, days of the week, in addition to short phrases to carry on a conversation in American Sign Language.

Culmination Activity: Students will learn how to sign a song and will perform for parents and friends at the end.

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# Harvest Joy

**Session Available:** Fall through early winter

**Day of the Week:** Tuesdays, starting October 15 (3:00-4:15p)

**Grade-levels Accepted:** 2nd-3rd

**Session Description:** Do you want to learn how to grow or prepare your own fresh food? Do you want to learn about gardening, learn how plants grow and how to be environmentally friendly? If you do, come join our club!

**Culminating Event Description:** Make your own starter compost bin that you can take home





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Mandarin Chinese Program

Session Available: Both Fall and Spring

Day of the Week: Tuesday

Grade-levels Accepted: 4th and 5th



Session Description: If you would like to learn a new language or sharpen your skills in Mandarin Chinese, learn more about Chinese culture and history, come and join our program. You will learn how to speak, read and write in Chinese and hold daily conversation in this beautiful tonal language.

Culminating Event Description: You will present yourself in a skit in Chinese by the end of the session and possibly join a city-wide Chinese Speech Contest.

MERIT School of Music- Violin and Cello classes



Session Available: Week of October 15, 2019 until week of May 12, 2020

Day of the Week: Tuesdays or Wednesdays (depending on your class)

Grade-levels Accepted: Grades 1-5

Session Description: Small group class instruction in violin or cello (beginning or advanced classes). Families are responsible for renting instrument (\$169-\$239).

Culminating Event Description: Performances at James Ward and an alternate location

Chinese Dance 1st-4th

Session Available: Fall and Spring

Day of the Week: Tuesdays (3:00-4:15 PM)

Grade-levels Accepted: 1st-4th (Up to 10 participants)

Session Description: Students will learn about Chinese culture and dance.

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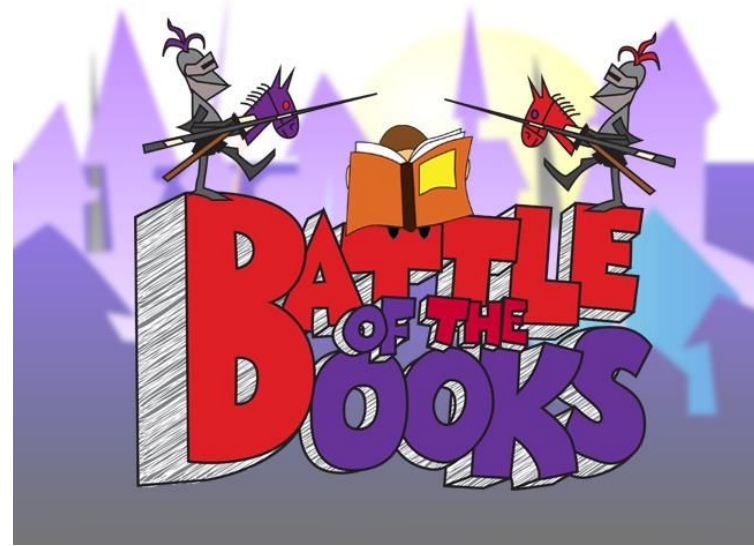
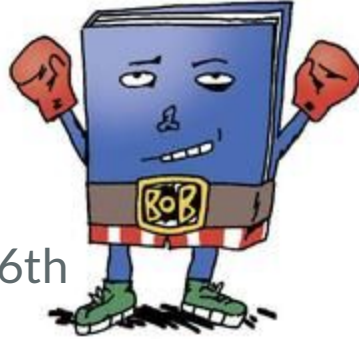
5th-8th Grade After School Programs

5th/6th Battle of the Books

Session Available: Both

Day of the Week: Wednesdays

Grade-levels Accepted: 5th and 6th



Session Description: Students read a collection of 21 exciting new books discuss setting, characters, problem/solution, and favorite quotes. Each student reads at least one of the below books, create practice questions about the book, discuss and switch books with each other when they're complete.

Culminating Event Description: Students work as a team to take the qualifying test for the city-wide Battle of the Books competition!

7th & 8th Battle of the Books

Session Available: Both

Day of the Week: Tuesday

Grade-levels Accepted: 7th & 8th



Session Description: If you like to read, this is the program for you! You'll read several of the 21 books identified as part of this year's Battle of the Books! We will meet each Tuesday to discuss the books, create practice test materials so we can prepare for the online qualifying test... and hopefully make it to the citywide Finals Competition!!

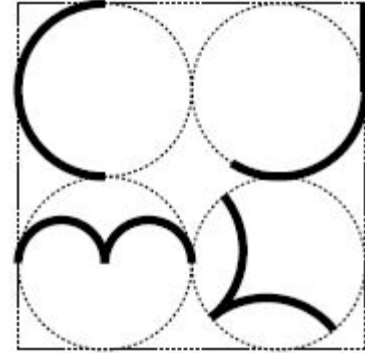
Culminating Event Description: We will participate in teams of 4-6 in the qualifying test, and hopefully one team will make to the city finals!

7th/8th CJML (Chicago Junior Mathematics League)

Session Available: Both

Day of the Week: Thursdays

Grade-levels Accepted: 7th & 8th



Session Description: Students get involved doing challenging and fun mathematics! Solve difficult problems in a creative way.

Culminating Event Description: Students work as individuals and teams versus students and teams across the city. 3 contests a year. Win medals, trophies and candy!

Crocheting for a Good Cause

Session Available: Both

Day of the Week: Monday

Grade-levels Accepted: 5-8



Session Description: Are you crafty (or think you might like to be)? We will learn how to make cute items to donate to local charities. We'll practice together, use online tutorials, and one-on-one help so that we can create small trinkets to share with others.

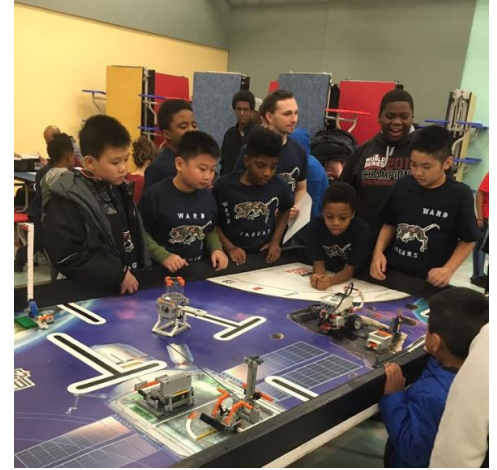
Culminating Event Description: We will identify who will receive our gifts and either go to them or invite them here to accept our donation.

Jaguars Robotics Team

Session: Fall Session Only

Day of Week: Wednesdays 3:00-4:15PM

Grade-Level Accepted: Open to 5th-8th grade students



Session Description: Are you interested in learning how to build and program a robot to solve STAR Wars themed challenges? Do you want to learn to work with a team to solve problems? If yes, join the Ward Jaguar Robotics Club.

Culminating Event: Work with the robotics team to face off and challenge students from other schools across the city in a December competition event held on a Saturday. Families are encouraged to attend the event with you to see your hard work in action!

Make Your Mark Club

Session Available: Fall

Day of the Week: Tuesday 3:00-4:15

Grade-levels Accepted: Open to 6th-8th Graders

Session Description: Are you interested in beautifying the school through works of art? Would you like to help paint messages of joy and kindness to spread to others? If so, join Make Your Mark Club this Fall to help bring words of kindness and inspiration to the James Ward bathroom stalls.

Culminating Event Description: 3rd Floor girls and boys bathroom stall murals.



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National Junior Honor Society

Are you an excellent student? Do you enjoy being a leader? Helping others, and helping out your community/the world? NJHS may be for you!

Current Members: Meetings will be with Mr. Reed in Room 307 on Fridays after school every other week

Students interested in applying:

Applications will be accepted during Quarter 3. If you are interested, You will need the following requirements to be considered:

A Grade Average of a B or higher for Quarters 1 & 2

Demonstration of the qualities of Leadership, Citizenship, Service, and Character

Students will need recommendations from 2 different teachers and write an essay on why they would be a good fit.

More details will be available closer to the application date



Student Council

Come be a part of the school that helps make the school a better place

We plan fun activities for the school like spirit weeks and dances

We meet every other Thursday during Lunch/Recess in Room 307

In order to participate, you need to sign up with Mr. Reed and be in 5-8 grade and commit to these meetings

We will also have elections for officers:

President & Vice President: 8th Grade

Treasurer & Secretary: 6-8th grade



Student Voice Committee

Session Available: Fall and Spring

Day of the Week: Every other Tuesday during lunch starting October 8th

Grade-levels Accepted: 5th-8th

Session Description: Have you ever thought of ideas to help improve James Ward for students, but didn't have someone to tell? Join SVC to work with other students to come up with action plans for change. SVC works to improve school culture and climate, and develop individual youth civic leadership skills.

Culminating Event Description: Students attend the district wide event and share action plans completed by James Ward SVC with other students from the city.



Volleyball

Session Available: Fall Ends November 23rd

Day of the Week: Monday-7th/8th, Wednesday 5th/6th

Grade-levels Accepted: 5th-8th girls

Session Description: If you would like to learn how to play volleyball and play with a team this is the club for you.

Culminating Event Description: Students will use their skills to play in multiple games throughout the school year. Games are on Saturdays. See Coach Perry for more details!



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