



WOODLANDHILL
MONTESSORI SCHOOL

After School
Extracurricular Activities

Winter 2009

January 12 – March 20, 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cross country skiing and Orienteering (LE3 - MS)	Yoga w/Beth Dawson (Primary)	Yoga w/ Beth Dawson (Primary)	Yoga w/ Beth Dawson (LE3-MS)	Chorus w/ Christina (UE-MS)
CompuChild (Primary - repeats)	Government Club (UE- MS)	Newspaper Club w/ Catherine (UE4 & UE5)	African Drumming w/ John (K-MS)	School Band (UE4 - MS)
Literary Magazine (UE-MS)	Water Tower Club (UE-MS)	Art Club (UE-MS)	Ski Club *separate registration required	
Movie Making (UE- MS)	Chinese W/ Sue Diehl (K-LE1, LE2, LE3)	Ice Skating w/ Wanda K- MS *separate registration required	Group Guitar Lessons (UE- MS)	
	CompuChild (Primary)		Art Club (LE)	

Age Key

- P**- Primary (3-6 years old)
- P3/K** - Primary 3rd Year/Kindergarten (5-6 years old)
- EL** - all of Elementary (6-12)
- LE** - Lower Elementary (6-9 years old)
- LE1** - Lower Elementary 1st Year (6-7 years old)
- LE2** - Lower Elementary 2nd Year (7-8 years old)
- LE3** - Lower Elementary 3rd Year (8-9 years old)
- UE** - Upper Elementary (9-12 years old)
- UE1** - Upper Elementary 1st Year (9-10 years old)
- UE2** - Upper Elementary 2nd Year (10-11 years old)
- UE3** - Upper Elementary 3rd Year (11-12 years old)
- MS** - Middle School (12-14 years old)

Music Lessons

(Private and Small Group Instruction)

Piano-

Livia Denis offers private and semi-private piano lessons during the school day for Primary students and afterschool for children in the elementary through middle school programs. Please call Livia at 346-0738 or e-mail her at denislp@mindspring.com with any question you may have regarding the program or the level of ability for your child.

Violin

Marla Bracco, a Suzuki violin educator and concert violinist, offers WHMS students individual lessons with the Suzuki violin curriculum. In addition, she provides them the opportunity to perform at several school functions. For our very youngest children, Marla offers an introduction to violin called *Magic Violin*. Parents of new students please contact Marla directly at 396-8774 regarding space availability.

WHMS Chorus

The Woodland Hill Chorus is directed by Christina Pickreign, our Elementary and Middle School Music Director, is open to anyone in grades 4-8. Students below grade 4 who have a strong interest in chorus may join chorus with permission from the chorus director. The chorus rehearses after school on Fridays from 3:00 – 3:45.

Ages: (UE-MS)

Day: Fridays, 3–3:45 p.m.

Length: Yearlong

Instructor : Christina Pickreign

Cost: \$30

School Band

The Woodland Hill School Band is available to anyone in grades 4-8. Small group lessons and whole band practice are held on Fridays. The students who choose to participate in the school band will select their own instruments (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, bells or snare drum) and make the commitment to practice at home, attend lessons, band rehearsals and participate in concerts. Fee based on instrument rental.

African Drumming

John Dickson returns again this year to lead the popular WHMS African drumming group. Experienced drummers work on more complicated rhythms, while new and beginning drummers learn the basic skills. This is a wonderful way to experience rhythm and work as a group. John's multi-age and ability group works for beginners and experienced drummers alike. African Drums provided by John or you are welcome to bring your own! John will be happy to answer any questions – john.dickson@dos.state.ny.us

Ages: Elementary and Middle School students

When: Thursdays, 3 - 4pm

Length: Nine Thursdays, Ends March 19

Cost: \$110 for children not in aftercare; \$100 children in aftercare.

Group Guitar

Charles Austin is a well known music educator in the upstate New York area. He has been teaching guitar, piano, and other instruments privately, and within local school districts, for the last eight years. With years of experience teaching multiple instruments, not to mention being the son one of the most respected guitar player and teachers in the upstate area, Charles has an ability to connect with students on an individual level in order to best determine the path to developing the students' full potential. Among other achievements, Charles has performed several of the masterworks of the classical guitar, produced and recorded radio ads, and performed in several of the nicest local venues including Proctor's Theater, with several national acts including Kenny Rogers and Ernie Williams and the Wildcats. Charles will teach in groups of five students. Charles can be reached at 326.8723 with any questions.

Ages: (UE - MS)

Day: Thursdays (Possibly Fridays, also, if more than one group is needed.)

Length: Full Year

Instructor : Charles Austin

Cost: \$250 for January - June

Additional cost of \$150 to buy a guitar if you don't already have one

CULTURAL

Chinese Language and Culture Classes

Susan Diehl, a native of China, returns to WHMS to offer Mandarin language instruction. Susan has been teaching Chinese to young children for over 20 years. She uses many techniques when planning her lessons based on children's natural love of learning - word games, poems, and songs to build familiarity and comfort with the language, its sounds and rhythms, in ways that are fun and inspiring! in addition, your child will learn about the culture and traditions of China.

Ages: (K-LE)

Day: Tuesdays, 3-4pm,

Length: Nine Tuesdays, Ends Tuesday, March 10

Instructor : Susan Diehl

Cost: \$90 for children not in aftercare.

\$80 for children in aftercare.

Art Club with Melina Rodrigo

Art club will allow you to experience art and design from around the world. Together we will make a Mexican pinata, kites from Thailand, recycled jewelry from Africa, origami from Japan, European stencils, and outdoor American advertising. You will have a chance to be creative and have fun working as a group. Please bring a smock for days when we paint and glue.

Ages: (LE)

Day: Thursdays, 3-4 p.m.

Length: Nine Thursdays; Ends March 19

Instructor: Melina Rodrigo

Cost: \$40

Ages: (UE- MS)

Day: Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m.

Length: Nine Wednesdays; Ends March 18

Instructor : Melina Rodrigo

Cost: \$40

LITERARY

WHMS Newspaper Club (Continues)

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Do you have what it takes to put out a newspaper? Do you want to conduct interviews and write articles about life at WHMS on which you'll be proud to see your byline? You can report, illustrate, photograph or show your talent as a cartoonist. Serious writers only need apply.

Ages: UE4-UE6

Day: Wednesdays, 3-4 pm

Length: Yearlong

Instructor: Catherine Sager

Cost: \$40 Club Fee

Literary Magazine Club (Continues)

Do you like to write creatively? If so, come join the school literary magazine! We'll work on stories and poems and design a magazine to feature the best work. We will also accept submissions from all students and decide which to include in our magazine. Bring your creative ideas and join Reyna Eisenstark, who has been writing stories for educational publishing companies for the past ten years.

Ages: UE - MS

Day: Mondays, 3-4 pm

Length: Year Long

Instructor: Reyna Eisenstark

Cost: \$40

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

CompuChild

Students will learn computer etiquette, vocabulary, and care using kid-friendly equipment. Lessons start with basic skills and progress to Microsoft Office programs. This program is hands-on, interactive, collaborative, cooperative, & fun! The Compuchild system uses teaching methods that have been time-tested to provide the most effective instructional setting for the preschool age group. These methods include hands-on, teamwork, repetition,

cooperation, social interaction and logical progression. Class size is small – no more than 5 children. Visit their website for more information www.computerinstructorsofny.com

Ages: Primary

Day: Mondays for children who have previously been in CompuChild

Day: Tuesdays for children new to the CompuChild program

3:00 – 3:45 for children not in aftercare

3:45 – 4:30 for children in aftercare

Instructor: Jennifer Brandolino

Length: Eight Mondays/Tuesdays (last Monday March 23; last Tuesday class is March 10)

Cost: \$90 children not in aftercare; \$82 children in aftercare.

In order to hold this class we need two sessions with five children in each. Please register early.

Movie Making 101

Learn how to put your photographs to music and make movies or presentations. Not only will students be able to use their own accounts to make full-length videos while in-class or at home, they also can download their videos. This may make presenting in class easier when an internet connection is not available. Also, since each student will have their own account, they can share videos with each other. Children will need to supply their own pictures, either on a cd or a flash drive.

Ages: UE and MS

Day: Mondays, 3–4 pm

Instructor: Christine Bruck

Length: Mondays, five weeks; ends February 10 (limit five students)

Cost: \$30

SPORTS

X-C Ski and Orienteering with Wanda

Would you like to learn how to cross country ski? Or improve the skills you already have? Join Wanda for the first 4 weeks of this session on the beautiful 11 acre WHMS campus, perfect for cross county skiing! See Wanda if you need XC equipment. The final 4 weeks will be spent on Orienteering. Orienteering is a fun and challenging sport that involves finding your way through terrain with the aid of a detailed map. The aim is to find the specified spots (controls) which are precisely shown on the map and described on an accompanying control description sheet. We will use the WHMS campus as our course. Rainy days will find us indoors.

Ages: LE3-MS

Day: Mondays 3:00 – 4:00

Length: 7 Mondays, Ends March 16th

Instructor: Wanda

Cost: \$40.00 Club fee .

Learn to Ice Skate

Uncle Sam Skating Club is offering a 6-week *Learn to Skate* program at the Knickerbocker Ice Rink in Troy. Join your classmates, along with Wanda Drazan, and some parents as you learn to skate or improve the skills you already have. We are the only school receiving lessons at this time. Beginners and more experienced skaters are welcome.

Ages: K-MS

Day: Wednesdays

Length: Jan 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 11

Open skate from 2:30 until 3:15 p.m. Skate lessons are from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. or 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Cost: Free for skating and skating rentals for the lessons. If parents drive, the program is free for children. \$25 for WHMS School Bus Transportation.

*Bus will leave Woodland Hill at 2:40 p.m. All students riding the bus will be expected to wear a bike helmet for skating. Wanda strongly suggests that Kindergarten parents bring, or meet, their children at the Knick for the lessons. All parents are expected to be at the Knickerbocker at 4:15 to pick up their children. **There is no bus transportation back to the school. Please contact Meg or Wanda for Special Registration. Registration forms need to be turned in to Wanda by Friday, December 19!**

Yoga with Beth Dawson

Join veteran Yoga teacher Beth Dawson, as she leads your child to discover yoga, an ancient form of exercise and relaxation. Sue is experienced in teaching yoga to children and they love her. Yoga is good for both mind and body! A great way to end the day at WHMS!

Ages: Primary

Day: Tuesdays, 3-4 pm

Length: Nine Tuesdays; Ends March 17 (limit eight children)

Instructor: Beth Dawson

Cost: \$73 for children not in aftercare
\$64 for children in aftercare

Ages: Primary

Day: Wednesdays, 3-4 pm

Length: Nine Wednesdays, Ends March 18 (limit eight children)

Instructor: Beth Dawson

Cost: \$73 for children not in aftercare
\$64 for children in aftercare

Ages: LE3, UE-MS

Day: Thursdays, 3-4 p.m.

Length: Nine Wednesdays, Ends March 18 (limit eight children)

Instructor: Beth Dawson

Cost: \$73 for children not in aftercare
\$64 for children in aftercare

GOVERNMENT/SOCIAL STUDIES

WHMS Government Club (Continues)

The purpose of the Government Club is to give students a forum to exchange ideas about issues that impact their lives. Club members should have an interest in current affairs and a desire to discover ways to effect change in our society. Members will have a chance to meet with and ask questions of government officials and policymakers and visit the State Capitol when lawmakers are in Session.

Ages: (UE-MS)

Day: Tuesdays, 3-4 pm

Length: Full Year

Instructor: Mary-Jo Ehrlich

Cost: \$40 Club Fee

Water Tower Club

Play for Power, Play for Peace. Club members will have the opportunity to meet with elected officials, businesses, community and civic leaders to teach them how the Water Tower works and how it is helping to provide clean water to our sister school in Tanzania.

We will be working with Karen Cavanagh and Sabre Technical Services and we welcome the help of other parents as we plan. The Water Tower Club will be working with the Government Club during the spring.

Ages: (UE-MS)

Day: Tuesdays, 3-4 pm

Length: Full Year

Instructor: Various

Cost: \$40 Club Fee

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends,

If you would like to volunteer in areas of interest that to enhance our after school club program we'd love to hear from you. Some ideas mentioned by our students include weaving, ceramics, movie and discussion, debate club, candle/soap making, scrap-booking, book club, ecology club, spelling bee team, crew, swim club at the Y.....

Do you have an idea for a club?

Call Christine Bruck at 783.7889
or email cbruck@nycap.rr.com