



BEYOND THE BELL NEWS

MARCH & APRIL 2021



FREE

AFTERSCHOOL FOR ALL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR!

Our program is primarily funded through a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. This grant is the only federal funding that specifically funds Before, Afterschool, & Summer programming. We have been awarded this grant to ensure all of our students have the opportunity to engage in co-curricular programming.

We understand that this year has brought a variety of challenges to both students and their families and we want to do everything in our power to help. For that reason, Afterschool programming will be **FREE** for **EVERYONE** for the remainder of the school year.

We would like to have as many students participate as possible, however, space is limited. We ask that when you register for the program, you take into consideration the following guidelines to ensure we are able to offer the highest quality of programs possible.

To Access Our program for FREE we ask that

- A completed registration must be turned in prior to starting, these may be emailed or brought to the school
- Students attend the entirety of the club- pick up will begin at 5:00
- If a student requires homework help, we ask that they stay until 5:30 to ensure work is completed
- Students attend the program consistently and regularly
- Students sign up for clubs that they are interested in

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DISCOVER, CREATE & PLAY IN AFTERSCHOOL

BY FRANCES ASHWORTH, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

This school year has been like no other and it can be difficult to find inspiring ways to get your child engaged in learning. Afterschool is a key way to get your child back in the groove of completing schoolwork, being creative, getting inspired, and engaging with their friends.

Even with the barriers and limitations COVID-19 has brought us this year, students in our program have the opportunity to conduct science experiments, work as a team to design, problem-solve and build, find magic in our woods as we get out to explore, build resiliency and strength through active group games, create delicious food to share in a cooking club and find ways to help out in our community through service learning projects! These are just a few of the enriching activities that are offered in our program throughout the year! I urge all families to look at the clubs that will be offered and sign your child up for the club that you feel will be the best match for your child's interests and needs.

Clubs are designed to have students utilizing the skills they have been taught throughout the school day and giving students ample opportunity to put these skills to use in a hands-on, innovative way. Our program helps students learn new skills, foster the development of competent, self-directed contributing community members, and assist students in finding undiscovered interests. Clubs scaffold the skills and core concepts that are being taught, which lead our activities to carry over week to week. There is ample research proving that consistent afterschool programming provides students with a positive environment to further explore the world around them, helps close the academic achievement gap, and helps to prepare our students for the future that lies ahead.

**Sign your child up for free today
by completing a registration today!**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

3:10-3:30 Snack & Crew Time

This time of our day is spent reflecting on the student's day and going over our afternoon programming. Social learning is the focus during crew time. Snack is offered to every student from the Monadnock Nutrition Service program at no cost. Additional snacks may be brought from home if desired.

3:30-4:00 Discovery Through Play

As long as the weather is above 15 degrees we go outside daily at Project Beyond the Bell to allow students to get fresh air and exercise! Please make sure you send your child with proper outdoor gear.

4:00-5:00 Clubs

A wide variety of clubs are offered throughout the year. There are 2-3 clubs offered every day. Each club runs one day per week for 5-7 week sessions. Club newsletters are sent home prior to each new session.

5:00-5:30 Homework & Enrichment

Homework assistance is provided Monday-Thursday. We will work directly with the students and school day staff to make sure students have the support they need to complete all assignments.



MARCH & APRIL CLUBS

MONDAY & TUESDAY



Magic Mystery

Magic is all around us! From the card tricks focused around sleight of hand to the old traditions of palm and crystal ball reading to the natural properties of crystals and mother nature. Magic is everywhere and anywhere. Join us in this club to explore the properties of the new and old magic that surrounds us every day!



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

It is hard to believe, but spring is right around the corner. Let's get out and enjoy the longer days and the warmer weather by exploring the great outdoors. Whether there is snow on the ground, or spring flowers starting to pop up, you are sure to have a great time in Outdoor Adventures club.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY



MINUTE TO WIN IT

We will explore the "Classics" of family fun card and board games. From checkers and chess to Trivial Pursuit, Pictionary, Scrabble, UNO, Risk, and Monopoly to just name a few. After participating in Board Game Bonanza, you will be the master of any family game night!



STEM

Use Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in this exciting, fun club! We will build propeller cars that use propulsion and force as it's driving force. We will reach far as we create large extended hand grabbers, and we will challenge ourselves to see who can construct the strongest bridges.