



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



The Puzzlers GRADES 3RD-6TH

It is absolutely puzzling how fun this club is going to be! There is so much more to puzzles than cardboard pieces. Join us as we piece together a variety of puzzling challenges, riddles, and brain teasers. When you become a Puzzler, you will participate in fun activities that stimulate your brain by improving your creative abilities and problem solving skills!



DETECTIVES CLUB GRADES PK-2ND

Are you really good at looking for clues? Do you love scavenger hunts and solving tough riddles? Come join the Detective Club where we will put your searching skills to the test! We will work together to solve the mystery and discover new interests and talents for everyone!

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY



Green Team Grades 3rd-6th

Do you try to recycle as much as you can? Do you love art? Then this is the club for you? When you join the Green Team you will learn about ways to turn old items into art so you can help the environment while creating something awesome!



INTO SPACE GRADES PK-2ND

Do you love looking up at the stars at night? Ever wonder more about what is out beyond the clouds? Come join us to take a step into space and discover new facts about planets, constellations, and the galaxy through activities that are out of this world!