Winter



After School Winter 2024

Art with the Jewish Museum

This class is for students who wish to explore new materials and techniques in 2-D and 3-D art including sculpture, drawing, and painting. Students will use work in the Jewish Museum's collection and special exhibitions as inspiration for their own artwork. The class will be taught by Jewish Museum educator, Sophie Grant. Open to students in all grades. This class is made possible by the Jewish Museum and is supported by Council Member Shaun Abreu through public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. Tuesdays – 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

6^{th} and 7^{th} Grades Co-Ed Basketball Club

Come and play ball, work on your skills Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. Open to boys and girls in 6th and 7th grades! If this club fills up, please email amcintosh6@schools.nyc.gov. Mondays -7:30-8:30 a.m.

Cartooning Club

Do you love to doodle in the margins of your notebook? Have you read every graphic novel in our library? Join the cartooning club and create your very own cartoon stories! We will practice different types of drawing and sketching. We will work both independently and with each other to develop skills. Projects will include a collaborative mural, illustrated journal reflections and graphic novel development.

Thursdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Co-Ed Morning Pickle Ball Club

Pickle ball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and pingpong using a paddle and plastic ball with holes. It is fast-paced and lots of fun! In the Booker T. gym at 7:30 a.m. (This will wake you up before class!)

Thursdays -7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Co-Ed Morning Volleyball

Come kick off the New Year with your Booker T. peers by joining the volleyball club. We will have friendly competitions each week out in the school gym.

Tuesdays -7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Crochet Club

Learn how to crochet or perfect your stitches! Together we will go over the basics of crochet and perfect our skills! Please come to the first class with a crochet hook and 2-2 skeins of yarn* of your choice.

*(Read the label on the yarn and it will give you the appropriate size hook to use!)

Tuesdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Debate Club

This club will be in partnership with "Youth for Debate, Inc." that was founded at Columbia University in 2009 with the purpose of improving education in public schools through debate and public speaking instruction. The service organization encourages students to think critically and advocate for themselves.

Thursdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Film Club

Club Members will watch movies on the big screen on a dedicated home theater projector. Mr. Holden will introduce old and new movie classics from Hollywood and around the world. New films will be shown weekly (if time allows). As a group, club members will pick which film genre (category) to focus on for the winter. Sci-fi? Adventure? Comedy? It's up to you! Club members will also get to vote on individual films as well. Students are encouraged to share their reactions at the end of each film and to suggest future films for the club. Snacks will be served!

Tuesdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble

Students will rehearse jazz standards and improve their improvisational skills in the "jazz combo" format. Open to students with a high level of proficiency on their instrument. Wind instruments, percussionists, keyboard players, guitarists, bassists and vocalists are welcome. Please email Mr. Fagen before registering for this club to see if it is the right club for you! fagen@ms54.org

Wednesdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Junior Jazz Club

This is a club for students who are interested in joining the jazz ensemble in the future but need a place to develop skills on their instrument. This club is perfect for students who recently started learning a new instrument at school or for students who already play an instrument, but are new to the jazz genre. No audition required!

Tuesdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Math Club

The math team provides a venue in which students who enjoy math can participate in a competitive manner with other mathletes! Competitions are held during the year!

OPEN TO ALL GRADES!

Wednesdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Music Production Club

In the Music production Club, students will learn how to use a "Digital Audio Workstation - DAW" to create their own original music. Topics will include loops, recording, digital instruments, microphones, music theory and more. Open to all students!

Thursdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Photography Club

In the Booker T. Photography club students will learn the proper use of their cameras (or phones) and how to use them with manual settings. We will learn the fundamentals of composition, color, and exposure. Weekly photographic projects will allow students to put into practice what they have learned and share with the club. We will also learn the basics of making both corrective and creative edits to their images using Adobe Photoshop.

Thursdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Ping Pong Club

If you enjoy racquet/paddle game sports, if you love competition or if you just want to attempt to beat Mr. Prefer in Ping Pong, join this fun club! We will learn the basic rules of recreational ping pong, practice essential skills and have small, friendly competitions.

Tuesdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Robotics Club

Students in the Robotics Club will work with Lego Robotics to build a variety of STEM skills. Students will design, build and test robots using the Mindstorm EV3 and SPIKE models from Lego. Students will learn to improve their coding as well by creating programs for their robots to run! Have fun! *This course uses the Scratch coding language. By registering your child for this class, you are giving permission for your student to use this software.

Thursdays -3:15-5:00 p.m.

Rock Band Club

The goal of this club is to match like-minded musicians with one another to form rock bands that will learn cover songs, write their own music and perform in the student talent show in spring! Participants should have at least a novice level of proficiency in guitar, bass, drums, keyboard or singing.

Thursdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Table Top Games Club

In the Tabletop Games Club we play a variety of different strategy, competitive, cooperative, and role-playing games every Wednesday. We have a solid selection of new and classic games such as Settlers of Catan, King of Tokyo, Munchkin, Jenga, Forbidden Island, Clue, Pandemic, Gloom, and table-top role-playing games such as Call of Cthulhu, Monster of the Week, and of course Dungeons & Dragons (we need Dungeon Masters too!) Come pull up a chair, and make some friends to roll with, in the MS54 Tabletop Games Club.

Wednesdays -3:15-5:00 p.m.

Through the Lens Club

Explore nature using microscopes! We will observe slides and also collect specimens to view using compound light microscopes and dissecting microscopes. We will also observe images made by more powerful microscopes. Learn how microscopes are used in medicine, forensics, jewelry making and miniature art. You will be given your own "Through the lens" journal to keep your sketches and observations. Can't wait to SEE you and the world around us.

Tuesdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Video Games Club

In the Video Game Design Club, students use Scratch to create video games of their own. They can create 2D platformers, top-down games, and "remix" games that already exist to their own style. We play each other's games, have design competitions, and have fun together.

Tuesdays -3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Vocal Performance Club
Sing, sing! We will perform songs for one another and offer feedback to get better and better. Concepts to be covered include rhythm, vocal anatomy, music theory and performance techniques. Preference will be given to 8th grade students. Open to all grades!
Wednesdays – 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.