

Vance After School Enrichment Program

WINTER 2010

coordinated by the Parent Team

Dear Vance Families,

We are pleased to announce the Winter 2010 classes of the Vance After School Enrichment Program coordinated by the Parent Team. Descriptions of class offerings are on the back of this letter. The Winter Session will provide our children with **10 weeks** of hands-on experiences after school. Classes will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 26 - April 1, immediately after school from 2:30PM-3:30PM**. Please note that we are still unable to offer bus service for this program.

To enroll your child in one or more class, please completely fill out the attached registration form. Please use **one form per child**. Please turn in completed forms and money to the REGISTRATION ROB OT Box in the school entryway! If for some reason you can't find it, turn it in directly to the office. A parent volunteer will be present in the entryway in the mornings of Registration week to insure registrations get eaten by the Robot. **Classes fill up quickly**, so please turn in your form (with the registration money) as soon as possible! Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. **All registration forms are due no later than Friday, January 15, but classes often fill up BEFORE this date.**

Students are allowed to sign up for one class on Tuesday and one class on Thursday. But please try to give several choices for each day your child is interested in taking a class. Every effort will be made to match children with at least one of their class preferences, but there is no guarantee. For students who register for two days/classes, we will try to give them at least one of their first choices if at all possible.

The registration fee is \$30 per child for a 10-week class and is due with the registration form.

We will not place any child in a class without a paid fee (unless there is a scholarship request). **Scholarships are always available (partial and full)**. Please check the appropriate box on the registration form if a scholarship will make the difference in your child's participation! Also, please note, that volunteer assistants/supports are needed for the program and this is a great way to help out and also get one 10 week session for free (if desired)! Please contact Elizabeth as soon as possible if this option interests you. Note, that you can also always volunteer regardless of need for fee deferral!

If you have a question or concern about your child's placement, please contact Elizabeth Schell. If we are unable to remedy the situation to your satisfaction, your registration money will be returned in full. During the week of January 18, you will be notified by letter home from school of your child's placement (as well as about details regarding class locations, pickup protocols, etc.). Class lists will also be posted on the Vance Parent Yahoo group. **If you do not receive a letter or call regarding your child's by January 22, please contact Elizabeth right away to solve any potential problems (registrations do get lost!)**. Also please note, there are no refunds after a child has begun participating in a class (except for special unforeseen circumstances such as illness, etc.).

We received very helpful and supportive input from the Enrichment survey in December. We will be sending home a summary of our findings soon and have already begun to implement some ideas and thoughts shared. We will continue to do so over the coming months and years as our program of Enrichment grows with our children and our awesome school!

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(please note: email communication preferred if possible)

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TUESDAY CLASSES

CHORUS II

led by Stacy Montana-Hipps for 1st-5th grade

A continuation of first semester's awesome chorus group. Please note that precedence will be given to continuing chorus participants. [MUSIC ROOM]

CREATIVE MOVEMENT and THE NATURAL WORLD

led by Amy Hamilton for grades K-2nd grades

Join us on a fantastical adventure as we explore our natural world through movement! Our imagination will take us to wild mountaintops, deep under the ocean, even the inside of a volcano! What's it like to sprout from a seed and grow your roots into the earth? Ever imagined your arms were feathery wings? This class invites children to find a place in and connection with the natural world. We'll let our moving imaginations loose and discover an ecosystem of possibilities, using improvisation, exploratory games, group exercises, and whatever strikes us as fun and interesting! Boys and girls both welcome and encouraged to join! No dance experience necessary. [PLANETORIUM]

GARDEN THRU ART & HANDS-ON SCIENCE

led by Nicole Accordino for K-5th grades

We'll let the garden, and plant and animal life in general, inspire us to create and explore nature in the art room. [ART ROOM/GARDEN]

QIGONG (pronounced ch'i kung)

led by Accem Scott for 2nd-5th grade

Qigong exercise helps calm and energize students, as well as improve health and reduce stress and tension. Qigong involves methods of building, circulating, and working with qi or energy within the body. Qigong is practiced for health maintenance purposes, mind/body relaxation, a spiritual path and/or a component of Chinese martial arts. [ROOM NEXT TO MS. CIESLA'S]

SPANISH ENRICHMENT

led by Eleanor Hancock for 1st-3rd grades

Gain an introduction to the Spanish language through simple games, songs, and activities. An emphasis will be put on basic vocabulary recognition such as colors, numbers, emotions, animals, and family members. We will also focus on simple greetings and responses. [MS. GREGG'S ROOM]

YOGA

led by Melissa Blazen for 2nd-5th grades

Children will learn about the ancient practice of Yoga through music, breath work, postures, stories, and meditation. The classes are designed to help children make positive decisions. Through the tools offered in this class, children will learn to center themselves during challenging situations to achieve positive results. [AIG TRAILER]

THURSDAY CLASSES

DRUMMING/PERCUSSION [leader unknown]

As of this printing, it was still unknown whether we had a drumming teacher. If you would be interested in a drumming class (regardless of grade) please include this as one of your choices. But please give several other choices since we may not actually have this class as an option and we don't know what age span it will be geared towards. [MUSIC ROOM]

EXPRESSIVE MOVEMENT and DANCE IMPROV

led by Amy Hamilton for 2nd-5th grades

Movement is a great way to express what's special about you! During this class, we'll develop our personal "movement vocabularies" as well as explore the creative group process. Working with modern dance and improvisation techniques (and using books, music and video) we'll find out what we have to say and tell our stories through movement! Boys and girls both welcome and encouraged to join! No dance experience necessary. [PLANETORIUM]

GARDEN EXPLORATIONS

led by Nicole Accordino for K-5th grades

It's cold outside, but there is still much to learn and do in and around the garden! Join us for some indoor explorations of the science and nature of gardening, as well as some outside investigations and prep work (especially as we get closer to spring). [MS. CIESLA'S ROOM/GARDEN]

GLOBAL EXPERIENCES THROUGH ART

led by Robbie Lipe for K-5th grade

Come trekking across the globe with Global Art! We'll start at the heart of Western civilization, Ancient Greece, and learn about mosaics. Traveling to Rome, we'll make constellariums and find out how Emperors sent secret messages and learn some Latin. Next stop: Egypt, where we'll make gold collars that the Pharaohs wore. Then on to Indonesia to find out what they hang up for celebrations. Last stop is Australia, mate. [ART ROOM]

MAKING PUPPETS COME ALIVE

led by Helga Graff for 2nd-5th grades

Join us as we explore the magical art of puppetry! Students will learn about different types of puppets, their manipulation and various puppet stages. Students will learn to design and construct a puppet. With this puppet they will perform a short puppet show from a story of choice. Everyone enjoys seeing a show but the students will learn the special joy of being the one who brings joy to many. [MEDIA CENTER]

PUZZLERS CLUB led by Jenn Possick for 2nd-5th grades

A farmer returns from the market, where he bought a goat, a cabbage and a wolf. On the way home, he must cross a river. His boat is small and won't fit more than one of his purchases at a time. He cannot leave the goat alone with the cabbage (because the goat would eat it), and he can't leave the goat alone with the wolf (because the goat would be eaten). How can the farmer get everything on the other side?

Can you figure out the solution?

Do you like to figure out brain teasers like the one above? Do you like to challenge yourself in math and literacy? In the Puzzlers Club we're going to be doing just that: playing with brain teasers from Sideways Arithmetic from Wayside School to Sudoku to riddles and literacy quandaries. Join us and challenge your brain. [MS. POSSICK'S ROOM]

Vance After School Enrichment Program WINTER 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRAR USE ONLY

DATE RECV'D: _____
 RECV'D BY _____
 \$: _____ CHK/CASH CHK#: _____
 PLCD: ___ LTR SNT: ___ CNFRMD: ___

- To enroll your child in one or more class, please fill out this registration form completely. Please use one form per child. Please give several choices for each day.
- Forms should be turned into the Registration Robot (box) in the entryway of school!
- All registration forms are due no later than Friday, January 15. Please turn in your form & fee as soon as possible! **Registration is on first come, first serve basis.**
- The registration fee is \$30 per child per class and is due with this form. Registration forms without fees will not be processed until fees are received. **Scholarships are always available.** Please see accompanying letter for details!
- Please make checks payable to "Vance PTO" with your child's name & "Enrichment" written in memo line. (If possible, please send in separate checks for each class so that it is easier to return individual checks if necessary).
- Please put cash or checks in a sealed envelope and staple to your registration form. For further security, please write your child's name and your name on the outside of the envelope and the words "After School Enrichment" just in case your registration form and money get separated.
- Questions? contact Elizabeth: elizabeth@lainschell.com or 423-5653 (Email contact preferred if possible).

NAME OF CHILD: _____ **Age:** _____ **Grade:** _____ **Teacher:** _____

Name of Parent/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone/Cell(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Name(s) of Other Responsible Adults who have permission to pick up your child from the ASE program:

Allergies, Health, or Other Concerns the After School Enrichment Teacher(s) should be aware of:

Please indicate how your child will normally be picked up after program:
 by walking home alone by adult or older sibling who will come to their classroom
 my child needs to be taken to regular After School program at Vance

Scholarships: Check here if you will need a scholarship. How much do you need covered? _____

Help Needed!:
 Check here if you would be interested and available to volunteer for the After School Enrichment program in exchange for one free 8 week session (or just because it would be fun!). Elizabeth will contact you about this option.

CLASS PREFERENCES: See attached list of class descriptions. Please take note of the age group of the class (i.e. K-2, 2nd-5th, or K-5th) to insure your child is eligible for the class. Please try to give us multiple options for your preferred day(s).

I would prefer my child to be enrolled in classes on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 I would prefer my child to be enrolled for only one day. My preference is for Tuesday Thursday.

<p>TUESDAY CLASSES</p> <p>1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____ 3rd choice: _____ 4th choice: _____</p>	<p>THURSDAY CLASSES</p> <p>1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____ 3rd choice: _____ 4th choice: _____</p>
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