



ARMSTRONG PTA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Winter 2010 – Seven Week Session

The Armstrong PTA is pleased to offer our After School Program (ASP) Winter Session beginning on **Tuesday, February 2, 2010**.

Attached you will find details about the wide variety of classes offered, taught by respected local companies and by Armstrong staff and parents. We hope you will take this opportunity to introduce your child to a new academic area, a new sport, a new language and/or a new artistic experience.

This information is also available on the Armstrong PTA website at **www.armstrongpta.com**. Please look carefully at the dates for each individual class and any dates that the class may not be meeting. Scholarships are available, but are limited to one class per child. Please contact Mr. Wolfe, Armstrong Principal, for more information.

To enroll in a class, please fill out the enrollment forms at the end of this package, with class(es) circled and return it to the Armstrong office no later than **1 pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2010**. Separate checks for each child and each class made payable to Armstrong PTA must be included. If the payment is not made by separate checks, all paperwork will be returned and must be re-submitted within the registration period. We have changed our policy on class enrollment. **Classes will be filled based on a first come, first serve basis**, so please send your registration form in as soon as possible. If the class you are signing up for is full, we will contact you by email and try to place your child in an open class.

You will be notified of your child's class placement via Tuesday folder on January 26, 2010.

The PTA, parents, students, and the after school instructors share responsibility for establishing a fun, safe, learning environment. **Please remind your child that the FCPS rules of conduct and statement of shared expectations extend to after school activities**. In addition, your child will be removed from the program if he/she fails to demonstrate behavior that is conducive to learning. In the event of expulsion of the student, no refund will be given.

All children must be picked up after class dismissal in the school lobby only. To ensure your child's safety, please be prompt in picking up your child. The first 10-minute tardiness is a warning. After the second 10-minute tardiness, you will be asked to remove your child from the class without a refund.

We hope that your child's experience will be both enriching and fun! If you have any questions, please contact Kagan Light (kolight1@comcast.net; 703-709-8693).

Class Descriptions

MONDAY

Creative Drama (Grades: K – 2)

Fee: \$ 75

Creative Drama™ is an exciting class for children who love to imagine, pretend and dress in a variety of costumes. Each week, our instructor tells a different story for the students to practice and expand necessary theatrical skills. Costumes are provided for every student in each class. Students learn characterization, facial and vocal expression and basic stage direction. The last class will conclude with a demonstration for parents. Instructor: Rainbow Company.

Day: Mon Time: 1:00-2:00

Dates: Feb 8 – April 5 No class: Feb 15

Funtasticfit (Grades: K – 3)

Fee: \$ 65

Fun and games. Fast paced classes with 5 – 6 new activities every week. Activities include giant parachute, obstacle course, wacky relays, scooter races, giant balloon ball, fox tails and more. A prize for each child after every class! Instructor Funtastic Fitness.

Day: Mon Time: 1:00-2:00

Dates: Feb 8 – March 22 No class: Feb 15

Chess (Grades: 1 – 6)

Fee: \$ 65

The Armstrong Chess Club offers a fun environment to play the game of chess and improve strategic thinking skills. In addition to the rudiments and basic strategies of Chess, more advanced concepts, principles and their application are taught. Time for play is allotted later in each session. Small awards are given for getting chess problems correct. Instructor: Peter Snow, Chess Academy.

Day: Mon Time: 1:00-2:00

Dates: Feb 8 – April 5 No class: Feb 15

Cartooning (Grades: 3 – 6)

Fee: \$110

Learn techniques on how to draw cartoon people, animals, situations and scenarios using easy-to-learn, effective drawing methods and tricks. Anyone can learn how to draw cartoons with appropriately placed shapes and lines in this fun and interactive class. Instructor: The Enrichment Centers, Inc.

Day: Mon Time: 1:00-2:00

Dates: Feb 8 – April 5 No class: Feb 15

Curtain Call (Grades: 3 – 6)

Fee: \$ 115

Curtain Call™ is designed for the reading student and challenges the imagination. Students learn character development through the text, the mechanics of blocking, projecting and all aspects of behaving realistically before a live audience. A script is provided and the students memorize their lines, memorize their blocking, and work together as a cast. Curtain Call™ provides opportunities for individuals who, not wishing to be on stage, would like to help in production, direction, or design of a performance. Partial costumes are provided for the final performance, taking place on the last day of class. The performance is for parents, relatives and friends of the students in Curtain Call™. Instructor: Rainbow Company.

Day: Mon Time: 1:00-2:30

Dates: Feb 8 – April 5 No class: Feb 15

TUESDAY

Spanish - Yo hablo español (Grades: K – 3)

Fee: \$ 105

Learn the language of the fastest growing demographic in the United States. Who knew that learning another language could be this much fun? Join us for a hands-on, activities-based Spanish class taught by Jabberü. Each class will be filled with fun activities that focus on a major theme, such as “Animal Kingdom” or “My Family”. Activities will include art projects, games and role-play. The experienced Jabberü instructor is a native Spanish speaker who will teach the class in immersion, proven to be the most effective way for children to learn a language. Parents will receive vocabulary and activity sheets, so that they know what their children are learning and how to reinforce that language at home. Jabberü has been named the best foreign language instruction for children by the readers of *Family Magazine*. Students who participated in the fall will be challenged with new material while the class also welcomes new students. Instructor: Jabberu.

Day: Tues Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 2 – March 16 No class:

Hoop It Up! Basketball Skills (Grades: K – 6)

Fee: \$ 75

Learn and refine your basketball skills. This class will focus on shooting, and offensive and defensive tactics. For students who have a lot, some or no prior basketball skills. Equipment needed: sneakers or basketball shoes. Instructors: Stephanie Howell, Kristin Bretz, and Trent McLaurin.

Day: Tues Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 2 – March 16 No class:

Lego Club (Grades: 3 – 6)

Fee: \$ 60

For everyone who loves legos! Bring your imagination – we’ll provide the rest! Have fun building with legos – a different theme each week. Creations will be displayed at the end of each session for co-builders and parents to enjoy! Parents: we will offer one to two class credits for one to two parent volunteers in this class. The volunteer must attend each class. Instructor: Amanda Jasper.

Day: Tue Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 2 – March 16 No class:

WEDNESDAY

Soccer Skills Clinic (Grades: K – 5)

Fee: \$ 75

Soccer Skills Clinic is a developmentally appropriate soccer program that captures the joy of the sport without adding competitive pressure. It offers a unique opportunity for beginner and intermediate soccer players to learn and improve their soccer skills in a fun, safe, and positive environment with professional coaches. Children learn the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-confidence through interactive fun games and small-sided games. Instructor: Brazilian Soccer Academy.

Day: Wed Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 3 – March 17 No class:

Homework Club (Grades: 1 – 5)

Fee: \$ 95

Not your ordinary homework time! Students will work in an organized environment to ensure they complete all of their assignments. An American Tutoring Association study skills specialist will help students complete their assignments, check math homework and keep in touch with teachers to be sure students are *keeping up!* Instructor: TutorFind.

Day: Wed Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 3 – March 17 No class:

KidArt (Grades: 1 – 6)

Fee: \$ 100

A Multi-media Art class designed for elementary school age children. This process-oriented, fine art multi-medium program is intended to enhance a student's enjoyment of art and creative expression while building confidence and skill levels. The joy of individual expression is nurtured and celebrated with each young artist using student-grade and professional-grade materials such as pen & ink, pastels, charcoal, paints, plaster and clay. Instructor: KidArt.

Day: Wed Time: 3:30-4:45

Dates: Feb 3 – March 17 No class:

Books for Boys (Grades: 3 – 4)

Fee: \$ 65

Boys in the third and fourth grade will have the opportunity to read books that are high-interest. The books will include graphic novels, information books, and sports books that are engaging and fun to read. Students will read books accompanied by activities that support learning in the classroom and building confidence towards reading. Each student will be supported, engaged, and positively reinforced by Mr. Orton on a weekly basis. The After School Program will work together with each student's classroom teacher to support learning and build a LOVE for reading! Instructor: Adam Orton.

Day: Wed Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 3 – March 17 No class:

THURSDAY

Arts and Crafts (Grades: K – 2)

Fee: \$ 90

Get ready, get set, ART!!! This creative class will include jewelry making, model magic, painting, crafts from recycled items and much, much more. Explore art at your own pace in a fun and relaxed environment. Art made simple and fun for everyone!! Instructor: Julie Bronson, Art Ala Cart.

Day: Thurs Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 4 – March 18 No class:

Tennis (Grades: 1 – 6)

Fee: \$ 65

Learn the basics of tennis and have a ball. Receive skilled instruction on how to hit a forehand, backhand, volleys and serve. Improve your ball handling and footwork skills. Games, contests, and fun for everyone. Bring your own racquet or Reston Association will provide one. Instructor: Reston Assoc Tennis.

Day: Thurs Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 4 – March 18 No class:

Robotics (Grades: 3-6)

Fee:\$ 60

After learning the basics of robot construction, students are given the opportunity to participate in a competitive robot-building activity within the context of real-world robotics. The class touches on subjects such as artificial intelligence, robots in art and literature, types of robots, different theories of robotics and perception and action systems. The class then divides into groups and constructs a robot sensitive to touch and sound, experimenting with different wiring architectures to manifest different behaviors. Each group then places their robot in an obstacle course and using sound, steers it towards a finish line, and may the fastest team win! Robotics kits included. Instructor: The Enrichment Centers.

Day: Thurs Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 4 – March 18 No class:

Readers Corner (Grades: 3 – 6)

Fee: \$ 125

Reading can be fun! And, if you don't believe us, come check out this after school reading group. We'll use great books to enhance reading and reading comprehension. Students will be grouped by ability levels and have a great time delving into literature! Parents may choose to have their children assessed before and after this course to gauge reading improvement. Instructor: Tutorfind.

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FRIDAY

Science Alive (Grades: K – 2)

Fee: \$ 110

Science through exploration, observation, and inquiry. This method is a deliberate departure from textbook-centered and passive observation of scientific phenomena. Instead, the program emphasizes hands-on learning and thus engages the child in a total inquiry-based experience. As a result, students learn to become critical thinkers. Your child won't be bored for a minute, and the range of science that he or she will bring home will delight you. We see your children as scientists, ready to apply what they have learned or experienced to the unit at hand. Children become scientific partners with their teachers and gain knowledge and understanding through a process of questioning, hypothesis-testing, and drawing conclusions. Instructor: The Enrichment Centers, Inc.

Day: Fri Time: 3:30-4:30

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Math Blaster (Grades: 3 – 6)

Fee: \$ 125

Is math getting you down? Or do you just LOVE math? Either way, this exciting after school course will expose students to lots of math games and activities, focusing on basic mathematical functions. Students will be grouped by ability levels and have a great time exploring math concepts. Parents may choose to have their children assessed before and after this course to gauge math improvement. Instructor: Tutorfind.

Day: Fri Time: 3:30-4:30

Dates: Feb 5 – March 19 No class:

Pro Flaggers – Flag Football (Grades: 4 – 6)

Fee: \$ 85

Learn to pass, catch, run routes and punt like the pros! We'll practice these skills while playing Button Hook, Down & Out, Pitch & Run and First & Ten. Scrimmages will test your skills, promote teamwork and encourage sportsmanship. Sign up today and score a touchdown! Instructor: Overtime Athletics.

Day: Fri Time: 3:30-4:30

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Winter 2010 After School Program Registration

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Emergency Phone : _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail (repeated for confirmation) _____

Does your child have any health problems, special needs or other conditions we should know about? : _____

All of the following arrangements must be made by the students' parent/guardian:

_____ My child will be picked up by: _____ Telephone: _____

_____ Telephone: _____

_____ My child will be picked up by daycare: _____ (name/# of daycare)

_____ My child has permission to walk home: _____ (parent sig.)

_____ My child will be picked by the SACC staff.

_____ **My morning kindergartener will be coming from SACC.**

I understand that my child must adhere to the FCPS rules of conduct and will be removed from the program if he/she fails to demonstrate behavior that is conducive to learning.

I also understand that my child must be picked up in the School Lobby on time and will be removed from class after two late pickups.

Parent signature

Date

Scholarships are available. Contact Mr. Wolfe, Armstrong Principal, for more information.

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PLEASE WRITE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH CHILD *and* EACH CLASS
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ARMSTRONG PTA
 Circle both the class(es) desired and the respective tuition(s).

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Mon	K - 2	Creative Drama	\$75	1:00-2:00	Feb 8 - April 5
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*** Please return this form to the Armstrong office by January 20, 2009 ***