



After School Activities
Wayne Thomas PTA
Winter & Spring 2012
January 17-May 18, 2012

Happy New Year....almost! Thanks to all families who participated in After School Activities this fall, and for your feedback concerning priorities and interests for After School Activities. As mentioned during the fall registration period, the Wayne Thomas PTA prioritizes a sense of community and school spirit at Wayne Thomas and wants to make after school programming accessible to everyone. Therefore, the PTA is happy to continue to offer After School Activities close to at-cost, and will partially subsidize some classes.

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the Winter/Spring 2012 session. The session will run from January 17 through May 18, 2012. Classes run for the full session unless otherwise specified. A description of the PTA After School Activities for grades K-5, as well as registration materials, are included in this packet. Registration is open through December 31st or until classes fill. Registration is on a first-come basis, so get your forms in early to ensure a spot for your child. As a reminder, in addition to the classes listed here, there are other extracurricular activities available for student participation at Wayne Thomas such as Chess Club, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Homework Club, Girl Scouts, and others.

Activities for Kindergarteners are considered "Lunch Bunch". The classes are offered between the two Kindergarten sessions, from 11:27-12:27. Enrollment is open to both AM and PM classes and will give the students an opportunity to meet each other. Please note that bus service is not available to students before or after this activity and students are expected to bring their own lunch to eat at school.

While of course we want our students to kick-back and have fun after school, we need to remind all families about behavior expectations during After School Activities at Wayne Thomas. Students are expected to follow the ROAR behavior guidelines (respect self, respect others, always learning, and responsible choices). While classes may not be academically formal, they are taking place on school grounds and school behavior standards remain in effect. Please remind your children of the ROAR guidelines, as excessive rowdiness and disruption ruins the experience for other children taking the class and puts vendors in a difficult position. Please be assured that we also have provided the vendors with appropriate protocol for addressing specific issues.

As always, please feel free to contact either Lilah Shapiro (lilahs@uchicago.edu) or Mandy Castle (ahbcastle@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

Wayne Thomas PTA After School Activities Winter/Spring 2012 **Kindergarten Lunch Bunch**

MAD SCIENCE

Mondays (no class on 1/16, 2/20, 3/26)

Grade K – Min # 10 / Max #20

A popular science workshop offered once a week at Wayne Thomas. Children engage in exciting hands-on activities, watch spectacular demonstrations, join inquiry-based discussions and make amazing take-homes like model rockets, periscopes, Mad Science putty and more. The Mad Science program offers students a chance to see just how cool science can be.

Number of Classes: 15

Cost: \$169

COMPUTER EXPLORERS TechKidz

Wednesdays (no class on 2/8, 3/14, 3/28)

Grade K – Min # 6 / Max # 10

Just for kindergarteners, this 16-week program will explore three fun and exciting areas of Technology – just like the Big Kids!:

Digital Photography for ME! - Say cheese! Using a digital camera and special software, students will take digital photos & add special effects to them using special graphic art editing tools. They'll create their very own multimedia show and illustrate their own books filled with surprises! Children will work in teams for these sessions.

Basics to Building with LEGO Engineering - Introduce your child to the fun and exciting world of Engineering! Classes offer lessons for budding engineers who are interested in exploring engineering processes in a fun and exciting team environment. They'll learn about pulleys, gears, levers, wheels and axles as they build and manipulate vehicles and other small machines. Activities encourage creativity, exploration and problem solving as they work in teams with LEGO® Educational Kits.

Digital Super Sleuths Detective - Sherlock Holmes meets the 21st century! Use logic, technology and forensic science to solve mysteries. Work in teams to conduct field investigations and lab analysis. We'll use fingerprinting, tire tread patterns and much more. No blood, no gore...but excitement galore!

Number of Classes: 15

Cost: \$210

MAKING MUSIC FUN

Thursdays (no class on 3/15, 3/29, 5/17)

Grade K – Min # 10 / Max # 20

Kindergartners will have a wonderful time singing, dancing, playing and learning to make musical instruments. Linda Lubell is currently a teacher with Old Town School of Folk Music's acclaimed Wiggleworms program and has many years of experience as both a music and classroom teacher. She'll lead the children in fun and creative activities to give them an enriching musical experience!

Number of Classes: 15

Cost: \$75

Wayne Thomas PTA After School Activities Winter/Spring 2012 **Grades 1-5**

AFTER SCHOOL GAMES

Min. 10/day, Max 28/day

The Wayne Thomas Physical Education teachers facilitate favorite recreational games, appropriate for each grade level (1-5). Each week students select their school-time favorites such as Gaga, Air Raid, Noodle Tag, Steal the Pins, Scatterball, Battleship and sport related activities. Each grade level will have its own day of the week.

For this winter and spring, after School Games is offered in two sessions. Session 1 is from January 17-March 9; Session 2 is from March 12-May 18. Families may register for one or both sessions at this time. If there is space available, registration for the second session will again be offered in mid-February.

Mondays: 5th Grade (no class on 1/16, 2/20, 3/26)

Session 1: January 17-March 9
Number of Classes: 6
Cost: \$29

Session 2: March 12-May 18
Number of classes: 9
Cost: \$43

Tuesdays: 2nd Grade (no class on 3/20, 3/27)

Session 1: January 17-March 9
Number of Classes: 8
Cost: \$38

Session 2: March 12-May 18
Number of classes: 8
Cost: \$38

Wednesdays: 3rd Grade (no class on 2/8, 3/14, 3/28)

Session 1: January 17-March 9
Number of Classes: 7
Cost: \$34

Session 2: March 12-May 18
Number of classes: 8
Cost: \$38

Thursdays: 4th Grade (no class on 3/15, 3/29, 5/17)

Session 1: January 17-March 9
Number of Classes: 8
Cost: \$38

Session 2: March 12-May 18
Number of classes: 7
Cost: \$34

Fridays: 1st Grade (no class on 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6)

Session 1: January 17-March 9
Number of Classes: 8
Cost: \$38

Session 2: March 12-May 18
Number of classes: 6
Cost: \$29

COMPUTER EXPLORERS TechZone

Mondays (no class on 1/16, 2/20, 3/26)

Grades 2-5

Do you love all things high-tech? Want to create your own digital movie? Learn the basics of Video Game Programming? Join Computer Explorers Tech Zone and find out! Computer Explorers is offered in two sessions. Students may register for one or both sessions. Computer Explorers is also happy to offer a 5% sibling discount – first child pays full tuition and additional children in the same family will receive a 5% discount.

Session 1: Lights, Camera, Action: Digital Movie Making! Min # 8 / Max # 12

Session Dates 1/23 – 3/19 (no class 2/20)

Is there is future Steven Spielberg in your house? As directors and producers you'll work in teams to create your own story and script, build scenes and film and edit your movie. We will use graphic editing techniques and stop motion animation, add special effects, background sounds and music. At the end of the day, we will show our movies at a private screening & students will get a copy of the class' movies to take home!

Number of Classes: 8

Cost: \$120

Session 2: Video Game Animation Programming Min # 8 / Max # 15

Session Dates 4/2 – 5/18

Dream of being a video game programmer or writer? Learning about Video Animation is the first step! Dive into the world of video game animation by creating characters that dance, sing and interact with one another. Working in teams, you'll add sound effects and music clips to create a dynamic video animation game by using software (Scratch) created just for kids by MIT. Creativity rules in this fun version of video game design!

Number of Classes: 7

Cost: \$105

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB WITH MRS. K.

All classes Min # 8 / Max # 23

Session 1: Jewelry Making - Session Dates 1/17-3/23

Join Mrs. K. and learn to create jewelry using different materials that are ready to wear. Beading and braiding techniques as well as wire will be used. You'll come out looking fabulous!

Tuesdays: Grades 3-5

No class (3/20)

Number of Classes: 9

Cost: \$60

Wednesdays: Grades 1-2

No class (2/8, 3/14)

Number of classes: 8

Cost: \$55

Session 2: Arts & Crafts - Session Dates 4/2-5/18

Painting, baskets, drawing, clay and more! Mrs. K. will lead the class through a new and fun craft project each and every week. We'll explore our creativity and have a blast!

Wednesdays: Grades 1-5

Number of Classes: 7

Cost: \$50

MAD SCIENCE

Wednesdays (no class on 2/8, 3/14, 3/28)

Grades 1-5 - Min #10 / Max 20

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Number of Classes: 15

Cost: \$184

ACROFABULOUS CIRCUS CLASS

Thursdays (no class on 3/15, 3/29, 5/17)

Grades 1-5 – Min # 10 / Max # 24

In an Acrofabulous Circus Class, students will have the opportunity to learn a variety of circus arts, which are often seen in professional circuses. The focus will be a balanced selection of the following subjects: Static Trapeze, Diablo, Spanish Web, Juggling, Silks/Aerial Fabric, Globe-Walking, Tumbling and Acrobatics, Plate Spinning, Fabric-Poi, and more! Each session will be unique, may possibly also include lessons in: Unicycle, Cloud Swing, Contortion, Rola Bola, Aerial Straps, Aerial Hoop/Lyra and Clowning. In selected classes, students will have the opportunity to show their loved ones the exciting new talents they have developed during the last class of the session.

Number of Classes: 15

Cost: \$180

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Tuesdays and Fridays 3:20-4:30 – Students MUST commit to BOTH days of the class

Grades 3-5 Girls – Min # 8 / Max # 15

Session dates – 12-week season from Mid-March through race day in early June – official start date will be published as soon as it is announced by Girls on the Run Chicago.

Girl Power! Join girls across the country and participate in a 12-week program that combines a curriculum focusing on important issues such as self-esteem, healthy living and body image, and making positive choices, with physical fitness and training. Students will work with 2 trained teacher coaches and participate in a culminating 5K run Chicago alongside girls from all GOTR programs from throughout the Chicago area. You'll feel great inside and out - plus you get some really cool race day goodies!

Cost: \$195

Note: Scholarship assistance is available from the Girls on the Run organization for any family with need. Please contact Lilah Shapiro, lilahs@uchicago.edu, for additional information.

SKYLINE STUDIOS - Headin' to Broadway

Fridays (no class on 3/16, 3/23, 3/30,4/6)

Grades 1-5 – Min # 8 / Max # 10

Oh The Places You'll Go with your Pure Imagination this Winter! Join Skyline Studios in Willy Wonka and Seussical! Skyline Studios Inc., has been providing musical theatre experiences to children on the North Shore for the past eight years, with our primary studio location in Wilmette. Our showcase features songs, dances, scenes from Willy Wonka and Seussical! Our classes improve communication skills, self-esteem and respect for others and encourage students to explore their own creative voices. Most of all, Skyline inspires a love for the performing arts! All children who are involved in this program will have the opportunity to perform in a culminating showcase at the end of the session! Join your Wayne Thomas peers already involved in the program!

Number of classes: 14

Cost: \$170