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Winter Program Guide 2024

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Community Education is an outreach division of Des Moines Public Schools. We strive to provide life-long learning opportunities and experiences for our culturally rich and diverse community of individuals, families and neighborhoods. We are responsive to the needs of our community by providing accessible and affordable programming in partnership with our school associations, community organizations and business relationships.

Community Education at DMPS offers a wide variety of FREE programs and services:

- Educational classes
- Cultural & Enrichment workshops and learning experiences
- Recreational Camps & Clinics
- Facility Rental

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT US:

Community Education Phone Number: 515-242-8521
Community Education Email: commmed.dmps@dmschools.org
Facility Rentals/Reservations at DMPS
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Community Education Leadership

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Jason Allen

**Multicultural Programs & Community Education
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Community Education Program Manager

Ryan Westerkamp

Executive Assistant

Andrea Baker

OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH

Are you a skilled practitioner of a craft or hobby?
Do you have a field of interest that you'd like to
teach...

This is an opportunity for you to share your
knowledge and experience with others.
To explore this exciting opportunity further,
kindly reach out to Ryan Westerkamp at
ryan.westerkamp@dmschools.org or call us at
515-242-8521.

Class Locations

Capitol View Elementary
320 E 16th St

Central Campus
1800 Grand Ave

Harding Middle School
203 E Euclid Ave

Hillis Elementary
2401 56th St

Garton Elementary
2820 E 24th St

Meredith Middle School
4827 Madison Ave

Lincoln High School
2600 SW 9th St

Merrill Middle School
5301 Grand Ave

McKinley Elementary
1610 SE 6th St

North High School
501 Holcomb Ave

Samuelson Elementary
3929 Bel Aire Rd

Weeks Middle School
901 SE Park Ave

Roosevelt High School
4419 Center St

Complaint Information & Procedures

The Des Moines Independent Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices.

Changes/Cancellations

You will be notified if there are any changes to your class, or if a class is cancelled. Please be sure we have your daytime phone number and email address so we may contact you as quickly as possible. Efforts will be made to notify all pre-registered students in advance if a course is cancelled prior to the first class. If you need to cancel your registration, please contact us immediately since many classes have waiting lists.

Weather Policy

After school and evening classes will automatically be cancelled on days when the Des Moines Public Schools are closed due to weather, holidays, or during breaks. Otherwise, whenever possible, the decision to cancel class will be communicated through email. Classes canceled because of weather will be made up whenever possible.

Attendance

Anyone missing 2 consecutive classes will be dropped from the course. We ask that if you register for a program, please plan on attending each week as there may be others who would love to have a spot in the class.

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DODGEBALL



READY, SET, DODGE!

CALLING ALL 3RD-5TH GRADE CHAMPS TO JOIN US FOR THE ULTIMATE DODGEBALL SHOWDOWN! WE'VE GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF FUN TWISTS AND TURNS THAT'LL MAKE YOU SWEAT! AND HERE'S THE BEST PART - WE'VE GOT SOFT RHINO SKIN BALLS, SO YOU CAN DODGE, DUCK, AND DIP LIKE A PRO WITHOUT ANY OUCHES!

MAKE IT A TEAM AFFAIR AND BRING YOUR SQUAD ALONG FOR THE WILD FUN!

Class Details

Garton Dodgeball

3rd -5th Grade

Location: Garton Elementary

Dates: Tuesdays Jan 23 - March 5

No class Feb 12

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Willie Cashmore

Class Limit: 30

McKinley Dodgeball

3rd -5th Grade

Location: McKinley Elementary

Dates: Thursdays Jan 25 - Feb 29

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Willie Cashmore

Class Limit: 30

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ARTS AND BOOKS



GET READY TO EMBARK ON A MAGICAL JOURNEY OF
STORYTELLING AND CREATIVITY! EVERY WEEK
WE'LL DIVE INTO A NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK,
UNLEASHING OUR IMAGINATIONS AND HAVING A
BLAST!

YOU'LL GET TO LISTEN TO AN ENGAGING READ-ALoud AND THEN PUT YOUR ARTISTIC
SKILLS TO THE TEST, CRAFTING A MASTERPIECE INSPIRED BY THE BOOK'S THEME. IT'S
LIKE GOING ON A COLORFUL ADVENTURE EVERY TIME!

Class Details

Kindergarten-2nd Grade

Location: Samuelson Elementary School

Dates: Wednesday Jan 24 - Feb 28


Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Denie Rew & Kathryn Olson

Class Limit: 20

How to Register



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FLOOR HOCKEY



LEARN THE BASICS OF FLOOR HOCKEY, IOWA WILD STYLE!

AT EACH LESSON, STUDENTS WILL LEARN A NEW SKILL, AND THE PROGRAM WILL CONCLUDE WITH A GAME DAY. WE WILL HAVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT SO THERE IS NO NEED TO BRING ANYTHING!



Class Details

3rd -5th Grade

Location: Samuelson Elementary

Dates: Tuesdays Jan 23 - March 5

No class Feb 13

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Mark Battista

Class Limit: 15

How to Register



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ART CLUB

LET YOUR IMAGINATION SOAR AT THE ART CLUB!

JOIN US FOR COLORFUL PROJECTS, CREATIVE GAMES, AND LOTS OF ARTISTIC FUN AS WE EXPLORE THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ART TOGETHER.



Class Details

3rd-5th Grade

Location: Hillis Elementary

Dates: Tuesdays Jan 23 - March 5

No class Feb 13

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Annie Chojnacki

Class Limit: 15

How to Register



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GARDENING CLUB

GARDENING CLUB WILL BE A CHANCE FOR KIDS TO EXPLORE GROWING PLANTS FROM SEEDS, TENDING PLANTS, AND THE PRACTICE OF MAKING GARDENS. WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE ROLE OF NATIVE PLANTS IN OUR ECOSYSTEMS AND ABOUT GROWING PLANTS YOU CAN EAT. WE WILL ALSO EXPLORE CRAFTS AND EXPERIMENTS RELATED TO GARDEN PLANTS.



Class Details

2nd-3rd Grade

Location: Hillis Elementary

Dates: Wednesday Jan 24 - Feb 28



Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Lexi Young

Class Limit: 15

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KIDS IN THE KITCHEN



JOIN HY-VEE DIETICIANS AND LEARN HOW TO
MAKE FUN AND EASY AFTER SCHOOLS
SNACKS.

Class Details

1st -5th grade.

Location: Hillis Elementary School

Dates: Thursdays Jan 25 - Feb 29

No class on Feb 13

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Katie Schaeffer

Class Limit: 80

How to register



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READING & RELAXATION



GET COZY WITH A GOOD BOOK AND UNWIND WITH YOGA AT THE READING, RELAXATION, AND YOGA CLUB. DISCOVER MAGICAL STORIES, SHARE YOUR FAVORITES, AND ENJOY A PEACEFUL SPACE MADE JUST FOR YOU, WITH A SPRINKLE OF CALMING YOGA SESSIONS.



Class Details

3rd-5th Grade

Location: Hillis Elementary

Dates: Fridays Jan 26 - March 1

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Julie Franz

Class Limit: 15

How to Register



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SPORTS CLUB



INVITATION TO ALL YOUNG ATHLETES!
ENTER THE WORLD OF SPORT CLUB AND IMMERSE YOURSELF
IN THRILLING GAMES, FRIENDLY COMPETITIONS, AND A WORLD
OF SPORTS EXCITEMENT.

JOIN US TODAY!



Class Details

3rd-5th Grade

Location: Hillis Elementary

Dates: Mondays Jan 22 - March 4

No class Feb 12

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Kaylee Horn

Class Limit: 17

How to Register



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BASIC ASL

American Sign Language



THESE SIX-WEEK COURSES WILL TEACH STUDENTS HOW TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND OTHERS. SHARE BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT INTERESTS AND HOBBIES; AND ENGAGE IN BASIC ASL DIALOGUE REGARDING SCHOOL AND HOBBIES.

THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE CLASSES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS AND TWO SEPARATE CLASSES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS. THURSDAY NIGHT'S CLASS IS FOR DEAF/HOH STUDENTS ONLY!

CLASS DETAILS

Basic ASL for Elementary (Monday)
K-5th Grade. All students welcome!
Location: Capitol View
Dates: Mondays Jan 22 - March 4
No class on Feb 12.
Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Instructor: Lacey McCaffery
Class Limit: 20

CLASS DETAILS

Basic ASL for Elementary (Thursday)
K-5th Grade.
For Deaf/HoH students only!
Location: Capitol View
Dates: Thursdays Jan 25- Feb 29
Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Instructor: Lacey McCaffery
Class Limit: 20

CLASS DETAILS

Basic ASL for Secondary (Monday)
6-12 th grade. All students welcome!
Location: Capitol View
Dates: Mondays Jan 22 - March 4
No class on Feb 12
Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Instructor: Lacey McCaffery
Class Limit: 20

CLASS DETAILS

Basic ASL for Secondary (Wednesday)
6th-12th Grade. All students welcome!
Location: Capitol View
Dates: Wednesdays Jan 24 - Feb 28
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Instructor: Stephanie Lyons
Class Limit: 20

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Des Moines Public Schools Community Education **GOLDFINCH SPEED ROOKIES**



COME JOIN US FOR OUR ROOKIES PROGRAM!

FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN IMMERSING YOUNG ATHLETES IN A WORLD OF DIVERSE MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING SKIPPING, RUNNING, KICKING, AND MORE; SHAPING A POSITIVE INTRODUCTION TO EXERCISE.

OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE AN ENGAGING AND SUPPORTIVE ATMOSPHERE, ENSURING YOUR YOUNG ATHLETE FINDS BOTH ENJOYMENT AND VALUE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. ALL YOU WILL NEED TO BRING ARE SOME SHOES TO RUN AROUND IN AND A WATER BOTTLE, WE'LL BRING THE REST!

Class Details

1st -5th Grade

Location: Central Campus Gym

Dates: Wednesdays Jan 24 - Feb 28

Time: 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

Instructor: Jeff Woody

Class Limit: 50

How to Register



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Des Moines Public Schools Community Education **GOLDFINCH SPEED** **JR. HIGH**



WE LIVE BY, "BUILD A BETTER HUMAN FIRST, THEN A BETTER ATHLETE" AND MIX IT UP WITH SPRINTS, JUMPS, SQUATS, AND MORE! OUR GOAL? TO INSTILL GREAT MOVEMENT HABITS AND FOSTER A LOVE FOR TRAINING, ALL IN A LIVELY AND ENCOURAGING VIBE.

LED BY FORMER IOWA STATE FOOTBALL PLAYER, AND OWNER OF GOLDFINCH ATHLETICS, JEFF WOODY!
THINK OF IT AS THE ULTIMATE PREP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS—TECHNIQUE, EDUCATION, AND A LOT OF FUN! YOU'LL ONLY NEED TRAINING SHOES TO GET TO WORK.

Class Details

6th -8th Grade

Location: Central Campus Gym

Dates: Wednesdays & Thursdays

Jan 24 - Feb 29

Time: 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM

Instructor: Jeff Woody

Class Limit: 50

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CHESS

INTRODUCING CHESS CLUB: ENHANCING SKILLS,
PROMOTING TEAM SPIRIT.

THE CHESS CLUB IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO DEVELOP THEIR CHESS SKILLS, LEARN THE GAME, AND ENGAGE IN HEALTHY COMPETITION WITH THEIR PEERS. JOIN US AND ENJOY CHALLENGING GAMES WITH LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS WHILE FOSTERING A SENSE OF TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP.



Class Details

6th -8th Grade

Location: Meredith Middle School

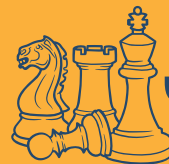
Dates: Wednesdays Jan 24 - March 6

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Instructor: Aaron Beckman

Class Limit: 16

How to Register



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DO THE MATH

DO THE MATH 24-7 WINTER PROGRAMMING!

DO THE MATH 247 CHARACTER BUILDING PROGRAM WILL COVER THE SUBJECTS RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, LEADERSHIP, PEER PRESSURE, TEAMWORK, AND ANTI-BULLYING. STUDENTS WILL UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING GOOD CHARACTER AS A FOUNDATION TO BUILD UPON.

Class Details

6th -8th Grade

Location: Weeks Middle School

Dates: Wednesdays Jan 24 - Feb 28

No class on Feb 13

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Instructor: Kenny Lilly

Class Limit: 20

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BE KIND TO EVERYONE

CHALLENGE
KINDNESS
TRUTH AND TRUST
COURAGE
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JAZZ CLUB

GET READY TO SWING AND SWAY TO THE SMOOTH TUNES OF JAZZ! THE JAZZ BAND CLUB HAS OPENED ITS DOORS, WELCOMING ALL THOSE WHO WANT TO BE A PART OF ITS GROOVY WORLD. FROM GRAND JAM SESSIONS TO COZY GET-TOGETHERS, THE CLUB IS A SANCTUARY FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO LEARN THE CRAFT OF JAZZ AND JAM WITH LIKE-MINDED MUSIC LOVERS. SO COME ON IN AND LET THE MUSIC TRANSPORT YOU TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL OF COOL!



Class Details

6th-12th Grade

Location: Meredith Middle School Band Room

Dates: Thursday Jan 25 - Feb 29

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Instructor: Jennifer Walter

Class Limit: 20

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JEWELS ACADEMY SCIENCE



**GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY WITH STEM!
ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO LOVES EXPLORING NEW IDEAS AND LEARNING BY DOING? WE HAVE THE PERFECT CLASS FOR YOU! OUR STEM PROGRAM – WHICH STANDS FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS – IS ALL ABOUT HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTATION. YOU’LL GET TO CREATE SOME AMAZING PROJECTS, SUCH AS HOMEMADE BOUNCY BALLS, LAVA LAMPS, AND EVEN BIOPLASTICS. DON’T MISS OUT ON THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF STEM – SIGN UP NOW AND LET’S GET STARTED!**

Class Details

6th -8th Grade

Location: Merrill Middle School

Dates: Friday Jan 26 - March 1

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Instructor: Jewels Academy

Class Limit: 20

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CultureALL AFTER SCHOOL



AMBASSADOR WORKSHOPS PROVIDE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES THAT MAKE THE UNFAMILIAR FUN TO EXPLORE.

INTRODUCE YOUR STUDENTS TO A WORLD OF IDEAS, PERSPECTIVES, AND TRADITIONS AS THEY DEVELOP THE SKILL TO INTERACT WITH DIFFERENCES AND CREATE SPACES WHERE EVERYONE FEELS THEY BELONG.

PROGRAMMING MAY INCLUDE:

JAN 22 - SLAVIC CULTURE

JAN 29 - KENYAN TRADITIONS - FIRSTBORN CHILD

FEB 5 - MOROCCAN MOSAIC

FEB 12 - NO CLASS

FEB 19 - GAMES OF INDIA

FEB 26 - ONEIDA POW WOV

MARCH 4 - DAILY LIFE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Class Details

6th -8th Grade

Location: Harding Middle School

Dates: Mondays Jan 22 - March 4

No class on Feb 12

Time: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Instructor: Different Ambassadors each week

Class Limit: 25

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ART CREATING COMICS

LEARN HOW TO MAKE COMIC BOOKS!

IN THIS CLASS, YOU WILL EXPLORE THE VISUAL STORYTELLING OF COMICS AND HOW TO CREATE OUR OWN STORIES. WE WILL DISCUSS DIFFERENT FORMS OF ART AND TECHNIQUES THAT ARE PART OF VISUAL STORYTELLING. LEARN HOW TO COMPOSE STORYBOARDS AND SCENES FOR THE CHARACTERS YOU DESIGN. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN SUPPLIES BUT WE WILL HAVE SOME AVAILABLE FOR USE.



Class Details

6th-8th Grade

Location: Merrill Middle School

Dates: Tuesdays Jan 23 - March 5

No class on Feb 13

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Instructor: Carissa Dannen

Class Limit: 15

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HIGH SCHOOL ART NAMGA BOOKS AND ANIME

DURING THE CLASS, STUDENTS WILL LEARN VARIOUS TECHNIQUES SUCH AS CHARACTER DESIGN AND THE STORYTELLING THAT IS CREATED WHEN MAKING MANGA BOOKS AND ANIME. THE COURSE WILL COVER THE BASIC ANATOMY OF ANIME CHARACTERS, FACIAL EXPRESSIONS, AND BODY PROPORTIONS, AND STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR UNIQUE STYLE, WHILE ALSO LEARNING THE IMPORTANCE OF PANELING AND CREATING STORIES TO FIT THEIR CHARACTERS.

THIS CLASS IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WHO LOVE ANIME AND WANT TO IMPROVE THEIR DRAWING SKILLS

Class Details

9th-12th Grade

Location: Central Campus Overflow

Dates: Thursdays Jan 25 - Feb 29

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Instructor: Carissa Dannen

Class Limit: 15

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African American/Black History Course A Perspective in Blackness (the Past, Present, and the Future)

THIS COURSE AIMS TO DEEPEN LEARNERS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK CULTURE, WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS ON HOW IT HAS INFLUENCED SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL INTERACTIONS WITHIN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF UNITED STATES HISTORY. PARTICIPANTS WILL EMBARK ON A JOURNEY OF BLACKNESS, EXPLORING CRUCIAL IDEAS, EVENTS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL VALUES, BELIEFS, AND TRADITIONS THAT SHAPE THE BLACK EXPERIENCE.

Class Details

9th -12th Grade

Location: Central Campus Board Room

Dates: Mondays Jan 22 - March 4

No class on Feb 12.

*Field trip dates: March 9-13

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Instructor: Alex Hanna

Class Limit: 15

How to Register



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<https://www.dmschools.org/community-education-at-dmps/>



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECRUITING SEMINAR

FORMER IOWA WESTERN AND DRAKE FOOTBALL COACH WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE RECRUITING KIDS TO A 2-YEAR AND 4-YEAR SCHOOLS IS OFFERING THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECRUITING PROCESS: SCHOOLS (NCAA/NAIA, LEVELS, ETC.), COMMUNICATION, CAMPUS VISITS (GAMEDAY, CAMPS, SPRING, ETC.), HUDL HIGHLIGHT FILM, ETC.

PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. WHEN REGISTERING PLEASE CHOOSE WHICH NIGHT YOU WILL ATTEND.

Class Details

9th-11th grade football players

Location: Monday – North HS,

Tuesday – Roosevelt, Wednesday – Lincoln

Dates: Monday Jan 29, Tuesday Jan 30, Wednesday Jan 31

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30PM

Instructor: Willie Cashmore

Class Limit:10 (each session)

How to Register



North

Roosevelt

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