

**Bannockburn Elementary School PTA Presents:
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & CLUBS
AND OTHER ON-SITE OFFERINGS
Winter 2012**

MONDAY	BEFORE:	AFTER: * Magic! (3 rd – 5 th) * Mystery Madness (3 rd – 5 th)
TUESDAY	BEFORE: * Beginner Spanish (2 nd – 5 th) * Math Olympiad (3 rd – 5 th)	AFTER: * Chess - Beginner (1 st – 5 th) * Name of this Club is Secret (3 rd – 5 th) * Taekwondo (K – 5) * Young Rembrandts (K – 2 nd)
WEDNESDAY	BEFORE: * Beginner French (2 nd – 5 th) * Typing (2 nd – 5 th)	AFTER: * Hands on Science (K-1 st) * Hands on Science (2 nd – 3 rd) * Guitar (3 rd – 5 th) * Yoga (K – 1 st)
THURSDAY	BEFORE: * Don't Just Sit There (3 rd -5 th)	AFTER: * Basketball -MSA (K-5 th) * Builders Workshop (K-2 nd) * Chess - Advanced (1 st – 5 th) * Jewelry Making (2 nd – 5 th) * Technology Club (3 rd & 4 th) * Yoga (K – 1 st)
FRIDAY	BEFORE: * Newspaper (4 th – 5 th)	AFTER: * Actor's Workshop (3 rd – 5 th) * Beginner Robots (2 nd & 3 rd) * Yoga (2 nd – 5 th)

Clubs shown in BOLD are clubs hosted by the PTA. Clubs not in bold are hosted by outside entities and these have separate registrations.

Registration OPENS Monday December 12th and closes Friday December 16th.
See the PTA Website for detailed descriptions and sign-up procedures.

<http://www.bannockburn-pta.org/>
Most clubs will start meeting the week of January 10th!

**** BES HOSTED CLUB DESCRIPTIONS ****

Actor's Workshop (Taught by Keith Parsky)

"O Romeo Oh Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" Can your child be the next Barrymore? Does your child lack poise? Do you think your child has untapped talent? Find out at the Actors' Studio. It is a course in acting, movement and voice. We will learn about the business of acting. We will learn about the many behind the scenes jobs in radio, television, stage and screen. We will learn where acting is used, monologues and if the group is motivated, perform a One Act Play! The Actor's studio can be a place where budding talent-show stars learn their skit. Don't miss this opportunity to "Get on with the Show!"

The club is open to students in the 3rd through 5th grades and will meet for 10 sessions on Friday afternoons.

Parent Co-coordinator: Chelle Parsky

Cost: \$110

Builders Workshop (Taught by Little Scholars)

Come build some awesome creations! Kids will create their our own designs and follow plans for building structures using Legos, recyclable materials and many other interesting items. Skills necessary: none! Skills gained: computation, problem solving, reasoning, developing strategic plans, and team work. If your kid enjoyed creating objects at the BES Craft night or loves to spend time at home with his/her Legos – this is the club to join! The club is taught by Little Scholars. For more see: <http://littlescholarsllc.com/enrichment-programs.html>

This club is for students in the K – 2nd grades and will meet on Thursday afternoons for 10 sessions.

Cost: \$125

Chess - Beginner (Taught by Mr. Ross Mills)

This section is for beginners who want to learn the basics of chess in a creative, fun atmosphere. Enrollment is limited to assure personalized attention, and will be filled on according to BES clubs policy. *Students who have played chess before and understand how all the pieces move should not enroll in this section.*

The club is open to students in K through 5th grades and will be held on Tuesday afternoons for 10 sessions.

Parent Co-coordinator: Amy Maron

Cost: 75.00

Chess – Advanced (Taught by Mr. Chessmaster Larry Kaufman and Mr. Ross Mills)

This section is for more experienced players who want a greater chess challenge. Students receive an initial rating by which they progress using a handicapping system devised by Grandmaster Larry Kaufman, former Maryland State Chess Champion. Mr. Kaufman has many years of experience teaching chess to elementary age children. Students participate in chess games against each other and learn strategies from Mr. Kaufman. The class culminates in a tournament that chooses the top three players, as well as the highest rated player at each grade level. Bannockburn teacher Ross Mills assists. *First-graders should have approval of Mr. Mills before enrolling.*

The club is open to students in the 1st through 5th grades. The club will meet on Thursday afternoons for 10 sessions.

Class Size: Maximum 28

Parent Co-coordinator: Amy Maron

Cost: \$95.00

Don't Just Sit There! Early Bird Special (Led by Ms. South and Mr. Oliver)

It is back! Ms. South and Mr. Oliver will lead a games club featuring activities such as capture the flag, kickball, soccer, handball, and much, much more! We are looking for kids who like sports and games and want to have fun, while practicing good sportsmanship. All skill levels are welcome.

It will be BEFORE school on Thursdays to get the juices flowing at 8 AM. It will take place outside or in the gym, depending on the weather.

This club will last 10 sessions and it is open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. It meets Thursdays BEFORE school.

Parent Co-coordinator: Angie Zeidenberg

Cost: \$110

Guitar Club for Beginners (Taught by Richard Aitken)

Students will learn basic chords and beginner techniques. They will be able to play a simple piece by the end of the session. Participants must bring an appropriately sized acoustic guitar to each class meeting.

The club is open to students in the 3rd through 5th grades and will meet for 10 sessions on Wednesday afternoons.

Parent Co-coordinator: Needed! Contact Susan Eagle if interested.

Cost: \$113.00

Hands on Science (Taught by Ms. Rardin & Ms. Hammond and Ms. Griffin)

Hands On Science is an exciting, experiment-filled after school enrichment program taught by BES teachers. Hands on Science is offered at Bannockburn in the fall, winter and spring. Each session is 8 weeks long and classes are divided according to age. The Hands On Science age-appropriate curriculum changes each session to keep students learning and interested in science.

Winter Hands on Science will explore Mechanical energy. Sing a song of friction. Race a marble through a maze, learns about spinners, shoot a cotton ball in a catapult, construct toys and games using simple material with wheels, levers, wedges, inclines, pulleys and screws. How can you make a pulley to send message? These activities and much more are for students in grades kindergarten-third grade.

The club is being offered in different sections. One session is open to students in the K and 1st grades and taught by Ms. Rardin/Ms. Hammond. The other session is open to students in the 2nd and 3rd grades and taught by Ms. Griffin.

This club will meet for 8 sessions on Wednesday afternoons.

Parent Co-coordinator: Delna Williams

Cost: \$150.00

Jewelry Club (Taught by Ms. Rardin)

Do you enjoying making things? Even better, do you enjoy making things that you can wear? Learn how to create professional-looking beaded jewelry with Ms. Rardin. Let Ms. Rardin share one of her favorite hobbies with you and, perhaps, jewelry-making will become a favorite hobby of your own!

This club is open to students in 2nd-5th grade. The club will meet on Thursday afternoons for 10 sessions.

Maximum Size: 15 students (The weekly parent volunteer is encouraged to stay for the duration of the class to assist students, if possible.)

Parent Coordinator: Still needed please contact Ms Rardin if interested.

Cost: \$115 (includes tools, supplies, and beads)

Math Olympiad (Taught by Mrs. Haigh and Mr. Walder)

Extra Math? Who could possibly think that was a fun idea? Well, evidently a lot of kids do! Last year nearly 150,000 students from 6,000 teams participated in the Olympiads. All 50 states and 30 countries were represented. Bannockburn's team will meet before school on Tuesdays. The kids will explore a topic or strategy in depth, using Creative Problem Solving in School Mathematics (or other sources), or they practice for the contests, using non-routine problems provided by the Math Olympiad organization.

The highlights for students are the five monthly contests, given from November to March. No traveling is required. These contests provide an incentive for students to intensify their study of math. Kids end up sharpening their math skills while having so much fun they forget that extra math didn't originally sound like fun!

The club is open to students in the 3rd through 5th grades. **Please note that this is a continuation of a year long club which began in the fall. There is space for 7 more students to join.**

Dates: Tuesday mornings from 8:20-9:10 am (see which specific Tuesday mornings below)
Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 6.

Class Size: 7 spots available

Cost: \$80

Mystery Madness (Taught by Little Scholars)

Calling all super sleuths! What can be more fun than spending winter afternoons warm inside while learning to become Sherlock Holmes? Put on your detective cap and help solve a mystery. Become expert investigators by using critical thinking skills, problem solving and abstract reasoning as you gather clues and work to solve mysteries. This club is taught by Little Scholars. For more see: <http://littlescholarsllc.com/enrichment-programs.html>

This club is for students in the 3rd – 5th grades and will meet on Monday afternoons for 9 sessions.

Cost: \$113

Magic! (Taught by Mystery Academy)

Mystery Academy passes on the traditional art of Magic in a time honored way: directly from teacher to student. Students will learn all of the fascinating aspects of magic including: cards tricks, coins tricks, rope escapes, sleight of hand, mentalism, and dramatic presentation. Magic is an excellent way to teach children the importance of consistent practice, and to effectively present ideas before others. Taught by the Mystery Academy who has taught in Montgomery County for years. For more see: <http://mysteryacademy.homestead.com/Who.html>

This club is for students in the 3rd – 5th grades and will meet on Monday afternoons for 9 sessions.

Cost:\$118

NAME OF THIS CLUB IS SECRET! (Taught by Ms. Levenson)

Join Ms. Levenson as she takes students on a fun and exciting mission to experience the unknown world of puzzles, codes, and riddles!

Students in “The Name of This Club is Secret” will:

- Determine the difference between encoding, and decoding, enciphering, and deciphering!
- Create and solve their own codes!
- Learn strategies to approach codes and riddles!
- Develop critical thinking, problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills!
- Learn how to recognize codes, riddles and puzzles in their everyday lives!
- Through interactive games, videos, and much more, students will engage in FUN while LEARNING at the SAME TIME!

Class will meet on Tuesday afternoons for 10 sessions and is open to Students in Grades 3 through 5.

Cost: \$110

Newspaper Club (Taught by Ms. Rardin)

Join Ms. Rardin as she continues to create a fun, interesting, and original news source for Bannockburn students and teachers! Now in its second year, club members will be an integral part of continuing this new tradition at BES and will:

- Develop their own story ideas, interview questions, articles, and headlines;
- Create fun features, comics, and games;
- Learn how to format a newspaper; and,
- Experience the pleasure of seeing their hard work in print each month!

This club will meet for 10 sessions on Friday mornings.

Parent Co-coordinator: Jennifer McCarthy & Linda Lane

Class Size: Maximum of 27 students (*If overenrolled, a lottery will be used to randomly select 14 fifth graders and 13 fourth graders.*)

Cost: \$125.00

Robots - Beginning (Taught by Adventures with Robots staff)

This is the core class, where beginners learn to build and program LEGO robots using LEGO Education's award-winning WeDo robotics and programming software. Students follow step-by-step on-screen instructions to build their robots (see the hungry alligator at left!), and then build a suggested program to get their robots working. After that, those who are ready build more complicated programs involving motion or tilt sensors, or improvise to make their robots achieve certain tasks.

Towards the end of the session, we encourage some of the more advanced students in this class to skip the group activity and instead take our challenge to use what they've learned so far to design their own programmable car that that can move without being touched. Even our biggest robotics buffs find this extremely challenging, but we work with them to help them succeed.

One robotics kit and one netbook provided for each pair of students. Areas of exploration: robotics, programming.

The club is open to students in the 2nd and 3rd grades and will meet for 7 sessions on Friday afternoons.

Parent Co-coordinator: Ruth Ann Nicastrì

Cost: \$110

Taekwondo (Taught by Master John Holloway of Gentle East Taekwondo)

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art that promotes discipline in mind and body through vigorous mental and physical exercise. Children learn discipline, self-control, self-confidence, responsibility and concentration. Instruction focuses on improving each child's attention span, ability to follow directions and ability to learn in a group setting-- attributes that can positively affect lifelong academic and social performance.

Important: Winter Taekwondo begins next Tuesday, December 13th and runs through March 20th. This club starts earlier than other clubs. If you sign up after Dec. 12th you will miss the first session. Tuition is not prorated.

The club is open to students in Kindergarten through 5th grades. It will meet for 14 sessions on Tuesday afternoons.

Parent Co-coordinator: TBD - Please contact Stephanie Seiberg if you are interested. TKD will not be offered in the spring if we cannot secure a coordinator.

Cost: \$132

Technology Club (Taught by Mr. Anderson)

This club is for students who want to apply their skills in building and programming LEGO robots as part of a team representing BES in an international robotics competition. Participants will engage in regional competitions in Maryland in Fall, 2012 (registration fee to be determined) for a chance to advance to a National/International First LEGO League competition to be held in April, 2013. In addition to building and programming robots of their own design using the LEGO Mindstorms platform, students will complete a research project of their choosing and will present their findings as well as discuss their team efforts during the competition. Enrollment is limited to ten because of competition rules. Because space is limited, this club may not be able to take all interested students. However, preference will be given to third and fourth grade students who have a **strong desire** to

continue with the program through Spring, 2012 and Fall, 2013. Also, parental involvement is a requirement to assist in transportation to events and weekend sessions, as necessary, to prepare the for team competition.

Parent Co-coordinator: Mark Lloyd

The club will meet on Thursday afternoons for 10 sessions.

Cost: \$140.00

Typing Club (Taught by Ms. Griffin)

Typing is a skill your child will use for the rest of his/her life! We will use “Type to Learn,” a game-based computer program, to practice and keep track of everyone’s progress. Kids will have fun and won’t even notice how much they are learning.

The club is open to 2nd – 5th graders.

The club will meet on Wednesday mornings.

Parent Co-coordinator: Natalia Jordon

Cost: \$100.00

Yoga for Younger Kids (Taught by Jill Holland)

Enjoy the many benefits of yoga including physical poses to increase flexibility and strength as well as deep breathing and relaxation techniques to induce calming, focus, and centering. There will be flowing exercises, balancing poses, partner poses, and yoga games to enhance body awareness, self-confidence, and interpersonal skills. The purpose of this class is to have fun in a non-competitive environment while learning to engage the body and the mind for a lifetime of stress reduction and physical fitness.

The club is open to students in Kindergarten and 1st grade. The club will meet for 10 sessions on Thursday afternoons.

Parent Co-coordinator: TBD

Cost: \$100.00

Yoga for Younger Kids (Taught by Robert Ashton)

This class will incorporate yogic calming techniques as well as stories and poses to stretch and strengthen the mind and the body. There will be games encouraging group participation to build self-confidence and nurture creativity. Your child will deepen his/her understanding of tuning out the noise, and tuning in to their bodies.

The club is open to students in Kindergarten and 1st grade. The club will meet for 10 sessions on Wednesdays afternoons.

Parent Co-coordinator: TBD

Cost: \$100.00

Yoga For Older Kids! (Taught by Nooshen Amiri BES parent and Certified Next Generation Yoga Teacher)

Kids love yoga and yoga is great for kids -- kids have fun energizing, stretching, and strengthening their bodies while learning the simple practice of mindfulness to calm and center their minds.

Yoga helps them to connect their minds with their bodies -- enabling them to feel confident and empowered as they learn to accept themselves and their own capabilities. Kids will learn yoga asanas (poses), yoga games, mindfulness techniques, and breathing practices in a playful, noncompetitive, healthy and relaxing way.

The club is open to students in 2nd – 5th grades. The club will meet for 10 sessions on Friday afternoons.

Parent Co-coordinator: Needed. Please contact Nooshen.

Cost: \$100.00