

"TI-GERS" initiative!

"GO TI-GERS!!! 2012

TI-GERS afterschool clubs (Talent Identification –Growth and Enrichment through Resource Sharing) will be offered again this year at Hatchery Hill. Drama Club has just begun. We will be starting the following clubs in October, 2012: Working Together Club (Homework Club- Grades 3-4), Waterford Club (K-1), Successmaker Club (2-4), Tiger Techs (1-2, 3-4), and Book Club (2, 3). By December, we will be adding It Rocks! (Rock Climbing 1-4), WEE Sports (Wii Club 1-4), and Science Club (2). In January, Battle of the Books Club (3-4), and Games Galore (3-4) will begin, along with Science Fair Club (1-4). Later, this coming Spring, Yoga Kids Club and Sign Language Club (1-2, 3-4) will begin. We are also hoping to add a Little Einsteins' club, for kindergarten students, a Math Explorers' Club for grades 3 and 4, and a Writing Club for ESL students. Teachers will be sending home interest forms and permission slips prior to each club's first meeting. A brief description and schedule of already approved 2012 clubs is below:

Working Together Club (3-4) – provides social, academic and emotional support to at-risk students on Tuesdays and Thursday. Tutoring help and immediate feedback will be provided. Tuesdays and Thursdays (Grades 3-4) – Mrs. Nicinski, Mrs. Hunter (B109D)

Waterford Club (K-2) – Students in grades K & 1 will be able to access Pearson Learning's software program, Waterford, to reinforce their language arts, mathematics, and science skills, above and beyond what they receive during regular school hours. Mondays - Ms. Munson (Library/Media)

SuccessMaker Club (2-4) – Students in grades 2 through 4 will be able to access Pearson Learning's software program, SuccessMaker, to reinforce their language arts and mathematics skills, above and beyond what they receive during regular school hours. Fridays – Ms. Munson (Library/Media)

Tiger Techs (1-2, 3-4) – Tiger Techs is an opportunity for students to gain extra practice and experience using technology. Children can explore and acquire technology skills and etiquette through software and internet use. Children can also enhance their language arts and math knowledge while utilizing network software and programmed instruction. Each session will contain a direct instructional period after which the students will be actively engaged in computer use. Four sessions each, Oct-Dec and again Jan-March; Tuesdays – Ms. Munson (Library/Media)

Drama Club (4) – is an afterschool club for fourth grade students, to encourage their creativity, public speaking, and performance skills. Fridays – Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Ackerman (Stage)

It Rocks! (Rock Climbing 1-4)- It Rocks! provides opportunities for students to improve their motor, balance, strength and team-building problem-solving skills, in a safe, supervised setting. Students will gain extra practice and experience on our school's rock climbing wall. Each session will include a direct, instructional period, followed by student practice. Students will gain experience in learning how to gauge their own progress and improvement. Wednesdays – Mr. DeMartini (Gym)

Wee Sports (Wii Club 1-4) – Students will use our school’s Nintendo Wii to learn to play one or more of the following sports: bowling, tennis, baseball, boxing and golf. Rules of each game and strategies for play will be taught. Thursdays – Mr. DeMartini (Gym)

Science Club (2) – Students will be encouraged to investigate and explore various science topics while applying the scientific process, using simple ingredients. Children will be using their talents by creating experiments in small groups to encourage team building and cooperation. Tuesdays – Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Fantano (C108)

Battle of the Books Club (3-4) – Battle of the Books is a county-wide competition for students in third and fourth grade. This competition is held in May. Participants are required to read ten selected books and work as a team to answer specific questions. The purpose of Battle of the Books is to support children in their love of books and discovery for reading by introducing them to quality literature. The teamwork amongst the children promotes socialization, competition, and mutual respect. Wednesdays, before school – Mrs. Egan and Mrs. Ackerman (B101)

Book Club (2, 3) - This is a monthly book club for second and third graders. Students are assigned a book to read at the beginning of the month and then students meet to discuss the book and complete related projects at the end of the month. – Thursdays, Mrs. Fantano and Mrs. Brand (C109)

Games Galore (3-4) – This club provides a positive environment for social education and character education. Some sessions will teach board games while others will teach outdoor, playground-type games. Children are encouraged to verbally communicate, share, take turns, focus on details, and understand the process of winning and losing using acceptable strategies. Learning many types of games enriches students’ lives. Wednesdays – Mrs. Ackerman and Ms. Munson (Library)

Sign Language Club (1-2, 3-4) – Students will be introduced to basic sign language. Basic vocabulary will be reviewed, and students will learn an interpreted song. Mondays (1-2), Wednesdays (3-4), Mrs. Perone and Ms. DiCosmo(C110)

Yoga Kids Club (1-4) – Students will learn the practice of yoga, an ancient system of physical exercise, breathing techniques and meditation that aims to strengthen the body and calm the mind. Thursdays, Mrs. DiCosmo (Gym)

We encourage your child’s participation! Students who are engaged in afterschool clubs have better grades, attendance and homework! Also, if you or your child has a special interest or club to suggest, please contact Mrs. Machacek or your child’s teacher to discuss it further! Thanks, and have a GRREEAAT YEAR! GO TI-GERS!!!