



Oak Grove School

2019-2020 Extracurricular Activities

ART CLUB: 4TH – 5TH GRADE

4th and 5th grade Art Club is offered to all 4th and 5th grade students who enjoy making art and are eager to explore with more extended techniques and materials. Seasonal projects, independent choice, and group/mural projects are just a few things that art club offers each year. Depending on the project, there may be a small fee requested to cover materials. Art Club is offered one day a week from late September to early May with some off weeks due to holidays. Art Club meets in room 306 from 3:20 - 4:15. Make new friends, make new art, and have fun!



ART CLUB: JUNIOR HIGH

The Junior High Art Club is offered to all 6th, 7th, and 8th, grade students who have a special interest in visual arts and are eager to explore with more extended techniques and materials. Seasonal projects, independent choice, and group/mural projects are just a few things that Junior High Art Club offers each year. Depending on the project, there may be a small fee requested to cover materials. Junior High Art Club is offered one day a week from late September to early May with some off weeks due to holidays. Junior High Art Club meets in room 306 from 3:20-4:15. Make new friends, make new art, and have fun!



BASKETBALL (boys and girls teams)

Open to 7th and 8th graders. Four teams will be formed, two teams per grade, one of boys and one of girls. Basketball meets Monday through Thursday and occasionally on Friday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Games are typically two times a week. Basketball try-outs are in October, and the season runs from October to the end of December. There is a tournament at the end of the season.

BAND

Beginning Band:

Beginning Band is open to 4th grade students and meets weekly during the school day. Beginning Band students will receive one small group lesson and one full band session per week. Beginning Band runs from October through May. There are usually three performances throughout the year. All students enrolled in Beginning Band should plan on at least 20-30 minutes of practice per day.



Concert Band:

Concert Band is open to 5th to 6th grade students and meets two or three times per week before school (from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.). In addition to these full band sessions, each student will receive a small group lesson once per week. Concert Band runs from September to June. There are usually three performances throughout the year. All students enrolled in Concert Band should plan on at least 20-30 minutes of practice time per day.

Jazz Band:

Jazz Band is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Jazz Band runs from September to May. Students perform a variety of Jazz styles: Swing, Ballads, Latin, Blues, and Rock. There are many performance opportunities throughout the year. All students enrolled in Jazz Band should plan on at least 30 minutes of practice per day.



Symphonic Band:

Symphonic Band is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 7:30-8:15 a.m. In addition to these full band sessions, each student will participate in a sectional rehearsal once per week. Students in this group learn a wider variety of music at a much quicker pace. There are many performance opportunities throughout the year including the Libertyville Band Festival, Solo/Ensemble contest, Winter and Spring OGS concerts, and the 8th grade graduation ceremonies. All students enrolled in Symphonic Band should plan on at least 30 minutes of practice per day.

CHESS CLUB



The game of chess is both magical and fun. We will provide instruction, chess puzzles, game playing and more. A professional team of United States Chess Federation certified instructors from Chess-Ed will provide this exciting program. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30. It is an ongoing program with a Fall Session, Winter Session and a Spring session. The program will provide instruction from basics on through higher level playing skills. This is truly the “sport of the mind”.

CHOIR

4th & 5th Grade Choir:

4th and 5th grade choir meet on Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm, all year long. It is for students who want to learn more about singing with others as well as exploring their own voice. If you enjoy music class with Mr. Farris, you will love choir! We perform a holiday show in December and we perform in front of a large crowd at a Chicago Wolves Hockey game in the spring.



Junior High Choir:

Junior High Choir for students in 6th-8th grade meets Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm, all year long. It is for students who want to learn more about singing in a three-part choir and enjoy singing with their friends. In the fall, the students participate in the Libertyville High School Junior High Choral Festival. The students put on an evening concert with all the other junior high students in the area as well as the high schoolers from LHS. This event gives them a very good idea of how high school choir works. This choir also provides holiday caroling during the Eagle Extravaganza. In the spring, we sing in front of a large crowd at a Chicago Wolves Hockey game.

COMPUTER CLUB



Calling all 5th - 8th Graders

Come to Dr. Meltzer's room 517 (Computer Lab) to get a permission slip before our first meeting. Or have your parents sign up at

<https://tinyurl.com/19computerclub>

Activities: Be introduced to several coding Languages such as Scratch, JavaScript, and Python. We will also explore different types of computer hardware such as makey-makeys and microbits. Also, come with your interests and ideas and we will find out what we can learn from each other.

2019-20 Meets from 3:20 pm - 4:15 in room 517 (Computer Lab)

Date: Thursdays, September 12th & 26th; October 10th & 24th; November 7th & 21st; December 5th & 19th; January 9th & 23rd; February 6th & 20th; March 12th; April 2nd & 16th; May 7th & 21st.

CROSS COUNTRY



Cross Country is a co-ed sport open to all 5th through 8th graders. Practice is held Monday through Thursday 3:30-4:30 p.m. The Cross Country season runs from late August to mid October. This is a no cut sport. Updated physical is required.

DRAMA CLUB – 4-5 GRADE

4th and 5th grade Drama Club gives kids a chance to build on their performance skills while engaging in fun, interactive activities. Kids create improvised scenes, get a bit of experience working with a script and play theater games.



DRAMA CLUB – 6-7 GRADE

6th and 7th grade Drama Club is designed to build community and comradery between its middle school participants. Based on the interests of the participants, the focus ranges from interactive drama games and improvisation, to scripted work.

EIGHTH GRADE PLAY

At the end of February, the 8th grade class performs a play or a musical for OGS students and the local community. The entire 8th grade class is encouraged and welcomed to participate as members of either the cast or stage crew.

ENGINEERING for KIDS



Engineering for Kids brings the wonder and excitement of STEM education (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) to children ages 4-14 through a variety of hands-on learning experiences. This club meets on Thursdays every week for 6 weeks.

FILMMAKING CLUB

Calling all 6th - 8th Graders

Come to Dr. Meltzer's room 517 (Computer Lab) to get a permission slip before our first meeting. Or have your parents sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/19filmmakingclub>

Activities: You will learn the basics of cameras, microphones, and software with the ultimate goal of telling your own stories. We will learn how to tell stories using a variety of filmmaking techniques including stop-motion, animation, and special effects. Filmmaking can be an individual or team activity, so invite your friends to join. Hope to see you there!



2019-20 Meets from 3:20 pm - 4:15 in room 517 (Computer Lab)

Date: Most Mondays throughout the year. This is through Thanksgiving

- September 16
- September 23
- September 30 - NO CLUB
- October 7
- October 14 - NO SCHOOL
- October 21
- October 28
- November 4
- November 11 -NO CLUB
- November 18

FRENCH CLUB

This club is offered to 6-8th students currently taking French. The club meets the first Monday of every month from 3:20-4:15 in room 101. We explore cultural and artistic topics from French speaking countries throughout the world.



GOLF



Open to 7th and 8th graders. Begins in April. Parents provide transportation to and from golf matches. Matches and tournaments are based on a player's average scores performed during practice days.

HONOR SOCIETY

The Oak Grove Honor Society is an organization, which rewards academic achievement, leadership and service achievements, and character attributes of our 8th students. Specific qualification criteria must be met in order to be eligible for induction into the organization.

The criteria are listed in the Parent/Student Handbook. The time commitment involved includes several lunch periods or after school meetings throughout the year and an after



school induction ceremony. Students are responsible for completing 10 service hours, 5 of which need to be for Oak Grove School. The induction ceremony occurs in May.

INTRAMURALS SPORTS

Basketball is offered in late winter/early spring for 4th and 5th grade boys and girls. The philosophy of the program is:

- to provide an opportunity for all to participate equally
- to provide an enjoyable experience
- to teach sportsmanship and teamwork
- to teach or improve basic basketball skills

MATHCOUNTS



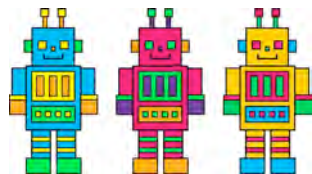
MATHCOUNTS is open to 7th and 8th graders. MATHCOUNTS meets during designated lunch periods during the second trimester. It is designed to enhance students' math curriculum. Students work with each other and independently under teacher's guidance to solve challenging problems as well as applying their math backgrounds to "real life" problems. In the spring, MATHCOUNTS will take part in a competition.

PUZZLE CLUB

Puzzle Club is open to grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. We meet Mondays from 3:20 to 4:15 in room 101. This club is geared towards students with special interest in putting together puzzles and working on long-term puzzle projects. Puzzle Club is a popular club, which aims to give children an opportunity to learn self-confidence, perseverance, and resilience through puzzles and games.



ROBOTIC CLUB The Robotic Club is an engineering club where students will be challenged while having fun with robots. This club is for 5th -7th grade students that are interested in learning how to build and program the Lego EV3 robot. Club members independently venture through a series of challenge mats at their own pace. We meet in late October and continue to meet until March on every other Tuesday from 3:25 pm – 4:15 pm. Hope you can join us!



SCIENCE CLUB

Student in 5th-8th grade can participate in Science Club. The main focus of the club is to learn core chemistry topics in preparation for the local "You Be The Chemist Challenge" (YBTCC) competition in the spring. This is a collaborative, multilevel academic competition that celebrates the science of chemistry and elevates STEM

careers. Meetings usually take place after school, starting in the winter, and ending in the spring, after the competition.

SNOWFLAKE



Snowflake is open to 7th and 8th grade students. It is a prevention program that addresses a broad range of young adolescent concerns and encourages school and community involvement. It is based on the belief that providing young people with factual information as well as opportunities for self-understanding increases their chances for a productive interaction with life.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is for students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The Student Council organizes various school events as well as fundraisers. There are two dances throughout the year. Money is donated to charities in need as well as annual fundraisers for Lambs Farm and P.A.D.S. Students are welcome to join at the beginning of each school year. In May, seventh graders are elected to serve as officers for the following school year.



SPIRIT SQUAD



Spirit Squad is open to 5th-8th graders. There will be an informational meeting and tryouts in October. There will be 10-20 students chosen. Students will cheer during boys and girls home basketball games, as well as perform a dance at half-time. Practices will be held 3-4 days a week. Squad members are expected to attend all practices and games. An updated physical is required. If you are a boy interested in trying out, please see Ms. Sweeney or Mrs. Sobey in September.

OG STUDENT NEWS



OG Student News is open to all 6th – 8th grade students. This is an extra-curricular activity that allows students to share their opinions, current events, comics, photos, and news reports from various Oak Grove activities. This club is predominantly student-driven, and is best suited for self-motivated students who have a flair for writing, taking photographs, and being in front of or behind a video camera.

SPANISH CLUB

¡Hola y bienvenidos al club de español! This club is open to all 4th - 8th grade Spanish students. We meet once a month and venture into Spanish customs, foods, crafts, and games. Our goal is to promote student engagement in language, diversity, and culture through a variety of experiences.



TRACK and FIELD



Track and Field is open to 6th - 8th grade students. Track meets three to four days a week from 3:30-4:30 p.m. All meets are away and can go until 7:30 p.m. Some meets will be held on Saturday. The season begins after Spring break. This is a no cut sport.

VOLLEYBALL: Boys

Open to 7th and 8th grade boys, this activity meets Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. There are eight games throughout the season, typically played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Volleyball begins in January and is approximately eight weeks long. The teams are made up of approximately 12 boys. There is an end of season tournament.

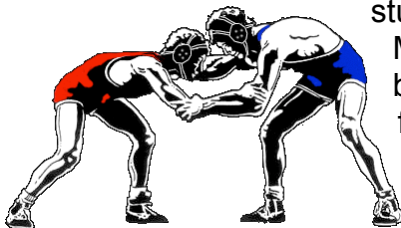


VOLLEYBALL: Girls

Open to 7th and 8th grade girls, volleyball usually meets Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. There are eight games throughout the season, typically on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Volleyball runs from August to October with try-outs in late August. There is one team per grade made up of approximately 12 girls. There is a conference tournament at the end of the season.

WRESTLING

Wrestling is an IESA coed (boys & girls) program, open to all 5th through 8th grade students. It runs from December through the second week of March. Meets begin in December; Saturday competitions begin in January. Practices are Monday through Thursday from 3:30-6:00 p.m, Fridays from 3:30-5:00 pm. This is a no cut sport.



YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Young Rembrandts teaches drawing with a see-touch-do method that all kids can succeed with, learn from and love. Each session is 10 weeks and meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students can expect a new, exciting lesson every week, improved core art skills and to have fun!

