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Sign-Up Night: Thursday
1/14/2010 7:00 Sweetsir School

Be a Monitor and sign-up first!

Welcome to the Merrimac PTO After School Exploration (ASE) program. This is an enrichment program and a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn a new skill, get some exercise or just have some fun. Please take a moment to read the registration and program policies found below.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at the Sweetsir School on Thursday, January 14, 2010 (snow date is **January 19th**). Registration will be a lottery format **beginning at 7:00PM**. Payment in full is required on registration night. **ONE CHECK PER CHILD AND PER CLASS WILL BE ACCEPTED**. Classes begin the week of **January 25th**.

LOTTERY PROCEDURE

Parents/guardians should arrive at the **Sweetsir School** between **7:00PM** and **7:15PM** to draw a random number for their family. At **7:15PM** ASE volunteers will begin drawing numbers in random order and parents will register their children as their numbers are called. Full payment is due at this time. As registration proceeds, classes may fill, so please have a second choice. Parents/guardians may not sign up other children (neighbors, relatives, friends, etc.) unless they collect an additional number. Late arrivals, **after 7:15PM**, will not be able to participate in the general lottery. Late arrivals will sign their child/ren up after all the lottery numbers have been called.

PAYMENT

Payment in full (including the materials fee) is required on registration night. **Please complete one registration form and one check for each class your child is taking**. Extra forms are available on the PTO website (merrimacpto.org). Please make checks payable to the Merrimac PTO. Once a child is registered for class there will be NO refunds or class changes.

No registration will be accepted without payment in full and a completed registration form.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Full scholarships are available from the Merrimac PTO. Please contact Lisa Linnehan, 978-346-0405 or at llinnehan@merrimacpto.org for further information. Please note that all scholarships must be pre-approved. The deadline for scholarship applications is Wednesday, January 13, 2010. *No scholarships will be authorized on registration night.*

ASE PROGRAM POLICIES

Students will be called from the classroom to their ASE program immediately after school. Please have your child wear appropriate clothes for his/her class.

DISMISSAL

AN ADULT MUST PICK UP ALL STUDENTS. WE WILL NOT RELEASE STUDENTS TO OLDER SIBLINGS. Students must be picked up promptly in the foyer at the school following their class. Sweetsir classes release at 4:05PM, Donaghue classes release at 3:50PM, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN BROCHURE. Carefully note your child's class time and pick him/her up promptly. **If your child is going to be walking home, prior written permission is needed.**

CANCELLATIONS

If the school is closed, there will be no ASE program. In the event that the instructor is unable to teach, we will notify the students and the parents and a make-up class will be scheduled. In the event of inclement or threatening weather, classes may have to be cancelled. If the weather is questionable, contact the school after 1:30PM on the day of the class for cancellation information.

ABSENCES

In the event a student has been in school, but not at the ASE program, every effort will be made to contact the parent to determine the student's whereabouts. Please assist us by calling the office or sending a note if you know your child will not attend class. This will help us be certain of your child's safety.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

You must name a local alternate contact person on your registration form that has your permission to transport and/or care for your child in the event you cannot be reached in an emergency. We do not have access to the school records.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

In order to ensure an enjoyable experience for all, students should be respectful and cooperative with their classmates and instructor. Continued inappropriate behavior may result in dismissal from the ASE program.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

There is **NO** school nurse available during ASE classes. Please note any health issues on registration form. Due to some medical concerns there will be **no snacks** allowed in ASE classes

ANY QUESTIONS?

Please contact Lisa Linnehan at llinnehan@merrimacpto.org

VOLUNTEERS

Monitors are needed at both schools during ASE classes to take class attendance and ensure classes run smoothly. *Monitors can sign-up first on registration night!*

SWEETSIR SCHOOL ASE CLASSES

Sweetsir - Monday

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| INDOOR RECESS Grades K-2 14 students Jen and Jayme Marden | 25 JAN-8 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>Come and have fun! Games, games and more games will keep students moving while developing social skills and good sportsmanship without competition.</i> |
| CERAMICS Grades K-2 14 students Hilary Noury | 25 JAN-8 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 \$42 Materials fee 1 hour | <i>Use different painting techniques on ceramic pieces each week. Be creative with a fun, new project each week.</i> |

Sweetsir - Wednesday (Classes run 1:30–2:35)

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| SPANISH Grades 1-2 10 students Samantha Migliozi/Parent Chaperone | 27 JAN-10 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour | <i>Hola! Learn basic Spanish in this introductory class. Greetings, phrases, short sentences and pronunciation will all be covered. Feliz Año Nuevo!</i> |
| SOCCER Grades K-2 12 students Elizabeth Freeman, Ashley Linnehan and Parent Chaperone | 27 JAN-10 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>Come and join the fun! We will be learning some basic soccer skills and putting them to use by playing activity-based games.</i> |
| KARATE Grades K-2 14 students Jeff Saab—Saab's East Coast Karate | 27 JAN-10 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>Students will learn the importance of self-defense, respect, self-esteem and teamwork in this beginner Martial Arts class.</i> |

Sweetsir - Thursday

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| BASKETBALL Grades K-2 16 students Ken Keegan | 28 JAN-11 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>Learn to play basketball or improve your game with fun, skill-building activities.</i> |
| GYMNASTICS Grades 1-2 8 students Clipper City Gymnastics Beth Smith, Abbie Smith, Erin Sullivan | 28 JAN- 11 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>Basic Gymnastics: This class will include group stretching and warm up exercises. We will introduce basic tumbling and use of some equipment such as balance beams.</i> |
| KIDROBICS Grades K-2 12 students Ms. McCormack | 28 JAN- 11 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>Pump it up! Have fun exercising and creating aerobic routines to fun music. Challenge yourself with basic cardio circuit activities. Warm up and cool down with proper stretching techniques.</i> |

Sweetsir - Friday

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| CRAFT MEDLEY Grades K-2 10 students Sue Freeman | 29 JAN-12 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour \$15 Materials Fee | <i>Come and have fun making crafts! We will be making a different craft each week. Crafts will include sand art, suncatchers, beading, snowmen, ceramics, valentine crafts, and fabric painted T-shirts.</i> |
| INDOOR RECESS Grades K-2 14 students Elizabeth Freeman ,Ashley Linnehan and Parent Chaperone | 29 JAN-12 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>Come and have fun! Games, games and more games will keep students moving while developing social skills and good sportsmanship without competition.</i> |
| TENNIS Grades K-2 12 students Coach Pete Kolifrath | 29 JAN-12 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers | <i>Get ready to have fun! You'll learn the basics of tennis through fun games and activities. Racquets provided.</i> |
| SIGN LANGUAGE Grades K-2 12 students Mrs. Joyce | 29 JAN- 12 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour | <i>Learn American sign language and communicate by using your hands and facial expressions! You will learn the alphabet, words to express feelings, animals, and other</i> |

DONAGHUE SCHOOL ASE CLASSES

Donaghue - Monday

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| MAGNIFICENT MOSAICS Grades 3-6 12 Students Leslie Doherty | 25 JAN-8 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 \$55 Materials Fee 1 hour | <i>Enjoy a creative atmosphere and learn about the fine art of Mosaics. Make a cool and beautiful stained glass piece! Choices include tile trivets, planter pots, mirrors, wall plaques, suncatchers and picture frames!</i> |
| SPORTS MEDLEY Grades 3-6 14 students Haley Duprey, Ashley Linnehan and Parent Chaperone | 25 JAN-8 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>A new game each week. Games will include soccer, basketball, floor hockey and dodge ball.</i> |
| KARATE Grades 3-6 14 students Jeff Saab—Saab's East Coast Karate | 25 JAN-8 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>Students will learn the importance of self-defense, respect, self-esteem and teamwork in this beginner Martial Arts class.</i> |

Donaghue - Tuesday

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| CRAFT MEDLEY Grades 3-6 10 students Sue Freeman | 26 JAN-9 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 \$15 Materials Fee 1 hour | <i>Come and have fun making crafts! We will be making a different craft each week. Crafts will include sand art, beading, snowmen, ceramics, valentine crafts, fabric paint for T-shirts, DuckTape crafts and more.</i> |
| DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY Grade 6 10 students Kathy Milstein | 2 Feb -9 MAR 5 weeks/\$45 1.5 hours (2:50—4:30) *Bring your own materials | <i>Learn the basics of digital photography, from how to use a digital camera and work in a digital darkroom, to printing your pictures at home. <u>*You will need to bring a digital "point and shoot" camera and a read/write CD to their first class.</u></i> |
| CHEERLEADING Grades 3-6 10 students Stephanie Wilbur /Parent Chaperone | 9 Feb- 9 MAR 4 weeks/\$25 Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>Learn some cool cheers and have lots of fun in this intro to cheerleading class.</i> |
| SPORTS MEDLEY Grades 3-6 14 students Jerry Duprey | 26 JAN-9 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | <i>A new game each week. Games will include soccer, basketball, floor hockey and dodge ball.</i> |

Donaghue - Wednesday (Classes run 1:20–2:20)

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| KNITTING Grades 3-6 10 Students Pam Webb | 27 JAN-10 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour *Bring Your Own Materials | Make a cool scarf, or whatever you wish. Please bring a skein of 4 ply worsted weight yarn, a knitting needle size 9 or larger, and a bag for your supplies. |
| ROCK N' ROLL GUITAR Grades 3-6 8 students Acorn Music | 27 JAN–10 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour \$15 Materials Fee | Have you ever wished you could play guitar? Now's your chance in this fun intro to guitar class Bring your own guitar or use ours. |
| CERAMICS Grades 3-6 14 students Hilary Noury | 27 JAN–10 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 \$42 Materials fee 1 hour | Use different painting techniques on ceramic pieces each week. Be creative with a fun, new project each week. |

Donaghue - Thursday

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| CLOWNING AROUND Grades 3-6 15 students Sue Wolfendale | 28 JAN- 25MAR 8 weeks/\$48 1 hour \$25 Materials fee | Come learn about the history of clowning, what kinds of clowns there are, character development, make-up, balloons, magic, and skits. Week 8 will be a show for parents. Class taught by a professional clown. |
| LEGOTOPIA Grades 3-4 12 Students Paula Cain, Karen Batchelder | 28 JAN–11 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Bring Your Own Materials | Have fun creating legos masterpieces on your own or join in to build with other legos artists. *Bring your own legos in a ziplock bag or container. |
| SPANISH Grades 3-6 10 students Alyson Krisanda /Parent Chaperone | 28 JAN-11 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour | Hola! Learn basic Spanish in this introductory class. Greetings, phrases, short sentences and pronunciation will all be covered. Feliz Año Nuevo! |

Donaghue - Friday

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| SPORTS MEDLEY Grades 3-6 14 students TBA | 29 JAN-12 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking sneakers | A new game each week. Games will include soccer, basketball, floor hockey and dodge ball. |
| POPPIN' HIP HOP Grades 3-6 10 students Jamie Snook /Parent Chaperone | 29 JAN-12 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 1 hour Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Hair should be tied away from face. | For those who love to move to the beat! Poppin' Hip Hop is a mix of Jazz and Hip Hop. Technique and style will be incorporated into this fun and active class. |
| CREATIVE CRAFTS Grades 3-6 10 students Casey Snook/Parent Chaperone | 29 JAN-12 MAR 6 weeks/\$35 \$20 Materials Fee 1 hour | Get creative with a fun and easy art class. Design your own Tee shirts, make valentines, flower pens and more. |

AFTER SCHOOL EXPLORATION Registration Form

Fill out one form for each class, sign, date and bring to registration night.
You must fill in ALL the information. The PTO does not have access to any information you have given to the schools.

*Payment in FULL must be submitted with your registration form. Please make your check payable to the **Merrimac PTO**.*

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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| Student Name | Grade | Teacher | |
| ASE Class | Day | Fee Total | Check Number |
| Parent/Guardian Name | Address | | Home Phone |
| Work Phone | Cell Phone | Email Address | |
| Emergency Contact Name | Contact Phone Number | | |

Medical Concerns

*Can your child walk home after their ASE class? Yes _____ No _____

*Will your child go to the BASP after their ASE class? Yes _____ No _____

I give my child permission to participate in the After School Exploration Program. I agree to release and hold harmless the Merrimac PTO, Pentucket Regional District, the members of the school committee, and the officers, agents, employees and any and all instructors and organizers of this program from any and all liability for personal injuries to my child or other, or damage to persons or property that might result in any way from his/her participation in the above program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is ASE?

After School Exploration is a program sponsored by the PTO and held at your child's school immediately following school. There are a variety of classes in arts, crafts and sports.

What is available?

Additional brochures are available on the PTO website, www.merrimacpto.org

How do I sign up?

The registration lottery will be held at the [Sweetsir School](#) on Thursday, [January 14th](#). Snow date is Tuesday, January 19th.

How does the lottery work?

Come pick up a random number at the [Sweetsir School](#) between **7:00pm** and **7:15pm**. Beginning at **7:15**, numbers will be called in random order. When your number is called, it is your turn to register.

How long will the process take?

Volunteers will do their best to make sure registration moves as quickly as possible. Be sure to have your registration forms and **CHECKS** filled out as much as possible. Remember, classes do fill up, so save writing check amounts until your number is called.

How will I know when a class is full?

A volunteer will make an announcement to let you know. Popular classes do fill up, so help your child pick a second choice beforehand.

What if my child changes their mind?

NO changes can be made after you leave registration unless the class is cancelled because minimum requirements are not met.

What if I can't make the registration night?

Check the PTO website, merrimacpto.org, to see which classes still have availability after the January 14th registration night. Send registration to the PTO mailbox at your child's school. Do not call the program coordinator regarding class availability and late registration. You can also send someone to registration in your place. Remember, one number per family.



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