

## **Wetzel Elementary School Extra Curricular Activities SY 2008-2009**

Below is a listing of the extra curricular activities offered at Wetzel Elementary School this year. Please take some time to review these opportunities with your child. Students must have their own transportation to participate in after school clubs. It is important that you discuss proper behavior with your child during these activities and the need for regular attendance. Some clubs have limited space so be sure to return your sign up forms promptly as spaces fill up quickly. *You will be notified of your child's acceptance into a club prior to the first club meeting in order to facilitate transportation etc. Please do not plan for your child to attend a club unless the club sponsor has officially notified you of his/her acceptance.*

### **Book Club**

Book Club is an after school club whose purpose is to promote the love for literacy throughout the school and compete in the Baumholder "Battle of the Books" competition in March. It is open to students in grades 4-6, with no limit on the number of students participating. We will meet after school on Wednesdays from 2:15-3:15 in room 101.

Participating students will read as many of the 20 books as possible to prepare for the competition. We will also participate in school-wide reading events, read to K-3 classes (during school hours), make posters promoting the books we read, engage in book talks, and compare/contrast books and movies.

### **Homework Club**

The Homework Club is a voluntary after-school program held on Monday (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders) and Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders) from 2:15-3:05. The Homework Club is an opportunity for students to use school resources, to work quietly on assignments or projects, and receive help. Parents are asked to complete a Homework Club contract to participate in this program.

### **Art Club**

Are you a serious, creative spirit interested in developing your artistic potential? Then, the art Club is for you!! The Art Club will be limited to 11 students from grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> during the Fall session on Thursday afternoons from 1415-1545.

The Club artists will be creating masterpieces with techniques that will not be taught yet in class. The work will be more in-depth and will represent various cultural traditions. In the spring, the Art Club will hold an exhibit displaying the creations. The spring session will take place on Mondays for 1-2 grades and on Thursdays for 3-6 grades.

### **Student Leadership Club:**

Student Leadership Club: Students in grades 5 and 6 will be leaders of the school while they serve as role models, help with the school improvement plan, and learn about peer mediation. Applicants must demonstrate commitment by reaching out to peers, friends, and younger students through peer support programs. Club members must be willing and able to speak publicly in front of varied audiences. The following rules to live by will be focused on during our club; show respect for self and others, lead, follow, and compromise, sharing ideas, being a role model, staying committed, and having fun! Club starts October 14<sup>th</sup> and continues every Tuesday from 2:15-3:00, except the first Tuesday of each month. Club calendar will be sent out at first meeting.

### **Sudoku Club**

Sudoku Club: Do you like numbers? Are you good at solving problems? Do you like to compete with your friends to see who the best sudoku-ist is? Well, guess what? You're here! If you can count from one to nine, know the difference between a row, a column, and a block of nine, you belong with us! Come join the sudoku club for number fun! Club is open to students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> grade who think they can beat Mrs. Richardson at a good 'ole round of sudoku! Club meets every Thursday from 2:15-2:45 starting October 9<sup>th</sup>. Club calendar will be sent out at first meeting.

### **PE Club**

The PE Club will be performing various activities such as: intramurals, games that entail cognitive thinking in collaboration with different loco-motor skills and agility games.

There will be three separate sessions throughout the year.

Session 1 October 15-December 17, Grades 3/4

Session 2 January 12-March 25, Grades 5/6

Session 3 April 20-May 27, Grades 1/2

Twenty students and five alternates will be accepted. Alternates will be added if a student leaves the club. All members must have a permission slip signed by one of their parents and classroom teacher. A teacher signature tells me that student is academically okay and displays appropriate behavior. PE Club will be conducted from 2:15- 3:15 on Mondays & Wednesdays (PS) Only members of PE Club are allowed in gym during this time. Sorry, no siblings.

### **CHESS CLUB**

Challenge your mind while having fun and learning a new skill. Chess is an exciting but quiet game that enhances critical thinking skills and allows the discovery of many paths to achieve a goal. Open to up to 20 players per session grades 3-6. Club meets Wednesdays beginning @ 1415 and ending @ 1545

## **VOYAGER ENRICHMENT**

This is an after school program designed to boost background knowledge and enhance learning. Voyager's are partners in the learning process and must have social skills that support group work. We will explore folk tales, cultural diversity in many forms, and children's literature/stories based in different cultures. Open to grades K-2 14 students per session needed to facilitate two student-learning teams. Teacher nominations preferred to accommodate the need for students with the required social skills. There will be 2 sessions of 10 meetings each. Club meets Thursdays beginning @ 1415 and ending @ 1545

## **Music Club/Talent Show**

The Music Club will meet in preparation for the annual Talent Show, which will be held at Christmas time this year. After school practices will give students time to prepare their talents for the Talent Show auditions. Students with the highest scores at the Talent Show Auditions will be selected to perform at the Talent Show, so start practicing now! Practices will begin very soon; schedules will be posted outside the music room.

## **After School Keyboarding/CCC/Homework Club**

- Do you wish you had more time to work on school computers?
- Do you need more time to work on your keyboarding skills?
- Do you want to improve your math or reading skills using Success Maker/CCC?

If so, **After School Keyboarding Club** is for you. You may work on Type to Learn, CCC, or any other schoolwork you need to do on the computer.

Our goals will be to:

- Improve our keyboarding skills using Type to Learn
- Improve our math and/or reading skills using CCC
- Work on class assignments and projects that need more computer time

3-6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited. We will meet in the lab on Thursdays from 2:10 – 3:10, starting on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet until the end of March.