

Arbutus Middle School Spring 2024 Activity Program

Session Dates: January 30-April 25, 2024

Register by January 30, 2024

1. Discuss the activities with your parent/guardian.
2. Register with the teacher sponsor conducting the activity by turning in a completed permission slip (see your homeroom teacher, the club sponsor, or the main office).
3. The teacher sponsor needs to approve your participation in the activity. Note: Some activities are restricted to a certain number and/or require a skill level to participate.
4. Due to transportation limitations, activity buses will not be available this school year until further notice. Transportation must be provided by parent/guardian.

Activity	Sponsor - Rm #	Sponsor Email	Meets On:	Activity Would Be Good For:
Arbutus Achievers	Ms. Lawrence- 215 Ms. Stuchell- 108	klawrence6@bcps.org mstuchell@bcps.org	Tuesday & Thursday	UMBC students provide 1:1 support to AMS students for study skills, homework completion, and overall organization of school materials. Students who are interested are interested should see Ms. Lawrence or their teachers so that they can be recommended for the program. Teachers and parent/guardians can also recommend for Arbutus Achievers. Our start date is to be determined. <u>Listen to the announcements for updates!</u>
Arbutus Wind Ensemble	Mr. Kim - 126	skim5@bcps.org	Tuesday	This performance group is for any 6, 7, or 8 th grade student who is enrolled in band class. We will be working on advanced music and will be travelling to elementary schools, assessments, Charlestown Retirement Community and Hershey Park Competition as well as performing at our Winter and Spring Concerts. 6 th and 7 th graders will need to audition for a spot in this group and that can be set up on an individual basis with Mr. Kim starting the week of 1/22. 8 th graders are required to attend once a month (TBD), but are invited to come any Tuesday.
Art Club	Ms. Snyder - 221	csnyder4@bcps.org	Tuesday	Art Club is a space to give all creative students at AMS the opportunity to meet new people, develop and inspire new ideas, and to develop a creative community while exploring a variety of art media through art creation. Permission slips are available outside of room 221. Fall art club students are required to provide a new permission slip to be a part of the spring semester club. Limited spots available. <u>We will start meeting on Feb. 6.</u>
Best Buddies	Mrs. Donovan - 112	ddonovan@bcps.org	Thursday	The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of students with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. Club members will be "matched" in a one-to-one friendship with another middle school student. The club members will meet with Mrs. Donovan after school once to learn about our coffee shop, Special Blend. The members will then join the students on B days during 1st period to make and deliver coffee to the staff.
Broadcast Production	Mr. Moser- office	mmoser@bcps.org	Tuesday & Wednesday	Students will work together to produce the AMS News morning announcements using the school TV studio. Students will learn TV production software, audio management, and other behind the scenes jobs. Opportunities to record and livestream events <i>may</i> also be possible.
The Butterfly Squad	Ms. Kiah- 220	ckiah@bcps.org	Tuesday	The Butterfly Squad is a place where young ladies can develop the skills and tools needed to spread their wings. The club affords students the opportunity to communicate the complexity and frustrations in their lives, gain positive ways to cope, develop self-determination, engage in their education, expand their life skills, and develop positive relationships with their peers and adults.
Chamber Orchestra	Mr. Miskimon - 128	jmiskimon@bcps.org	Tuesday	Chamber Orchestra will be open to any AMS 8 th Grade Orchestra student and will focus on the benefits of small-group, student-lead ensemble experiences while learning about performance opportunities. Students will cultivate musical skills such as independent musicianship, ensemble communication, and self-confidence in performance. Students will also cultivate interpersonal skills, including responsibility, teamwork, and leadership skills.

Concert Orchestra	Mr. Miskimon - 128	jmiskimon@bcps.org	Thursday	Concert Orchestra will be open to any AMS Orchestra student by audition only. Students who meet requirements for this group will meet on Thursday afternoons and will have the opportunity to learn skills more advanced than what is found in the BCPS Orchestra curriculum. Students will focus on cultivating more advanced performance skills including shifting to higher positions, vibrato, and complex rhythmic concepts with the goal of applying these skills in future virtual performances.
Creative Coders	Mr. Barone - 102	bbarone@bcps.org	Thursday	Want to learn how to make games? Want to learn about computer science from UMBC students? Then, Creative Coders is for you! We will code games from scratch and learn about the field of computer science. Limited spaces available! We will start meeting on February 15th. New members are welcome.
Dance and Cheer Team	Ms. RT- Upper Activity Room	mrandletttydings@bcps.org	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays	This Dance & Cheer Team is a performance-based team of enthusiastic students that emulate school spirit and technical skills. The Dance & Cheer Team will perform at all home basketball games, school fundraisers, and evening showcases. Students who have dance and/or cheer skills should consider trying out for the team. Students who make the team will be required to attend weekly practices and must be available for evening basketball games (usually on Tuesday and Thursday evenings) and performance events. Students must have their own transportation! No new entrants for spring.
Drop the Mic Poetry Club	Ms. Kiah- 220	ckiah@bcps.org	Thursday	Drop the Mic Poetry Club is a form of art and thought venue which will provide a space and place for students to develop their voice, express themselves in a healthy way, communicate freely, express emotions and release anxiety. It can also help students to truly find their voice.
Festival Choir	Mr. Schwarz- 124	jschwarz@bcps.org	Tuesday	This performance group is for any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade singer who would like to have additional performance opportunities at Arbutus Middle School. This ensemble will sing a wide variety of music (pop, acapella, jazz, Broadway, classical, multicultural, etc.). Students that sing in this ensemble will travel to elementary schools, BCPS Assessments, Charlestown Retirement Community, and the Hershey Park Competition as well as our Spring and Winter concerts. Singers who are interested in participating should see Mr. Schwarz to arrange an audition.
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)	Ms. Meyers- Health room	rmeyers@bcps.org	Tuesday	The GSA is a student-led and student-organized club that creates a safe, welcoming, and accepting environment for the LGBTQIA+ population as well as the student body regardless of identity or orientation. We aim to create a sense of community and promote equity and equality among our peers through school projects and outreach education.
Green School	Ms. Vandenburg & Mx. Sohyda - 120A	hvandenburg@bcps.org csohyda@bcps.org	Thursday	This club will allow students to identify environmental issues and help make decisions to solve these problems. We will also work to maintain the beauty of the campus. This year will be unique as we will be using aerial views to plan different placement for flower beds, blue bird houses and much more.
Jazz Band	Mr. Kim - 126	skim5@bcps.org	Thursday	This performance group is for all 6, 7, and 8 th grade students who can read music and play an instrument, this includes electric guitar, bass, piano, and drum set. Mr. Kim will not be teaching these instruments; students must already know how to play them. Musicians will be rehearsing and performing jazz and rock music and having a lot of FUN doing it! Attendance every week is mandatory.
Morning Basketball	Mr. Weiner- Gym Mr. Barone- Gym	jweiner@bcps.org bbarone@bcps.org	Tuesday & Thursday morning	Students will be able to play in full and half court pick-up games, as well as develop basic basketball skills. AM Basketball will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15-7:55 AM. The gym lobby doors will be open from 7:15-7:25 AM. Students must have appropriate footwear (sneakers/tennis shoes) to participate. Students must have their own transportation in the morning.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)	Mrs. Mangiafico- Library	cmangiafico@bcps.org	Tuesday	New 7 th and 8 th grade members will be inducted to join our National Honor Society on Tuesdays. Potential members must have at least a 3.75 grade point average from the previous year to be invited to apply to be a member. Students will be notified if they qualify for NHS. Community service activities in and out of school are essential. Recommendations from previous teachers will also be sought out. New members should come prepared to share ideas about community service projects for NHS. They can include, but are not limited to the following: letters to the elderly, book drive, read aloud, multicultural project, humane society involvement, service project, etc. The Induction Ceremony will be held in October. NJHS meetings will begin on Tuesdays after the Induction Ceremony.
Safe School Ambassadors	Ms. Watkins- 209	owatkins@bcps.org	Thursday	A club filled with socially influential students who are trained to safely intervene when they witness mistreatment, bullying, and cyberbullying within the school environment. Joining SSA allows students a great leadership opportunity and positively impacts the crisis of bullying in schools. We aim to empower club members as well as the student body to end negative communication among peers through student support, conflict resolution training, and school projects.
Strategy Club	Ms. Bullock- 119 (Club meets in the library.)	kbullock@bcps.org	Thursday	Do you like to bamboozle your enemies with deft tactical maneuvers? Maybe you prefer to study ancient spells that ensure victory before the battle has even begun! In Strategy Club, we play fantastical tabletop strategy games like Dungeons and Dragons, Magic: The Gathering, Werewolf, and more. Perhaps you like to play classic board games such as Clue, Battleship, Monopoly, or Othello? Maybe it's Uno, Scrabble, Jenga, Yahtzee, or even a round of Hearts you prefer! If you like to play games of any kind (without a screen) or want to learn some new ones while having fun with your friends, come match your wits against your fellow classmates in Strategy Club.
Student Council	Mrs. Aaron - 210	eaaron@bcps.org	Tuesday	I am super excited to have SCA back in all its dance and fundraising glory! The purpose of the student council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. The club completes 1 activity a month and includes dances, food drives, clothing drives, Pennies for Patients, and the Sports-a-thon. That's just a few of the activities we will take part in this school year.
Volleyball	Ms. Staley- Gym Ms. Dudley- Gym	sstaley@bcps.org jdudley2@bcps.org	Tuesday & Thursday	Students of all skill levels are welcome to join afterschool volleyball. During our time on the court, we will be able to play pick-up games as well as develop basic volleyball skills, like passing, setting, spiking, and teamwork. PM volleyball will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:20 PM. Students must have appropriate gym footwear to to participate.
Yearbook & Newsletter Club	Ms. Meyers- Health room	rmeyers@bcps.org	Thursday	Yearbook Club is looking for 10 creative students to learn how to design and construct the school yearbook and monthly newsletter. You will learn how to design layouts, interview others, and take pictures by attending school events! It is a perfect opportunity to make new friends and express yourself creatively!