

ARBUTUS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Spring 2020 After-School Activity Program*

**Registration:** Deadline is 1/21/20.

**Session Dates:** Tuesday Program: Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 11, 18, 25, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 14, & 21  
 Thursday Program: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 16, & 23

1. Take this information home and discuss the activities with your parent/guardian.
2. Register with the teacher conducting the activity.
3. The teacher 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. If approved, the teacher will give you a parent permission letter and activity bus information.
5. You *must* have the parent permission letter signed and return it to the activity sponsor.
6. If you wish to ride the activity bus, you must follow the directions listed on the activity bus information sheet.

**TUESDAYS – Activity Buses Available**

Activity	Sponsor	Room	Activity Would Be Good For:
<b>Arbutus Wind Ensemble</b>	Mrs. Boyle	126	Arbutus Wind Ensemble is designed to offer students a chance to perform challenging band music in our community and for competitions. Students must commit to TUESDAY rehearsals after school EVERY WEEK. 8 <sup>th</sup> grade members will rehearse the 4 <sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY of every month (unless otherwise specified). This is a year long commitment to performing excellent music! The Hershey Park Eastern Regional Competition is in May and will require festival and bus fees. Payments will be spread out through the year.
<b>Art Club</b>	Ms. Slentz	221	The Art Club would be good for any student who would like to broaden their artistic abilities, even if they are not taking an art class. We will be working on both personal artworks and school-based projects. Check out the ceiling tile mural on your way to the café for an example.
<b>Broadcast Production</b>	Mr. Moser	TV studio	This club will explore and teach students what it takes to run a newsroom by producing and broadcasting the morning announcements. It will teach students the basics of setting up and running sound for live events. Students will explore filming, editing, broadcasting, and sound tech for various school events that happen throughout the year, including sports events, school concerts, and the annual talent show. We will meet on <b>Tuesdays and Wednesdays</b> .
<b>Concert Orchestra</b>	Mr. Miskimon	128	This music group performs music above and beyond what they work on in class at the winter and spring concerts, other community concerts, and a competition held at Hershey Park in May. Estimated cost of \$100 for the trip.
<b>Drama Club</b>	Ms. Richards Mrs. Lint	107	The Drama Club is for students who would like to perform in front of others and are interested in learning about acting and theater production. We will be participating in various acting games and exercises as well as learning to analyze, interpret, and perform scripts. We will also be auditioning for a production to present to the school and community.
<b>Green School</b>	Ms. Buckner Ms. Vandenburg	120A	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 club is limited to 20 participants.
<b>National Junior Honor Society</b>	Mrs. Elliott Ms. Padilla	Library	NJHS is AMS leaders and students who have already been selected and inducted into NJHS. Tuesday meetings will be announced and noted on NJHS permission slips.
<b>Women in STEM</b>	Ms. Dell Ms. Ary	209	Women have made important contributions to the field of STEM and YOU CAN TOO! Do you like to build, construct, and problem solve to complete challenges and make the world a better place? Use your skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to discover some new ones after school as we complete challenges, program new technology and research important female role model in the field of STEM. There may even be special field trips and events.
<b>Student Council</b>	Mrs. Aaron	213	The SCA sponsors many different activities, such as the Boo Bash, the Spring Fling, canned food drives, the Sports-a-Thon, and collections for the HSUS. If you are a responsible and dedicated individual, then consider joining the SCA.
<b>Ukulele and Guitar Club</b>	Mrs. Blough	124	Ukulele and Guitar Club is open to all AMS students who wish to learn to play these instruments. Students do not need prior experience to join. All levels of experience are welcome! Students may bring their own instruments from home or borrow an instrument during club. No audition necessary.

**WEDNESDAY- NO ACTIVITY BUSES**

Activity	Sponsor	Room	Activity Would Be Good For:
<b>Chamber Orchestra</b>	Mr. Miskimon	128	Chamber Orchestra is for students in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra who would like to perform in small, student-led ensembles. This group performs at the Winter and Spring Concerts and may have other performance opportunities over the course of the school year.

### BOTH TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS - Activity Buses Available

Activity	Sponsor	Room	Activity Would Be Good For:
<b>AMS Track and Field</b>	Ms. Rigby Mr. Murray	104	AMS Track and Field Team will start in the beginning of March (listen to announcements for the exact date). We will practice on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. Students can ride the activity bus Tues. and Thurs., and must provide their own transportation on Wed. This is a competitive team that requires an <b>athletic permit, current physical, and a high GPA</b> . Forms will be available on Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> in room 104. Forms must be submitted by Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and <b>no late forms will be accepted</b> . If you like sprinting, long distance, or running in general, come out to join this year's team! Depending on numbers, tryouts will be held.
<b>Arbutus Achievers</b>	Ms. Cunningham	201	A small group of UMBC students provide 1:1 support in study skills, homework support, and overall organization of school materials. If you are interested, obtain a permission slip outside of the library or tell one of your teachers so that you can be recommended for the program. Club will start in Feb. Listen to the announcements and check Schoology for updates.
<b>Creative Coders</b>	Mr. Holoachock	207	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!
<b>Morning Basketball Intramurals</b>	Mrs. Happel Mr. Weiner Mr. Northcraft Mr. Esbrandt	Gym	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 locked promptly at 7:30 AM. Students must have appropriate gym footwear and clothing to participate. PE teachers will hand out a separate permission form. It will start on Feb. 18 and end on April 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Recycling Club</b>	Mrs. Green	112	The Recycling Club goes from room to room collecting the recycling from classroom bins. We are doing our part to save the environment for our green school status. We collect the recycling on B days during regular school hours.
<b>Volleyball Intramural</b>	Mrs. Happel Mr. Northcraft Mr. Esbrandt	Gym	This intramural would be good for students who enjoy volleyball and would like to play in either a competitive or noncompetitive setting. We will focus on building skills in volleyball, knowledge or rules and game play, and sportsmanship. We will end with a Volleyball Tournament.

### THURSDAYS - Activity Buses Available

Activity	Sponsor	Room	Activity Would Be Good For:
<b>Best Buddies</b>	Mrs. Donovan	112	Students will be "matched" in a one-to-one friendship with another middle school student. The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of students with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. At least 4 group activities are held each year, including after-school parties, school dances, bowling outings, shopping trips, and group dinners. Kindness, compassion, and assistance to all students are appreciated in this club.
<b>Festival Choir</b>	Mrs. Blough	124	Festival Choir is an auditioned vocal ensemble which performs a more varied repertoire of music and aims to sing at a more advanced level. We perform at both the Winter and Spring Concerts as well as the Hershey Park Showcase in the spring. Auditions are open to all AMS students and is not limited to those who are in chorus as a class. Any new entrants should audition for Mrs. Blough by Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup> . Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Blough at <a href="mailto:cblough@bcps.org">cblough@bcps.org</a> .
<b>Hip Hop Dance Club</b>	Ms. Randlett-Tydings	Upper activity room	This activity is good for students who are interested in learning various styles of dance including hip-hop that can improve their self-confidence, coordination, respect for themselves and others, and group interaction. This dance club will also promote fitness and provide the opportunity for developing skills that will transfer over into other physical activities for lifelong health. There will be a performance showcase at the end of the club's session which makes attendance mandatory. Club will start on Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> and end on Apr. 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Jazz Band</b>	Mrs. Boyle	126	Jazz Band consists of all wind instruments and rhythm section (guitar, bass, piano, drum set) playing contemporary music. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders are welcome.
<b>Military History Club</b>	Mr. Melrath	206	Do you play games like Call of Duty or Medal of Honor or watch war movies? Military History Club may be for you. Discuss the time periods of warfare that fascinate you and acquire a sophisticated understand of the 9 themes of Military History taught at West Point Military Academy.
<b>Safe School Ambassadors</b>	Ms. Buckner Ms. Rigby	TBD	This is a student leadership opportunity where students are selected to learn conflict resolution strategies and become student leaders in the building in order to create a positive environment for all students and staff. Selected students work with family group facilitators during and after school on Thursdays to work on these skills and strategies. We will meet during lunch and some Thursdays after school.
<b>Strategy Club</b>	Mr. Arthur Mr. Crenner Ms. Sheffield	Library 106	Do you study ancient spells and burn your enemies to a crisp? Or do you hone your skills with a blade and bring the battle right to then? Do you want to play games like Dungeons and Dragons, Magic: the Gathering, or Pathfinder? Match your wits against your fellow classmates in chess or checkers? If you know you like board games and want to try something new, come to Strategy Club!