

# Ostmann Elementary School Clubs

2015-2016

(Revised 8/17/2015)

## **Art Club** (Rebecca Schaub)

Grade 3

Art Club is offered to students from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade only. This student-interest led club allows students to experiment with new media and art techniques on a more individualized basis. Students will use a variety of 2D and 3D media such as pen, paint, fibers, and clay. They will also collaborate on a mural while studying artists from history. Art Club will be split into two groups: 1<sup>st</sup> semester art club and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester art club. We will meet Tuesday mornings from 8:00-8:45.

## **Better Together Club** (Cindy Eikermann and Sharon Hudzinski)

Grades K-5

The Better Together Club is offered to boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. During the course of the year, students are required to read 26 books (30 pages = 1 book for older students), "right" the community by performing 26 good deeds, and run 26 miles. The final mile is run with other Fort Zumwalt Better Together participants from other elementary schools. Each runner will receive a medal at the finish line. At each meeting we stretch, run a mile, and perform a good deed, if time permits. The majority of the miles ran and good deeds are done at home. All reading requirements are fulfilled at home. The Better Together Club meets twice a month on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the small gym.

## **Book Club** (Julie Birke)

Grades 4 & 5

Book Club is open to fourth or fifth graders who are interested in reading and discussing merits of selected Mark Twain Nominees. Students will meet once a month on Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. during the fall semester. Students will be responsible for locating a copy of each book from the local library, school library, or purchase the book on his/her own.

## **Choir Club** (Janet Harding)

Grades 4 & 5

The Choir Club is made up of students from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade that desire to learn more about music performance. There are auditions for the NEW Choir Club in late November and we start meeting together as a new group on most Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. until their concert in May at West High School. The club is limited by space – so there may only be 70 members total. (5<sup>th</sup> Graders will have the first option to be a member, followed by 4<sup>th</sup> Graders that have auditioned well). They will be divided into two groups for our first several practices (Blue and Green Teams) and once their individual parts are learned we put the groups together for our show. There are several additional practices (mostly Tuesday and Thursday evenings) that will happen as we move closer to their concert date and they find out what special parts they have been given. Also, at the beginning of the year (end of Sept./early October) the "old" Choir Club students (last year's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Club members) have practices and perform for Veteran's Day and help out with our Winter Sing-along by leading our students in the songs. These practices usually occur on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. There may be an opportunity to sing at a Cardinal's ballgame, provided we are asked by the Cardinal's organization and sell enough tickets for the event. Students must have been a performing member at our concert in May to be eligible to sing at our game.

## **Computer Club** (Sarah Sides & Sarah Richter)

Grades 2 & 4

The Computer Club is offered to boys and girls in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade only. There are two sessions during the school year; 4<sup>th</sup> grade during the fall semester, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during the spring semester. Together the students learn how to use technology to effectively research, design and present information. The Ostmann Computer club will meet every Friday morning from 8:00-8:45 am.

**Drama Club** (Janet Harding)

Grade 5

Drama Club is for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students only. There will be auditions for PERFORMERS during the first FULL week of school for parts, and students will be selected based on their audition. We are limited by the number of characters in our play for the year. If there is a large student interest – two shows may be selected to allow for more to participate. Students should feel comfortable in performing in front of an audience and they should be prepared to memorize the lines for the show. We practice every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 4:15-5:45 p.m. until our show in early October. Performers MUST be able to be at EACH practice for the ENTIRE time since our timeline before our performance is so short. Performers should be prepared to supply limited costuming items and may be asked to help with props or set decoration. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to help with our cast and crew dinner and set-up on their performance night. Additional practices may be called for special events that require a few actors, such as Readers for Reading Week or preparing for speaking roles in their 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical in March. There will also be requests made by signing up to be a part of our Drama Club “Technical Crew.” These students will be chosen based on their ability to work well together, by showing outstanding responsibility (since they will be working with very expensive equipment), and by being interested in learning how to work “behind the scenes” to help create a polished performance. These students may also be asked to be “extras” in our show. There are very few students chosen for this crew, and they help with our Drama Performance in October and also need to be available to help with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musicals at West High School to set up our sound equipment, stage and/or scenery for any Ostmann performance for the entire year.

**Earth Club** (Eric Pflughaupt)

Grade 5

Earth Club is offered to students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In Earth Club students will learn about different local and global environmental issues. They typically engage in hands-on projects and activities related to creating and maintaining a healthy environment. Guest speakers are invited to share ways that students can get involved in their community to help promote a healthy environment, as well as participate in environmental activities. Earth Club students assist the school in maintaining the garden areas on the grounds. Earth Club is a great way for students to realize how just one person can make an impact on the world we live in. Earth Club will meet every other Monday morning from 8:00 – 8:45.

**Fiber Club** (Laura Volpe)

Grades 4 &amp; 5

The purpose of Fiber Club (Crochet) is to teach students the basics of crocheting: reading and following a simple pattern, completing and combining basic stitches, and creating yarn items for personal use, gifts or donations. In Fiber club (Crochet), students will also find an outlet for their creativity as they work on projects; scarfs, hats, and mittens. Fiber club will meet twice monthly on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

**Foreign Language Club – French** (Terri Crosby)

Grades 4 &amp; 5

French Club is offered to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Students are introduced to basic vocabulary including greetings, colors, numbers, and simple questions/statements. Activities include games, short video clips, and a song or two. We also talk about France and French culture. French Club meets mid-September through December (first semester) on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00.

**Foreign Language Club – Spanish** (Terri Crosby)

Grades 4 &amp; 5

The Spanish Club is offered to students who are in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Students are introduced to basic vocabulary including greetings, colors, numbers and simple questions/statements through fun activities and games. The Spanish club meets January through mid-April (second semester) on Wednesday afternoon from 4:00- 5:00 p.m. It is a fun and exciting way to get an introduction to the Spanish Language!

**H.E.R.O.'s – S.H.A.R.E. Club II** (Desirae Reed)

Grade 5

The Ostmann H.E.R.O. program is offered to boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> grade only. H.E.R.O. stands for Helping Everyone Respect Others. Each 5<sup>th</sup> grade H.E.R.O. is assigned a buddy in Kindergarten, first or second grade who could use help adjusting to our school or who may need an extra friend. Together the students do different activities that will build friendships, relationships and enables students to learn how to help one another. The Ostmann H.E.R.O.'s Club meets on Thursday mornings (that do not conflict with Student Council) from 8:15-8:45.

**Math Club** (Trisha Mahler)

Grades 4 and 5

Math Club helps to foster a love for mathematics and problem solving. At meetings, students are given problems from past competitions to solve and discuss. This prepares the students for the Regional Math Bee. It also teaches them new problem solving techniques and helps students gain mathematical insight. The mathematical concepts are on and/or above the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade levels. Participants in Math Club will be chosen by a school-wide test. Math Club takes the top four, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualify. Math Club meets every Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. beginning after the winter break through March.

**Mini Jags** (Stephanie Frownfelter and Christa Sutton)

Grades K-2

The Mini Jags is offered to students (boys and girls) from kindergarten to second grade. Together the boys and girls learn different dance technique like jumps, turns, arm motions, teamwork and sportsmanship. We also learn how to stretch and learn choreography. We meet every Thursday morning (Nov.- Mar.) in the small gym from 8:00-8:45 am.

**Newspaper Club** (Julie Birke)

Grades 4 &amp; 5

Newspaper Club is open to any hard working, responsible, and creative fourth or fifth graders. Students will learn basic journalist skills, engage in effective writing, and create several school newspapers using Google Docs. Students will meet September-May, every other Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. This club will be limited to 25 students.

**P.E. Club** (Dan Hadfield)

Grades K- 5

P.E. Club is a before school program offered to students in all grades. The club is split between grades 3-5, which meet during the first semester of school and grades K-2, which meet during the second semester of school. This club incorporates many of the skills that the kids use during P.E. and other sports that kids are involved in. Students will participate in exciting activities to keep the kids fit and active. The maximum number of students for this club is 30 due to the amount of space in the small gym. We meet on Monday mornings from September-April. The location varies between the gym and outside depending on the weather.

**Orchestra Club** (Khristyne Bunselmeyer)

Grade 5

All fifth grade students at Ostmann Elementary are invited to join the school orchestra club. Your child has the opportunity to learn an instrument starting at the very beginning, from opening the case to reading and playing orchestra music. Beginners, as well as experienced students, are welcome to join. Classes will be held before school twice a week (Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:40 – 8:55 a.m., Room 30). The orchestra will have a few performances, including an all-district concert in the spring. Students may choose to play the violin, viola or cello and must provide their own instrument. Those may be rented or purchased from a local music dealer, purchased from a private source, or borrowed from a friend or relative. All we ask is that the instrument be in good playing condition and the proper size for the child.

**Robotics Club** (Eric Pflughaupt & Amanda Wiese)

Grades 4 &amp; 5

The Robotics Club (Student Technology Association [STA]) is offered to boys and girls in the spring. Students, working in teams, use science, technology, engineering and mathematical skills to construct robots from detailed plans. Students will be using Lego Mind Storm software and hardware. The Robotics Club meets Friday mornings from 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

**Safety Patrol** (Cheryl Lambeth)

Grade 5

Students are chosen to be in Safety Patrol based on their demonstration of responsibility and good citizenship. Safety Patrol participants are trained to help other students during arrival and dismissal every day. Safety Patrol responsibilities include monitoring appropriate behavior in the hallways, the safety of students as they board and exit busses in the mornings and afternoons, and the raising and lowering the flags each day. Safety Patrol students should be good role models for other students and remind students to walk, follow rules and make good choices. Once we get the year started we typically meet one time per month on a Friday morning to review procedures, adjust schedules and answer questions.

**Science Club** (Desirae Reed & Sarah Richter)

Grade 4

Participants meet to engage in hands-on activities using areas of science. The club should expand on the science curriculum and help students to understand and apply scientific concepts and how they related to the world around them.

**Scrapbooking Club** (Julie Birke)

Grades 4 & 5

The scrapbooking club introduces students to the different techniques used in scrapbooking and provides an opportunity for students to capture memories using scrapbook supplies. Scrapbooking will incorporate art, design and creative writing activities. Classes meet on select Mondays after school during the fall semester.

**S.H.A.R.E. Club** (Cheryl Lambeth)

Grade 5

S.H.A.R.E. stands for Sharing, Helping And Respecting Everyone. The S.H.A.R.E. Club is designed to assist families and patrons in our school community. Activities include writing letters for military personnel, cleaning parks, assisting senior citizens and collecting items for others in need. The club visits Delmar Gardens monthly from 4:30-5:15 p.m. on a Monday to SHARE with the citizens there. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation to these events and any scheduled meetings at school. We meet as a club once per month before school on a Thursday.

**Student Council** (Chrissy Howe)

Grades 3-5

Student Council is offered to students in grades 3-5. There are two representatives (1 boy & 1 girl) per class in grades 3-5. Student Council representatives participate in a variety of leadership activities for the school including the annual canned food drive and Salvation Army Toy Drive. Representatives serve as ushers or hosts for PTO sponsored events scheduled beyond the school day. They also meet with the principal to discuss issues at school and find ways to promote student participation within the school community. Ostmann Student Council meets twice per month on Wednesday mornings from 8:15-8:45 in the library.

**Wee Deliver** (Trisha Mahler)

Grades K-5

The Wee Deliver program is offered to one (1) boy or girl representative from each class. Wee Deliver is a program sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service in which students perform the jobs of a full post office for delivery of all Ostmann student generated mail. Job duties vary by grade level, and students work cooperatively to promote good letter writing skills and postmarking procedures throughout our school. The Ostmann WEE Deliver team meets every other Tuesday morning from 8:15-8:45.