

Fall 2008



M.L. King Neighborhood Council and Community School

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Dear Community School Families,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer.

To new families, welcome to our community school programs.

We are excited about our new school year. We hope to offer your family with an array of enrichment classes in our program.

Please continue to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

We will try our best to incorporate and implement them in our program whenever possible.

I look forward to seeing all of you.

Finally, thank you for your continued support!

Catherine Park
Community School Director

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M.L King Jr. Neighborhood Council

Our goal is to provide innovative programming that responds to the needs of this community and we are always searching out new ideas. The Neighborhood Council, which is always open to all King and Amigos school parents and local residents, helps to determine our mission.

The Council meets bi-monthly and provides a forum to address program quality and content, as well as safety and neighborhood issues.

We also sponsor community events and activities, such as early release day activities for school children, community gatherings, neighborhood park improvements, winter and spring vacation programs and summer camp.

Spring Council Meetings:

The neighborhood council meetings will take place at 6 pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 21, 2008
- Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Registration Policies

Registration will start on Tuesday, Sept.9 through Thursday, September 11. During this time, our office will be open for registration from 8 to 10 and 2 to 6. Registration will continue until classes are filled.

Please note: we will notify you only if you are closed out of a class.

Full payment is expected at registration unless a payment plan has been arranged with the program director.

Most classes start on the week of Sept. 15 and end on Friday, Dec. 19.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

Occasionally classes and schedules do change due to unforeseen circumstances. We also reserve the right to cancel classes that are under-enrolled. However, if a class is cancelled, we will return or credit your payment.

If you or your child should decide that a class is not the right choice after the first class but before the second, we will refund your money. Partial refund will be given if a student is no longer able to participate due to medical reasons.

Payments

Checks should be made out to the **M.L.King Neighborhood Council**. No cash please. Please make all payments at registration or arrange a payment plan with the director.

Class Fees

We try to price classes reasonably. Although we do receive a small allocation from the city, we are primarily self-supporting. Fees pay for teachers' salaries, class materials and provide scholarships.

Financial Assistance

Partial scholarship is available for eligible families. To apply, please pick up a financial aid form from the office and provide a copy of last year's W2 or two most recent check stubs as verification of your household income

Scholarship Donations

We welcome your contribution. If you are able to contribute towards a scholarship for a particular child or program or our general operations, please earmark your check.

No Class Days

Regular classes will not run on early release days, holidays, snow days or school graduation days.

Age ranges for classes

Age ranges are suggestions. We set them sometimes based on content but often with the intent of creating a cooperative social experience for children. If it is appropriate for our teaching staff, children who are younger or older than the recommended age range for a particular class are welcome to enroll. Please talk to Catherine if you have questions.

Picking Up Your Child

- Once the class is dismissed, our instructors need to leave and cannot be responsible for students supervision.
- Please help us by picking your child up at the end of his/her class or make appropriate arrangements for your child to be picked up on time.

- Let us know immediately if you have made any changes in your child's schedule or if someone other than yourself will be picking up your child.
- In case of an emergency, please contact Catherine. The emergency number is (617) 230-0216
- Please make sure you sign-out with a staff before leaving.

Late Fees

Our policy requires that we charge a fee of \$10 for each 10 minute increment or any fraction of 10 minutes past an agreed pickup time.

Questions, Comments or Suggestions

Please call Catherine Park at 349-6269 or e-mail at cpark@cambridgema.gov

Equal Access

The City of Cambridge and M.L.King Neighborhood Council and Community School does not discriminate in providing services on the basis of race, religion, national origin, cultural heritage, political beliefs, sexual preference, marital status or disability. The Community School Program will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats and reasonable modifications in policies to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

TTY/TDD: 617-492-0235

Inclusion Policy

The Department of Human Service Programs welcomes individuals with disabilities in all of its Out of School Time Programs. DHSP will provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities who meet the basic eligibility requirements of the OST Programs or who with the provision of reasonable accommodations will be able to meet the basic eligibility requirements, to facilitate equal participation for those individuals in existing OST Programs.

MONDAY- 13 weeks

Classes will start on 9/15 and end 12/15; no class on 10/13

Physical Activities

Monday - Friday, 3:00-3:30

Grades K - 6

Fee: \$10 per day or \$25 M-F per session

Instructor: Community School Staff

Supervised indoor gym activities or outdoor play. A daily snack is provided. (Open to children enrolled in the Afterschool Enrichment Program)

Homework & Study Hall

Monday, 3:30-4:30

Grades 3 - 6

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Community School Staff

Supervision of student's homework and independent study time.

(Open to children enrolled in the Afterschool Enrichment Program)

Art of Magic

Cambridge Performance Project

Monday, 3:30-4:30

Grades JK-1

Fee: \$80

Instructor:

Introduction to basic magic tricks.

Experiencing Clay

Monday, 3:30-4:30

Grades k-2

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Pilar Rodriguez

Explore the art of home-made clay and create wonderful colorful projects including wild animals, flowers and more.

Students are encouraged to use their imaginations.

Art of Ancient Egypt and North Africa

Monday, 4:30-5:30

Grades 2-5

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Pilar Rodriguez

Explore the art of ancient Egypt and beyond by making your own.

We will be using multi-media.

Interactive Games

Project Joy

Monday, 4:30-5:30

Grades K-2

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Community School Staff

These games and sports activities are adapted from "Project Joy" organization. While these games are fun, each player needs to follow a direction as a group. It's simply awesome!

Piano w/ Jill Borenstein

King and Amigos Music Teacher

Monday, 3:00-5:30

Grades 1-Adult

Fee: \$260

Instructor: Jill Borenstein

30 minutes private individual lessons

Priority registration will be given to returning students.

Make-up lessons or a credit will be given only for teacher absence.

No refunds or credit can be given for students' missed lessons.

TUESDAY- 12 weeks

Classes will start on 9/16 and end 12/16; no class on 9/23, 11/11

Physical Activities

Monday - Friday, 3:00-3:30

Grades K - 6

Fee: \$10 per day or \$25 M-F per session

Instructor: Community School Staff

Supervised indoor gym activities or outdoor play. A daily snack is provided. (Open to children enrolled in the Afterschool Enrichment Program)

Hot Wheels

Tuesday, 3:30-4:30

Grades k-2

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Nelson Arroyo

This class offers Excitement, Speed and Fun! Make twirls and turns and learn how gravity plays in car RACE.

Yoga for Young People

Tuesday, 3:30-4:30

Grades k-2

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Kirsten Cosby

This class offers a quiet time. Breathe and relax, have a peace of mind through yoga.

Inventor's Workshop

The-Inventor-Mentor

Tuesday, 3:30-4:30

Grades 2-6

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Terry Murray

In this class, students are guided through the invention process; from generating ideas to designing and building inventions. Students will actively learn to problem-solve and put their scientific understanding to work.

Art of Game Making

Tuesday, 3:30-4:30

Grades 2-5

Fee: \$60

Instructor: Tamar Etingen

Create and design your personal chess set. Let your imagination carry you away to animal kingdoms. Make a wholesome piece of complete set of chess.

Exploring Art

Tuesday, 4:30-5:30

Grades K-2

Fee: \$60

Instructor: Tamar Etingen

Discover your artistic talents - make all kinds of arts! Draw, paint and color!

Marbles & Magnets

Tuesday, 4:30-5:30

Grades K-2

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Nelson Arroyo

Let's make structures! Test the twist and turns of ramps using marbles and magnets, nuts & bolts and much more.

Piano w/ Victoria

Tuesday, 3:00-5:30

Grades 1-Adult

Fee: \$240

Instructor: Victoria Razumov-Learn

30 min. private lessons

(Kindergarteners may be accepted after instructor's assessment)

African Drumming

Cambridge Performance Project

Tuesday, 4:30-5:30

Grades 1-5

Instructor: Jafar Manselle

Fee: \$90

Improve your listening skills by recreating music and rhythm of the drum. Make your own rhythm and express yourself through dance. (Younger children may enroll if space is available.)

WEDNESDAY-12 weeks

Classes will start on 9/17 and end 12/17; no class on 10/22, 11/26

Physical Activities

Monday - Friday, 3:00-3:30

Grades K - 6

Fee: \$10 per day or \$25 M-F per session

Instructor: Community School Staff

Supervised indoor gym activities or outdoor play. A daily snack is provided. (Open to children enrolled in the Afterschool Enrichment Program)

YMCA Swimming Lessons

Grades: k-8

Fee: \$130

Instructor: YMCA aquatic staff

Children will be walked to the Cambridge YMCA by Community School Staff from King/Amigos Building and should be picked up at the Y at 4:30 or 5:00 at the King School Building.

Mixed Media Art

Wednesday, 3:30-4:30

Grades 1-5 (Younger children may enroll if space is available.)

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Pilar Rodriguez

Explore various art forms. Make clay flowers and more.

Basic Ceramics and Clay Sculpture

Wednesday, 3:00-4:30

Grades 2 and up

Fee: \$130

Instructor: TBA

Make small bowls, mugs, sculptures and keepsake items.

Creative Ballet

Cambridge Performance Project

Wednesday, 3:30-4:30

Grades k-2

Fee: \$85

Instructor: Isabel Esquitin

Beginning class of learning choreography and dance techniques with emphasis on modern dance, composition.

Basic Fencing

Bay State Fencing

Wednesday, 3:30-4:30

Grades 3-6

Fee: \$120

Instructor: Community School Staff

Students learn proper stance, basic footwork, blade work and tactics. Introduction to the rules, etiquette and formality of the sport while having fun. Wear loose clothing. Equipment will be supplied.

Digital Photography/Slide Shows

Wednesday, 3:30-4:30

Grades 3-6

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Lee Post

We will focus on photography as an art form and what makes a magical image versus a snapshot. We will discuss visual communication and work together on creating images about specific themes and/or special events for digital slide shows. The class will explore photographing action, animals, nature, and portraits. Some of the techniques that are covered are: lighting, composition, the decisive moment, organizing / editing images on a computer. Please bring your own digital camera if you own one.

Acrylic Painting

Wednesday, 4:30-5:30

Grades 3-5

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Pilar Gutierrez

Learn the basics of shading and composition with water-based paints.

Card & Board Games

Wednesday, 4:30-5:30

Grades K-2

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Community School Staff

Play a variety of games to include Checkers, Connect Four, Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, Monopoly Jr and more

Piano w/ Song Lee

Wednesday, 3:00-5:30

Grades 1-Adult

Fee: \$220

Instructor: Song Lee Ferguson

30 min. private lessons

(Kindergarteners may be accepted after instructor's assessment)

Priority registration will be given to returning students.

Make-up lessons or a credit will be given only for teacher absence.

No refunds or credit can be given for students' missed lessons.

THURSDAY-11 weeks

Classes will start on 9/18 and end 12/18; no class on 10/9, 11/20

Physical Activities

Monday - Friday, 3:00-3:30

Grades K - 6

Fee: \$10 per day or \$25 M-F per session

Instructor: Community School Staff

Supervised indoor gym activities or outdoor play. A daily snack is provided. (Open to children enrolled in the Afterschool Enrichment Program)

Homework & Study Hall

Monday, 3:30-4:30

Grades 3 - 6

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Community School Staff

Supervision of student's homework and independent study time.

(Open to children enrolled in the Afterschool Enrichment Program)

Tae Kwon Do 1

Thursday, 3:30-4:30

Grades k-2

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Dennis Goldsmith

Costume Design / Advanced Sewing

Grade 4-Adult

Thursday, 3:30-4:30

Fee: \$60

Instructor: Catherine Park

Challenge yourself by making your own Halloween costume. Bring in your own patterns and fabrics or choose from our own collection.

Tae Kwon Do 2

Thursday, 4:30-5:30

Grades 3-6

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Dennis Goldsmith

Holiday & Seasonal Crafts

Thursday, 4:30-5:30

Grades k-2

Fee: \$40

Instructor: Mimi Rosa

We will make seasonal art projects.

Violin Lessons

Thursday, 3:00-5:00

Grades 1-adult

Fee: \$220

Instructor: Jennie Chan

30 min. private lessons

(Kindergarteners may be accepted after instructor's assessment)

FRIDAY- 12 weeks

Classes will start 9/19 and end 12/19; no class on 10/31

Physical Activities

Monday - Friday, 3:00-3:30

Grades K - 6

Fee: \$10 per day or \$25 M-F per session

Instructor: Community School Staff

Supervised indoor gym activities or outdoor play. A daily snack is provided. (Open to children enrolled in the Afterschool Enrichment Program)

Learning Spanish through Cooking & Crafts

Fridays, 3:30-4:30

Grades K-2

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Mimi Rosa

Learn Spanish through songs, games and activities including cooking.

Chess Club 1 (beginners)

Friday, 3:30-4:30

Grades All

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Ilya Rozonoyer

Learn new skills or learn the basics.

(This club is grouped by skill and experience rather than age.)

Intermediate Fencing

Bay State Fencing

Friday, 3:30-4:30

Grades 3-6

Fee: \$120

Instructor: Community School Staff

Students learn proper stance, basic footwork, blade work and tactics. Introduction to the rules, etiquette and formality of the sport while having fun. Wear loose clothing.

Equipment will be supplied. (prior fencing is required)

Art of Origami & Kirigami

Friday, 3:30-4:30

Grades 1-5

Fee: \$35

Instructor: Catherine Park

Discover the mathematical lines & geometry through making paper origami and kirigami projects.

Indoor Soccer

Friday, 4:30-5:30

Grades K-3

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Nelson Arroyo

Learn basic skills, rules of the game and team spirit. Have fun playing the game.

Chess Club 2 (Intermediate and advanced)

Friday, 4:30-5:30

Grades: All

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Ilya Rozonoyer

A chance for experienced players to sharpen their skills and learn strategies. (This club is grouped by skill and experience rather than age.)

Piano w/ Song Lee

Friday, 3:00-5:30

Grades 1-Adult

Fee: \$240

Instructor: Song Lee Ferguson

30 min. private lessons

(Kindergarteners may be accepted after instructor's assessment)

Make-up lessons or a credit will be given only for teacher absence.

No refunds or credit can be given for students' missed lessons.

Science Club for Girls

Friday, 3- 4pm; **October through December**

Grades: K to 7th grade girls **Fee:** Free to all girls

(8th to 12th grade girls can work as a Jr. counselor and receive a small stipend)

For more information contact:

Program Director; (617) 549-2442 or email

girls_science_clubs@yahoo.com.

Other Programs and Special Events

Early Release Day Field Trips

(All Early Release Day Activities are subject to change)

- **“Apple Picking” at the Look Out Farm, MA**
Tuesday, September 23
Cost: \$25
- **Museum of Science, MA**
Wednesday, October 22
Cost: \$25
- **“Sports & Music Day”, MA**
Wednesday, November 20
Cost: \$25

Senior Programs

- **“Winnepasaukee Foliage Train & Harts Turkey Dinner”**
October 2008
Cost: \$50
Includes train ride, dinner and coach bus

For additional informations on bus schedules, please call Catherine at (617) 349-6269.

Special & Family Events

- **Family Circus - TBA**
Saturday, October, 2008
- **Halloween Party**
Friday, October 31, 2008, 4-6pm
- **Kwanzaa Celebration**
Saturday, December 5, 2008, 4-6pm

To register, please sign up through the Community School

Mark your calendar for these events!

• 9/9-9/11	Tues-Thurs	Fall Registration
• 9/15	Monday	Fall Program Begins
• 9/23	Tuesday	Early Release Day
• 10/7	Tuesday	Neighborhood Council Mtg.
• TBA	TBA	Senior Trip to Winnebasauke Foliage
• 10/9	Thursday	Yom Kippur - No C.S. Program
• 10/13	Monday	Columbus Day – No C.S. Program
• 10/22	Wednesday	Early Release Day
• 10/31	Friday	Halloween – No Enrichment Class
• 11/11	Monday	Veteran’s Day – No C.S. Program
• 11/20	Thursday	Early Release Day
• 12/2	Tuesday	Neighborhood Council Mtg.
• 12/5	Saturday	Kwanzaa Celebration

M.L. King Neighborhood Council Members:

Carol Hill
 Quida McKeown
 Toni Bee
 Jean Tanous

Administrative Staff:

Catherine Park, Community School Director
 Roslyn Shoy, Program Manager
 Eileen Keegan, Division Head

Drop-in office hours:
Monday: 9:30 -1 pm
Tuesday: 9:30 -1 pm
Wednesday: 9:30 -1 pm

City of Cambridge
Department of Human Service Programs
Information Release Form
#1

(Child's Name) (Name of Elementary School)

(Grade) (Name of CPS Teacher)

I hereby authorize the Department of Human Services staff to visit my child's school day classroom and to discuss with representatives of the Cambridge Public School pertinent information regarding my child in the context of the his/her participation in the Afterschool Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

**PLEASE DO NOT SIGN THIS SECTION UNLESS YOUR CHILD HAS AN
INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP)**

#2

I hereby authorize the Cambridge Public Schools to release any student record (i.e. IEP,) to the DHSP Afterschool Program Staff. It is my understanding that the content of all records will remain confidential and will be used to enhance my child's academic performance.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____