

Hanlon School Mini-Courses 2018-2019 Spring Session

**Monday, April 22, 2019 – Friday, June 14, 2019
3:15pm – 4:15pm (*dates may vary)**

The Hanlon PTO is pleased to announce that the spring session of the After School Mini-Course Program will begin the week of **Monday, April 22nd, 2019**.

What are the Hanlon School Mini-Courses?

The Hanlon School Mini-Courses are a group of classes held after school. Courses are taught by teachers and local professionals. The program provides an opportunity for students to learn new and exciting skills while having fun with friends.

How does it work?

Students will go directly to their course upon dismissal. Students enrolled in Extended Day may participate, and parents must inform Mr. Fagone of their plan. At the end of each mini-course session, students will be dismissed in the front lobby.

How to register

An email with a link to the registration form will be sent out Monday, April 1st at 7:00 pm. Registration is first-come, first served. If you have a Yahoo or Gmail email account, you may need to check your spam folder, as these servers are notorious for blocking large group emails that contain live links. You may register for as many classes as you would like. If your child is accepted, you will receive an email confirmation with detailed registration information that you must fill out and return by the deadline listed. Confidential financial assistance is available and can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Cronin at scronin@westwood.k12.ma.us. If you have any questions about the courses, please contact Ginny Causey at ginnycausey@gmail.com or Ada Zhong at ane9098@gmail.com.

Parent Coordinators Needed

In order to run the mini-courses, we must have parent volunteers to serve as Site Coordinators for each day that the mini-courses will run. The parent coordinator would arrive at the school at 3:05 to assist with mini-course attendance at dismissal time. The coordinator would remain at school for the duration of the course, then stay to assist with course dismissal until the last child is picked up. Training will be provided! We need a volunteer for each day of the 8 week session. For example, if your child attends a Monday course, you might consider volunteering for the 8 Mondays. If your preferred day is Tuesdays, you could be the Tuesday Site Coordinator. In return for your 8-week commitment, PTO will waive the fee for one mini-course so that your child would attend for free, and we would guarantee a spot in the course of your choice. If a parent were to volunteer as Site Coordinator for two days of the week, then tuition for two courses would be waived, and two spots would be guaranteed. If you are interested in being a Site Coordinator, please indicate that on the Sign Up Form when you register. Parent Coordinators will need to complete a CORI background check.

Course Descriptions

Nature Explorers: Bugs, Bark, & Biomes

Do you love hiking, exploring nature, and science? You will love this group. We will take walks through Lowell Woods (in rain or shine) exploring, sketching, and photographing the world around us. Back in the library, we will examine our collections, research, and keep notes in our nature journals. On May 3, the class will be two hours (3:15-5:15) to give us more time to hike and explore.

Grades: 2-5

When: Thursdays, 3:15-4:15, the May 23rd session will be two hours: 3:15-5:15

Dates: Thursdays: April 11 - May 23rd, no class 4/19 (Please note the variation in dates from the other courses**)**

Cost: \$90 for 6 sessions, 7 hours

Instructors: Ms. Silverstein & Mrs. Kelly

Location: Library

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 12/20

Mini Athletes

Mini Athletes offers a structured athletic program for one hour. We will teach/play a new sport each week: soccer, tennis, basketball, floor hockey, kickball, t-ball, flag football, and lacrosse/golf. With our "chin up, shoulders back" philosophy we take a positive, unique approach to getting kids active while promoting self-confidence and improving self-discipline.

Grades: K-2

When: Mondays 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Dates: April 22 – June 10

Cost: \$115 for 7 sessions (*No school on Monday, May 27th)

Instructors: Mini Athletes instructor

Location: Gym

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 6/20

Signs of the Season

Explore the forests behind the Hanlon Elementary School and use your senses to learn about the many changes that take place during the Spring. We will use binoculars to experience the eyesight of a hawk, go on a scavenger hunt to find brand new tree leaves and wildflowers, search for signs of animals along the school's trail, and play some fun nature games. Get ready to explore and find some wonderful surprises!

Please bring a sweatshirt/rain jacket and water bottle and wear sturdy shoes.

*** At least one parent volunteer will be needed to join the class each week. ***

Grades: K-2

When: Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Dates: May 3 - May 31 (Please note the variation in date from the other courses**)**

Cost: \$75 for 5 sessions

Instructor: Michael Acciavatti, Mass Audubon at Moose Hill

Location: Room 7 to begin class, and the woods behind Hanlon during class time

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 2/10

LED Circuit Art

Students will learn how to build and add simple electrical circuits to various art applications. Projects will include adding circuits and LED lights to drawings, paintings, 3D models, and simple stuffed creatures. Students will get the opportunity to experiment with various methods while also allowing time for students to create and respond to the knowledge they have learned.

Grades: 3-5

When: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Dates: April 23 - June 11

Cost: \$120 for 8 sessions

Instructor: Mrs. Miller

Location: Art Room

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 5/15

Science Everywhere

Science Everywhere is a program focused on the genres of science all around us: Biology, Ecology, Electromagnetism, Geology and Physics. Through entertaining demonstrations and hands-on experiments students will gain the understanding on concepts that define our world. There will be a unique take home science toy associated with each class.

Grades: K-2

When: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15

Dates: April 23 - June 11

Cost: \$150 for 8 sessions

Instructor: Mad Science instructor

Location: Room 6

Class Min/Max: 10/20

Little Chefs: Healthy Cooking Classes for Kids

Healthy Cooking Classes for Kids is interactive, energetic, collaborative cooking classes for our youngest chefs. We teach age appropriate cooking skills and we teach the importance of making healthy food choices. The children have a blast getting into the cooking experience and trying new foods. We even make a fun art project to take home!

Grades: 3 - 5

When: Mondays 3:15 - 4:15

Dates: April 22 - June 10

Cost: \$150 for 7 sessions (No school on Monday, May 27th)

Instructor: Little Chefs instructor

Location: Teacher's room

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 5/10

Empow: Video Game Design

Go from gamer to designer. Kids love playing video games, but they have even more fun playing games designed by them and their friends! One of Empow Studios' most popular classes, Video Game Design encompasses storytelling, pixel art, and object-oriented programming, all through a user-friendly, 2D game design platform. Our non-violence policy keeps the games cringe-free and shareable once the kids bring their games home for you to play!

Grades: 3 - 5

When: Fridays 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Dates: April 26 - June 14

Cost: \$175 for 8 sessions

Instructor: Empow Studios instructor

Location: Room 8 (library)

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 8/12

I Love Chinese (Beginner Chinese)

I Love Chinese offers a structured language program for 60 minutes. Our mission is to encourage young learners to explore the fun in the Chinese language and culture and, at the same time, motivate them to continue learning Chinese in the future. We make learning Chinese easy and fun by offering multimedia materials, student-centered activities, and cooperative learning environments.

Grades: K-5

When: Friday 3:15–4:15 p.m

Dates: May 3rd - June 14th (Please note the variation in date from the other courses**)**

Cost: \$120 for 7 sessions

Instructor: I Love Chinese, LLC instructor

Location: Room 9

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 6 / 12

I Love Chinese (Intermediate Chinese)

I Love Chinese offers a structured language program for 60 minutes. Our mission is to encourage young learners to explore the fun in the Chinese language and culture and, at the same time, motivate them to continue learning Chinese in the future. We make learning Chinese easy and fun by offering multimedia materials, student-centered activities, and cooperative learning environments.

Grades: K-5

When: Tuesday 3:15–4:15 p.m

Dates: April 30th - June 11th (Please note the variation in date from the other courses**)**

Cost: \$120 for 7 sessions

Instructor: I Love Chinese, LLC instructor

Location: Room 11

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 6 / 12

Irish Step Dancing: Harney School of Dance

Anyone who has an interest in dance, enjoys rhythm, movement, and likes to have fun can join! Irish dance is distinctive and artistic, requiring athleticism and flexibility with components similar to tap as well as ballet. Most importantly, it is fun and helps develop life-long skills like focus, self-confidence, and perseverance.

Grades: K-2

When: Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15

Dates: April 25 - June 13

Cost: \$ 120 for 8 weeks

Instructor: Harney School of Dance instructor

Location: Gym

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 5 / 12

Flag Football

F.A.S.T. Athletics will teach everyone game strategies, catching techniques and most importantly how to work together as a team. The students will be able to participate in different situational games such as Red Zone Defense, fourth and inches, and The QB Challenge as they learn the importance of fair play. Each class will end with a simulated game broken down into 4 quarters – the coaches will have tons of plays ready to go for their teams!

Grades: 3-5

When: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15

Dates: April 23 - June 11

Cost: \$120 for 8 weeks

Instructor: F.A.S.T. Athletics instructor

Location: Gym

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 8 / 24