



Fall 2015 Deerfield Mini Courses

Mini Courses are an after-school programs for Deerfield students run by the Deerfield PTO. Mini Courses make extracurricular activities easy for parents and children. The classes are about fun enrichment topics, take place right after school, and are taught by their favorite instructors – all at a low cost.

Dates and Times:

The fall session will run Tuesday, October 13 through Monday, November 23 (because of Columbus Day). All classes run from 2:45pm to 4:00pm. Please send a snack for your child!

Registration:

Mini Course registration will again take place online and can be paid for by credit card! This also means that courses will be filled on a “first come- first served” basis. Go to the following address to register: www.pay4schoolstuff.com.

Fall registration will open Sunday, September 20 at 8am and close Friday, October 2 at 8pm.

If you cannot register online or prefer to pay by check, you can pick up a registration form in the school office, or we can email one to you. **Please note, all paper registrations will be filled AFTER online registrations which means you will not get a spot if a class fills up.** We encourage everyone to use the online tool if you can. We hope this will make registration easier and more accurate for everyone.

Easy Registration Steps:

1. Go to www.pay4schoolstuff.com. You can go in anytime to create your account and enter your child’s information. However, **fall classes do not open for registration until Sunday, September 20 at 8:00 am.**
2. **On the bottom left, under the Parents section, click “Get Started Now” and complete the Parent Account Set Up.**
3. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to activate your account (if you don’t see it, check your Junk file!).
4. Clicking on that link will allow you to begin adding your children individually. For each child, you will select Deerfield school. When you register your children, you will be asked their School ID number. This is an OPTIONAL field, we do NOT need it for Mini Courses. You will be asked the name of the County that Deerfield is in (in case you do not remember, we are in Norfolk county).
5. After that and for subsequent logins you will be presented with a list of your children and, upon selection, will be presented with Deerfield’s Mini Course offerings.

Parent Volunteers Get a Free Class – up to a \$ 100 savings!

Parent volunteers help take attendance before classes begin, monitor the hallway while classes are going on and oversee dismissal. In exchange for your time, your child gets to take a class for free. Volunteers sign up for a weekday and then are present each of those days during the session. For example, if you pick Mondays, you would be the volunteer at school each Monday of the session and your child would get a free class, which could be up to \$100 in savings (depending on the classes you register for).

There will be a question on the online registration page asking if you would like to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please select “yes” and complete the registration. If you are selected, your class fee will be refunded. You can volunteer for more than one day, and will receive a free class for each day you volunteer.

Fall 2015 Deerfield Mini Course Descriptions

Mondays October 19-November 23

Westwood Chefs, \$100

Grades 3 to 5, Max 10 students

Ambreen Hasan, Pastry Chef from Bibi Bakery and Cafe

This class will introduce kids to the art of baking and cooking in a fun filled environment. Ambreen Hasan, Deerfield parent and renowned Pastry Chef from Bibi Bakery and Cafe will teach kids how to make a variety of delicious treats like chocolate truffles, cheese pinwheels and more! Kids will leave with an edible treat and the recipe.

Introduction to Gahu Music & Drumming, \$75

Grades 1 to 5, Max 25 students

Deanna Saada-Smith, Music Teacher at Deerfield

This course will expose students in grades 1-5 to the music of Ghana, South Africa. Students will learn special techniques for drumming, playing the bells, sticks and shakers and will even do a little singing and dancing. The students will be learning about the Ewe people of Ghana, who call their music Gahu. We will learn about instruments such as the Gankogui, Axatse, Ewe sticks, Sogo drums and Kagan drums while still using the traditional classroom instruments we have at Deerfield. This will be an interactive course with an informal performance/share at the end of the course.

Tuesdays October 13- November 17

STEM: Lego Engineering - Machine Power, \$100

Grades 3 to 5, Max 14 students

Wicked Cool for Kids Instructor

Learn basic engineering concepts, problem solving and teamwork by playing and building with Legos. Machine Power looks at the uses of energy to power machines. Students will investigate wind power design, flywheels, gears, pulleys and cams as they build land yachts, cars and walking mechanisms. This class is designed and taught by a company called Wicked Cool for Kids. They are a company that specializes in creating STEM-based enrichment classes.

Sports & Games for Girls & Boys, \$75

Grades K to 3, Max 20 students

Judith Wine, Deerfield PE Teacher

Come and play a variety of competitive and non-competitive games like dodge ball, Capture the Flag, tennis, baseball, and more!

Thursdays October 15- November 19

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Soft Sculpture, \$75

Grades K to 3, Max 12 students

Carla Goodwin, Deerfield Art Teacher

Let's get to making! Students will explore a variety of fiber art media that will transform the way they think about soft sculpture. A variety of fibers will be used to create soft form and plush sculpture that is both beautiful and functional.

Fridays October 16- November 20

STEM: Design and Build Club, \$100

Grades 1 to 3, Max 14 students

Wicked Cool for Kids Instructor

Create, Design, Build: it's engineering in action! Be an inventor and design a water filter that really works and create a contraption to keep an egg from crashing. Make your own balance toy, create a creature that will sink and float, and construct a craft stick catapult. This class is designed and taught by a company called Wicked Cool for Kids. They are a company that specializes in creating STEM-based enrichment classes.

Scholarships are available to any child who needs one. For more information, please contact: Deerfield School Principal, Joshua Baumer, at 326-7500 ext. 1503 by Friday, September 18, 2015. All requests are kept confidential.