

Hanlon School Mini Courses

2019-2020 Fall Session

Monday October 7th, 2019 - Monday November 25th, 2019

The Hanlon PTO is pleased to announce that the fall session of the After School Mini Course Program will begin the week of **Monday, October 7th, 2019**. A winter and spring Mini Course session will be offered in January and March.

What are the Hanlon School Mini Courses?

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, students will be dismissed in the front lobby; Extended Day students will head to Ex. Day.

How to register

An email with a link to the pre-registration form will be sent out **Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM**. Registration is first-come, first-served and enrollment is limited. The online form ‘timestamps’ each entry. You may pre-register for as many classes as you would like, but you will fill out a separate pre-registration form for each course. We do this to promote fairness by preventing a situation where a family who registers early could scoop up all the slots, leaving another family who registers later being waitlisted for their choices. Filling out separate pre-registrations helps to ensure fairer access to courses. **Please note:** the online sign up will be sent to the primary and secondary email addresses listed in Aspen. Some email servers like Yahoo and Gmail are notorious for blocking large group emails with links. If you do not receive the sign-up link by 7:05, you may want to reach out to a friend or neighbor to ask them to forward you the link.

If your child is accepted into a course, you will receive an email confirmation with detailed registration information that you must fill out and return by the deadline listed. If your child is waitlisted, you will be notified. 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 Ada Zhong at ane9098@gmail.com, Kristin Butters at kmbutters@yahoo.com, or Brian Gorman at atbrgor10@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 school 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 7 week session. For example, if your child attends a Monday course, you might consider volunteering for the 7 Mondays. If your preferred day is Tuesdays, you could be the Tuesday Site Coordinator. In return for your 7-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.

A Special Thanks

The Hanlon PTO and Mini Course Coordinators would like to thank Ms. Pestana, Ms. Ennis, Ms. O'Neil, Ms. Jennings, Ms. Pickering, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thynne and Ms. Sanderson for volunteering their classrooms to use for the Mini Courses. It is a big support and much appreciated.

Course Descriptions

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!

Open to Grades: 3 - 5

When: Monday 3:15 - 4:15

Dates: Oct. 7th, Oct 21th, Oct 28th, Nov 4th, Nov 18th, Nov 25th.

Cost: \$170

Instructor: Little Chefs

Location: Teachers' Room

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 5/10

Kids Yoga with Lola Yoga

In this playful yoga class designed for elementary school-aged children, children will learn yoga poses, breathing, and relaxation exercises which cultivate a calm mind, increase strength and flexibility, improve gross and fine motor skills, improve concentration, and give children the tools to manage stress in their daily lives. Games, stories, and music will be incorporated into this fun, non-competitive class. Each class ends with a period of relaxation. Children should bring their own yoga mat and the water bottle to class.

Grades: 1 - 4

When: Monday 3:15 – 4:15

Dates: Oct. 7th, Oct 21th, Oct 28th, Nov 4th, Nov 18th, Nov 25th.

Cost: \$110

Instructor: Lauren DAngelo

Location: Gym

Minimum and Maximum # of students: 7/15

Crazy Chemworks

Come and discover what it's like to be a real scientist and work in a Mad Science Lab. Each day we will experiment with different chemicals and tools to see what kind of interesting and crazy reactions we can create! Students will explore acids and bases, reveal the secret recipe of slime and by the end of the week the Jr. Mad Scientists will have their very own chemistry set so they can perform their own experiments at home!

Grades: K-2

When: Tuesday, 3:15 - 4:15

Dates: Oct. 8th – Nov. 19th (7 weeks)

Cost: \$130

Instructors: Mad Science of North Boston

Location: Room 9 (Ms. Pestana's room)

Minimum/Maximum # of students: Min 12/ Max 15

Super Sports

Get up, get going, get active with a F.A.S.T. Athletics Super Sports Program. F.A.S.T. Athletics will offer a variety of sports each week such as: Soccer, Mat Ball, Basketball, Dodgeball, and Kickball. Programs will include proper stretching and warm-up games as well as learning basic skills of each sport, each class will end with a high energy game with the sport played that day.

Grades: K-2

When: Tuesday, 3:15 - 4:15

Dates: Oct. 8th – Nov. 19th

Cost: \$100

Instructors: F.A.S.T. Athletics

Location: Gym

Minimum/Maximum # of students: Min 8 / Max 24

French

Do you want to experience French language and culture while also having fun? Come explore every week as we sing, dance, watch videos, play games, and do arts and crafts all while experiencing the French language and culture. This will be a good introduction to those considering learning French when they get to middle school. Allons-y!

Grades: 3 - 5

When: Tuesday, 3:15 - 4:15

Dates: Oct. 8th – Nov. 19th

Cost: \$110

Instructors: Lily O'Brien

Location: Library

Minimum/Maximum # of students: Min 6 / Max 10

Chess Club: Grades 2, 3, 4, 5

The Chess Club is for players of all abilities. Make some new friends and learn how to outwit your opponent in the ageless game of strategy.

Open to Grades: 2 - 5

When: Tuesday, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m

Dates: Oct. 8th – Nov. 19th (7 weeks)

Cost: \$85

Instructor: Mark J Goguen, Hanlon Instructional Technology Coach

Location: Room 13 (Ms. Ennis's room)

Minimum/Maximum # of students: 8/20

I Love Chinese, LLC

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-3

When: Thursday, 3:15 - 4:15

Dates: Oct. 10th – Nov. 21st

Cost: \$110

Instructors: I Love Chinese, LLC

Location: Room 5 (Ms. O'Neil's room)

Minimum/Maximum # of students: Min 6 / Max 15

Musicianship: Introduction to music.

This class is intended for students with little or no background in music who would like to develop musicianship in their near future. Students will be introduced to basic knowledge, including musical notation, melodic systems, harmonies, meters, and rhythmic techniques. Moreover, students would expect to establish their goal of attaining basic competence in the performance and creation of music.

Grades: 3 - 5

When: Friday, 3:15-4:15

Dates: Oct. 11th – Nov. 22nd

Cost: \$185

Instructor: Kangyi Liu

Location: Music/Arts Room

Minimum and Maximum # of students: 5/10

Chinese Classical and Folk Dance

Angel Performing Arts is proud to pass on the heritage of Chinese classical dance and Chinese folk dance to our students. The strength, flexibility, and grace of Chinese classical dance alongside the power, passion, and expression of Chinese folk dance help to connect students to cultural backgrounds and embody these stories in their movement. Our talented faculty come from renowned institutions across China including the Beijing Dance Academy, Shanghai Dance Academy and Jiangsu Arts Academy. Our instructors and choreographers are highly-experienced professional performers who are dedicated to sharing this art form's technique and legacy with students and audiences.

Grades: K-2

When: Friday, 3:15-4:15

Dates: Oct. 11th – Nov. 22nd

Cost: \$105

Instructors: Angel Performing Arts

Location: Gym

Minimum/Maximum # of students: Min 10 / Max 16

Digital Animation & Storytelling

Students start with storyboarding – a perfect way to capitalize on kids' natural storytelling skills. A great class for the younger age groups, students start by creating their characters, scenes, and stories by drawing, writing, and digitally creating their movie scripts. Students then will learn to use digital animation software, such as Stykz, to create their own short animated films. Stykz makes it easy for beginners by incorporating pre-made figures to bring their ideas to life. This class shows students how to animate step-by-step, allowing them to explore their creativity while learning about story-telling, time-management, and some principles of animation. Learn more about Empow Studios at <https://empow.me>

Grades: 3 - 5

When: Friday, 3:15-4:15

Dates: Oct. 11th – Nov. 22nd

Cost: \$185

Instructors: Empow Studios

Location: Room 2 (Ms. Sanderson's room)

Minimum/Maximum # of students: Min 8 / Max 12
