

ARBUTUS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Fall 2017 After-School Activity Program*

**Registration:**     **Deadline is 9/26/17.**  
**Session Dates:**    Tuesday Program: **Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, and 19**  
                               Thursday Program: **Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14, and 21**

1. Take this information home and discuss the activities with your parent/ guardian.
2. Register with the teacher conducting the activity.
3. The teacher needs to approve your participation in the activity. Note: Some activities are restricted to a certain number and/or require a skill level to participate.
4. If approved, the teacher will give you a parent permission letter and activity bus information.
5. You *must* have the parent permission letter signed.
6. The permission letter must be given to the teacher in charge of the activity.
7. If you wish to ride the activity bus, you must follow the directions listed on the activity bus information sheet.

**TUESDAYS – Activity Buses Available**

Activity	Sponsor	Room	Activity Would Be Good For:
<b>Art Club</b>	Ms. Calvin Ms. Imhoff	224	The Art Club would be good for any student who would like to broaden their artistic abilities, even if they are not taking an art class. We will be working on both personal artworks and school-based projects. Check out the ceiling tile mural on your way to the café for an example.
<b>Arbutus Wind Ensemble</b>	Mrs. Boyle	126	Arbutus Wind Ensemble is designed to offer students a chance to perform challenging band music in our community and for competitions. Students must commit to TUESDAY rehearsals after school EVERY WEEK. 8 <sup>th</sup> grade members will rehearse the FOURTH TUESDAY of every month (unless otherwise specified). This is a year long commitment to performing excellent music! The Hershey Park Eastern Regional Competition is in May and will require festival and bus fees. Payments will be spread out through the year.
<b>Broadcast Production</b>	Mr. Moser	Front Office	This club will explore and teach students what it takes to run a newsroom by producing and broadcasting the morning announcements. We will also investigate filming, editing, and broadcasting various events that happen throughout the school year, including other clubs, sports, and interviews with teachers and students.
<b>Eagle Pride Diversity Club</b>	Mrs. Milstead	110	Want a student centered group offering support and community committed to valuing and accepting each individual and the multiple cultures of our school community? This group encourages community engagement and accepting ourselves and each other with pride and compassion. Group activities will include community service, anti-bullying campaigns and promoting civil discourse throughout the school.
<b>Inklings</b>	Mrs. Jackson Mrs. McCoy	212	This club is for those who enjoy reading a good story and hanging out with friends. Inklings participants will read a book independently throughout the fall and discuss topics from the book each week. We will also have refreshments and work on a craft project when we meet.
<b>National Junior Honor Society</b>	Mrs. Elliott Ms. Padilla	Library	AMS Leaders and students who have already been selected and inducted into NJHS. Meetings will be announced and noted on NJHS permission slips.
<b>School Newspaper</b>	Mrs. Mills Ms. Derrenberger	107	Do you enjoy writing and being involved in school events? The school newspaper writes, produces, and publishes written work, using appropriate technology. It is a great way to let AMS hear YOUR voice!
<b>STEM Club</b>	Ms. Dell	108	Use your knowledge and your skills to build solutions for real world problems and participate in countywide STEM events. Get your fill of experiments, coding, building, and all things cool in the world of STEM. You can even help plan our first family STEM night. Opportunity awaits!
<b>Student Council</b>	Mrs. Aaron	209	The Student Council sponsors many different activities, such as the Boo Bash, the Spring Fling, canned food drives, the Sports-a-Thon, and collections for the HSUS. If you are a responsible and dedicated individual, then consider joining the Student Council. Meetings held bi-weekly.
<b>Yearbook</b>	Mrs. Bruce	Cafeteria	Students will assist with putting together this year’s yearbook. Students will also assist with publicizing upcoming sales and selling yearbooks throughout the year.

**BOTH TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS – Activity Buses Available**

Activity	Sponsor	Room	Activity Would Be Good For:
<b>Badminton</b>	Ms. Rigby Mr. Weiner	Gym	Are you interested in joining the AMS Badminton Team? AMS has a top badminton team that participates in the annual West Side Tournament at the end of October. See Ms. Rigby or Mr. Weiner for Badminton forms, which are due on 9/13. We meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning on 9/19. You may not join the team without the proper paperwork.
<b>Creative Coders</b>	Mr. Bigsby	111/ Library	Want to learn how to make games? Want to learn about the exciting world of Computer Science from UMBC students? Then, join Creative Coders! We will make games with Scratch and learn about the awesome field of computer science. If interested, talk to Mr. Bigsby. Only 7 slots!

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS CONTINUED- Activity Buses Available**

<b>Cross Country</b>	Mr. Murray	104	Like to exercise and run long distances? During practices, athletes will train to complete a 2-mile race. At the conclusion of the season, the athletes will compete in a countywide 2-mile race. We will meet Tuesdays through Fridays from 3-4 PM (Wednesdays will be from 3- 4:30) beginning on September 12 <sup>th</sup> through October 21 <sup>st</sup> . Activity Buses begin running on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on September 26 <sup>th</sup> and there will be NO activity buses provided for any Wednesday and Friday practices. You must have your own transportation.
<b>Hip Hop Dance Club</b>	Ms. Randlett-Tydings Mrs. Happel	Upper Activity Room	This activity is good for students who are interested in learning various styles of hip-hop dancing that can improve their self-confidence, coordination, respect for themselves and others, and group interaction. This dance club will also promote fitness and provide the opportunity for developing skills that will transfer over into other physical activities for lifelong health. There will be a performance showcase at the end of the club's session which makes attendance mandatory.
<b>Intramural Soccer</b>	Mr. Northcraft Ms. Bollinger	Gym	After school intramurals are open to all grades and will also host a World Cup competition at the end of the intramural. Cleats are not permitted.
<b>Morning Basketball</b>	Mr. Weiner Mr. Wishnies	Gym	Students will be able to play in full and half court pick-up games as well as develop basic basketball skills. AM Basketball will run Mondays through Thursdays from 7:15-7:55 am. The gym lobby doors will be locked promptly at 7:20 am. Students must have appropriate gym footwear to participate.
<b>Recycling Club</b>	Mrs. Donovan	112	The Recycling Club goes from room to room collecting the recycling from classroom bins. We are doing our part to save the environment for our green school status. We collect the recycling on B days during regular school hours.

**WEDNESDAYS- NO ACTIVITY BUSES**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Activity Would Be Good For:</b>
<b>Chamber Orchestra</b>	Mr. Miskimon	128	This music group performs music above and beyond what they work on in class at the winter and spring concerts, other community concerts, and a competition held at Hershey Park in May. Estimated cost of \$100 for the trip.

**THURSDAYS - Activity Buses Available**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Activity Would Be Good For:</b>
<b>24 Math Club</b>	Ms. Ruszkowski	207	Students of all math abilities are invited to play the 24 game to prepare for the 24 Challenge in March, 2018. If you love numbers, this is the club for you!
<b>Best Buddies</b>	Mrs. Donovan	112	Students will be "matched" in a one-to-one friendship with another middle school student. The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of students with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. At least 4 group activities are held each year, including after-school parties, school dances, bowling outings, shopping trips, and group dinners. Kindness, compassion, and assistance to all students are appreciated in this club.
<b>Concert Orchestra</b>	Mr. Miskimon	128	This music group performs music above and beyond what they work on in class at the winter and spring concerts, other community concerts,, and a competition held at Hershey Park in May. Estimated cost of \$100 for the trip.
<b>Festival Choir</b>	Mrs. Blough	124	Festival Choir is an auditioned vocal ensemble which performs a more varied repertoire of music and aims to sing at a more advanced level. The group performs at both the Winter and Spring Concerts as well as the Hershey Park Showcase in the spring. Auditions are open to all AMS students and is not limited to those who are in chorus as a class. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Blough at <a href="mailto:cblough@bcps.org">cblough@bcps.org</a> . No new entrants for the spring session.
<b>Future Educators of America</b>	Mrs. Mills	107	This is a great activity for students who plan to be future educators. Students can assist teachers in the building in various ways and may also visit local elementary schools to assist, as well.
<b>Green School</b>	Ms. Vandenburg Ms. Buckner	120A	This club will allow students to identify the schools environment problems and help make decisions to solve these problems. We will also work to maintain the beauty of the campus.
<b>Jazz Band</b>	Mrs. Boyle	126	Jazz Band consists of all wind instruments and rhythm section (guitar, bass, piano, drum set) playing contemporary music. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders are welcome.
<b>Literary Magazine</b>	Ms. Prenger	205	Staff members will select student exemplars of artwork, poetry, stories, and other good-quality examples from students' entries to showcase in the magazine that will be published for end-of-the-year distribution.
<b>Military History Club</b>	Mr. Melrath	206	Do you play games like Call of Duty or Medal of Honor or watch war movies? Military History Club may be for you. Discuss the time periods of warfare that fascinate you and acquire a sophisticated understand of the 9 themes of Military History taught at West Point Military Academy.
<b>Robotics</b>	Mr. Krieger	118	A few select students will have the opportunity to construct and design a mobile, remote-controlled robot to compete in a county-wide VEX robotics competition. Get ready to pioneer a robot design and maybe change the world!
<b>Strategy Club</b>	Mr. Bigsby Ms. Forney	Library	Do you enjoy board games or card games? Are you a natural strategist, always outthinking your opponents? Do you just love rolling the dice? Strategy Club is for those who love to play games and have fun. Chess included. GLHF (Good Luck Have Fun)!

