

# **ALCOTT ELEMENTARY PTSA** Fall 2017—Winter 2018 Enrichment Activities Register at alcottptsa.org

Alcott PTSA is offering the following activities before and after school. Your child can acquire new skills through well-designed, fun-filled, and interactive classes, all taught at Alcott.

#### **Policies and Procedures:**

- Late registrations will not be accepted. Registration closes four days prior to the start of class.
- All registration will take place online.
- Please be sure to read through all program policies and class guidelines before registering your child.

#### **Refund Policy:**

- Refunds are based on when the cancellation is received. Cancellations requests received:
- The PTSA will charge a 5% refund fee for cancellation on or before April 3rd. This does not include any fees assessed by the after school vendor. This does not apply to cancelled classes due to insufficient class size.
- After April 3rd, refunds are done at the discretion of the vendor at the vendors rate. If approved, a 10% cancellation fee will still be collected by the PTSA.
- There are no refunds for missed classes. If the school is closed for any reason, sessions are also cancelled and make ups will be made up if possible.

#### Scholarships:

Alcott PTSA has financial need-based scholarships available. To apply email afterschool@alcottptsa.org.

#### Acting and Drama by Studio East (Grades 2-4)

Use your imagination to create a new spectacular story that will be put on stage, creating wacky new characters and the set and costumes to bring them to life. We'll work together to become writers, directors, actors, and designers, and finally present our creation to friends and family!

Cost: \$120

Fridays 3:35-4:35pm

#### Art Club (Grades 2-5)

Explore the world of art using a variety of media such as pencil, watercolor, acrylics, oil pastels, paper mache, and more. You'll love our wonderful and original works of art!

Cost: \$220

October 2, 2017 - January 30, 2018 Mondays or Tuesdays 3:35-4:35pm

#### Bricks4Kidz (Grades 1-5)

Introduce your child to the world of science, engineering, and math by covering fascinating topics such as space, inventions, life science, energy and more! Learn new scientific concepts and build a motorized model.

Cost: \$175

October 2 - December 11, 2017 (no class 10/16)

Mondays 3:35-4:35pm

#### Cartooniversity (Grades 2-5)

Practice drawing skills and learn to tell stories without words. Learn the many aspects of cartoon drawing including character development, expressions, action/ movement, layout, background, perspective and much more. The classes, taught by local cartoonist Jeff Johnson, emphasize developing each child's own style in a positive, encouraging environment.

Cost: \$90

Tuesdays 7:50-8:50am

## Chess Club (Grades 1-5)

Chess Club is for students who want to learn how to play chess or increase their knowledge of the game. All skill levels welcome! Students receive formal instruction combined with various learning activities, along with structures play time.

Cost: \$159

September 28 - December 14, 2017

(no classes 10/16, 11/23)

Thursdays 3:35-4:35pm

Please see reverse for additional programs



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## Chorus (Grades 1-4)

Join the fun new Alcott Kids Chorus. Students will learn musicianship skills, singing in multiple parts, following a conductor, music reading skills, and they will get to have fun making music with their schoolmates! Learn breathing and warm ups, playing singing games, singing folk songs, and also singing popular/movie music.

Cost: \$200

September 25 – December 11, 2017 (12 classes)

Mondays 3:35-4:35pm

## Coding with Kids: Little Coder Club (Grades 1-2)

Students will develop their computational thinking skills and build their own creative programs. This class will give students a strong foundation on coding basics, such as loops and conditionals, that can be built upon in our other classes. Kids will be introduced to these fundamentals in a variety of ways from coding puzzles and board games to hands-on programming.

Cost: \$219

September 20 - November 29, 2017

Thursdays 3:35-4:30pm

#### Coding with Kids: Game Development (Grades 3-5)

Push your programming skills to the next level in our Intermediate/Advanced class! Students will build on their knowledge and be introduced to advanced concepts, such as nested conditionals, arrays, and artificial intelligence. This is for students who have already completed one or more coding classes (min 15 hrs. completed). Cost:\$219

September 20—December 8, 2017

Fridays 3:35-4:30pm

#### Ellipsis Math Adventure (Grades 4-5)

Explore the artistic side of Math by creating optical illusions, fractals, and impossible shapes. Tinker, cut, color and measure models and explore real world math problems. Strengthen fraction and geometry concepts through Origami and math games. Many of the tasks and projects expose students to interesting high-level concepts of math.

Cost: \$137.50

September 22,29, October 6,13, 2017

#### **Group Piano (Grades 1-5)**

Learn piano in a fun social group atmosphere! An excellent introduction to the keyboard and preparation for more serious private study or band/ensemble. The class takes a modern approach to keyboard education and students will benefit from carefully thought-out curriculum that incorporates all of the latest software and music technology. Using digital keyboards, students will be able to simulate a wide variety of musical instruments and styles (rock, orchestral, etc.). Learn hand position, note-reading, chord vocabulary, rhythm, and theory.

Cost: \$273 (Tuesdays for 12 classes) or \$250 (Thursdays

for 11 classes)

September 26 – December 12, 2017 Tuesdays or Thursdays 3:35-4:35pm

#### **Guitar (Grades 1-5)**

Dace's Rock N' More Academy is back. Learn guitar with founder and president of Dace's Rock 'n' More Music Academy, Dace Anderson. Guitars will be provided in class.

Cost: \$150

September 26—December 12, 2017

Tuesdays 8:00-8:50am

#### Mad Science Crazy Chem Works (Grades 1-5)

The wonders of chemistry are revealed as our junior chemists create surprising concoctions, break molecules with ease and shake up a flask full of fun. Kids will use tools, safety, procedures and lab techniques of real chemists as they investigate solids, liquids and gases at the atomic level. They'll craft chemical combinations to create super-sticky-stuff, analyze the properties of light and ooze into the worlds of polymers.

Cost: \$152

October 2-November 27, 2017

Mondays 3:40-4:45pm



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## Running Club (Grades 1-5)

After performing warm-up stretches led by the teachers and volunteers, the students will run a ¼ mile course on school grounds as many times as they are comfortable within the allotted time frame. A colored plastic cube will be presented to each student as they complete each ¼ mile and their distance will be tallied and recorded at the end of the session.

Cost: Free

Late student pick up may be assessed penalty fees

Fall 2017 Start date TBA Tuesdays 3:30-4:15pm

# **SCRATCH Games Code Club (Grades 3-5)**

Students will explore how to design and program their own computer games and animations. Working in MIT's SCRATH 2.0 visual drag and drop programming environment. Students engage in fun coding projects and are encouraged to collaborate and present their projects to others. Projects and instruction for all levels.

Cost:\$291

September 20 - December 13, 2017 (10 weeks)

Tuesdays 3:35-5:05pm

#### Tennis (Grades 1-5)

TGA brings the tennis court to you, making it convenient and affordable to learn and play tennis in a fun and safe environment. Kid-friendly instructors help students develop tennis skills and knowledge, while using the sport to teach valuable life lessons like honesty and sportsmanship.

Cost: \$160

September 28—December 7, 2017

Thursdays 3:45-4:45pm

# Ukulele (Grades 1-3)

The ukulele is an excellent instrument on which to learn how to play music. It's relatively simple to learn, easy to tote around, inexpensive, super fun, and timelessly popular! In this ensemble, we will jump right into the fun stuff and learn how to play music on the ukulele. By the end of the course, students will know a few chord positions, will be able to play a couple of songs and sing along. Ukuleles will be provided, but it is beneficial to have one at home to practice.

Cost: \$273

September 25 - December 11, 2017

Mondays 7:50-8:50am

#### Yoga & Mindfulness (Grades 1-5)

This fun and exciting yoga class for children offers an introduction to basic breathing, yoga postures, mindfulness techniques and relaxation to support the development of strength and flexibility in their minds and bodies. Students will learn the value of stillness and movement by engaging in playful activities to promote self awareness and improved social interactions with others.

Cost: \$200

September 27 – December 13, 2017 (11 classes)

Wednesdays 7:50-8:50am

#### Young Rembrandts (Grades 1-5)

An introduction to a fascinating world of color, pattern, and design as students create numerous drawings in realistic, graphic, and cartoon styles. Challenge your drawing technique and explore color usage with a stylized drawing of fall leaves. Then learn to draw facial features as you complete a portrait of the 17th-century artist, Rembrandt van Rijn. Just before winter break, we will create a special framed work of art, suitable for gift giving!

Cost: \$179

October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, December

7, 14 (No class November 23)

Thursdays 3:35-4:45pm