

Super Saturday

Spring 2008 CLASSES OFFERED

TREASURES OF THE NILE: ART TO MAKE YOUR “MUMMY” PROUD

(Grades: 1 and 2)

Create your own artifacts and learn about ancient craftspeople as you travel through time to Ancient Egypt; a place full of mystery and intrigue. Learn about the tools, materials and processes of the Egyptians, while creating your own treasures of the Nile. Our artifacts will be created in mixed media, allowing each artist to demonstrate an understanding of Ancient Egyptian art, while exploring exciting processes that are available to artists today.

Instructor: **Anne McClellan** has been teaching art in Colorado Springs School District 11 for thirteen years. Highlighting the diversity of art made around the world, she is currently working on her Master's Degree in Art Integration in Education.

A WHALE OF A TALE: AN OCEANOGRAPHIC JOURNEY

(Grades 1 and 2)

If you have a desire to explore the ocean's world of organisms, now is your chance. We will travel along from microscopic zooplankton to benthic organisms (starfish, etc.) to octopus and squid in the nektonic part of the sea. We will observe, compare, dissect and record, ending our tale with sea turtles and the largest of all creatures, the whale

Instructor: **Lynn Davis**, currently a science instructor in District 11, has thirty years of teaching experience, including gifted students. She has studied biology as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Princeton University and cetacean biology at the College of the Atlantic.

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

(Grades 1 and 2)

Bonjour! Ca va? Are you ready for something chic and different? Let's make a French connection with rhymes, songs, role-plays, and dances as we learn to speak some French and taste a bit of French culture.

Instructor: **Sharon Simpson-Dogon**, currently a French and Spanish teacher in District 11, has taught French to students from elementary through high school level, including gifted and talented.

SPECTACULAR SPANISH WITH A DRAMATIC FLAIR

(Grades 2 and 3)

¡Hola! ¿Habras español? In this fun and innovative **beginning** course, explore the Spanish language through songs, games, paired activities, dance, acting, reading, and writing. Learn fundamental skills of beginning acting, including role-playing and stage movement, and perform a play – in Spanish of course!

Instructor: **Diane Summers**, a Guidance Counselor at Coronado High School, with a secondary teaching certification in Spanish, has taught Spanish for students at the elementary, middle school and high school levels, as well as in Mexico.

AN ICY ADVENTURE: EXPLORING THE POLES

(Grades 2 and 3)

You'll need to leave your mittens at home for these hands-on studies. From Inuit to research stations, from explorers to the arctic wolf, we'll take the "cold" facts from the top and bottom of the world and integrate them into explorations and a "freezingly good time". We'll bundle up for the geography, culture, biology and the people of these regions through literature, art, language, science, and social studies. Instructor: **Melissa Hess**, a 3rd grade teacher in Woodland Park, has also taught a Summer Math Enrichment Program for gifted students.

BASIC CHESS FOR THE YOUNG

(Grades 2 and 3)

Those that are new to the game will master each piece individually. All students will learn about the three phases of a chess game: 1. Beginning (Standard Openings); 2. Middle game (Fork, Pin, Skewer, Overwork a Piece, Remove a Defender and Discovered Attack); 3. End game (Standard Check Mate Position + how to see Check Mate).

Instructor: **Rock Goldberg**, a music teacher at Pinello Elementary, has sponsored chess clubs for 30 years.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

(Grades 2 and 3)

Do you have an inquiring mind? Come and have fun while we experiment and explore the inner workings of bubbology, Rube Goldberg, and a simple burglar alarm to name a few. Air pressure, viscosity, density, chemistry, physics, and simple electricity will all be part of the picture. **Prerequisite:** Students need to be inquisitive and want to have fun.

Instructor: **Sue Bowes** holds an MAT in science from Colorado College and is currently a middle school science teacher in District 11. She has taught elementary students, as well as an after school GT science program K-6.

MYSTIFYING MYTHOLOGY

(Grades 3 and 4)

Who pulls the sun from one side of the earth to the other? Who throws lightning bolts at the earth? Learn how the ancient Greeks explained the world around them through mythological stories, including gods, goddesses, heroes and monsters. Join the fun as you gain understanding of this culture by tapping into your own creative writing and artistic abilities.

Instructor: **Tracy Hanson**, currently a third grade GT teacher at Soaring Eagles Elementary School, holds an MA in Curriculum and Instruction from UCCS.

MUMMIES, MYTHS AND MUSEUMS

(Grades 3 and 4)

Travel back in time to Ancient Egypt where we will encounter the discoveries of archeologists, hieroglyphs, Egyptian mummies, pharaohs and the lives of these ancient people. To help us on our journey we will read, write, draw, create museum displays and explore the mysteries hidden in the desert so long ago.

Instructor: **Beth Lewis**, an elementary GT Resource teacher in District 11, holds an MA in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Gifted and Talented education.

DISCOVERING THE NATURAL WORLD

(Grades 3 and 4)

Join a seasoned naturalist teacher to learn the art of observing wildlife and their signs in our surroundings. Become familiar with observation techniques while making use of naturalist tools such as binoculars, field guides and dichotomous keys. As a young “naturalist” you will practice skull identification and learn tracking, utilizing the scientific approach. Approximately half the class time will take place outdoors on some of the wilder UCCS property. **(Prerequisite:** Students should feel comfortable hiking in a variety of weather conditions)

Instructor: **Jonathan Wuerth**, an elementary teacher at School in the Woods, holds a Masters in Science from Colorado College. He has 19 years of teaching experience, including gifted students.

ENGINEERING CHALLENGE: STRUCTURES

(Grades 4 and 5)

Students will put math and science skills to work in a series of engineering mind benders. From towers to bridges to beams to amusement park rides, students will “build” their background in basic physics and apply geometrical patterns while creating real world models.

Instructor: **Alyce Dalzell** is a 6th grade science and GT math teacher at Meridian Ranch Elementary School.

INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE DRAMA

(Grades 4, 5 and 6)

Come play with us in this process oriented drama class! Discover the magic of creative dramatics through collaboration, movement, and improvisation. Learn a variety of theater games and exercises in a safe supportive atmosphere. Explore the basics of theater arts and acting skills through dramatic play presentation.

Instructor: **Patsy Blackburn**, an International Baccalaureate Drama teacher and a former Gifted and Talented Coordinator at North Middle School, has taught drama for twelve years. She received the 2002 Middle School Teacher of the Year Award from ACT.

CARTOONING PLUS

(Grades 4, 5, and 6)

If you love to draw but have never taken a cartooning class, this is a great introduction, a perfect blend of beginning and intermediate cartooning. However, if you have enrolled in cartooning either with Super Saturday or elsewhere, you will also enjoy Cartooning Plus. We will review the basics and explore new techniques in the crazy world of the cartoonist.

Instructor: **Corbin Hillam** is a freelance illustrator/cartoonist. He has taught both art and a cartooning enrichment class in public schools.

SKATEBOARDING FOR INCREDIBLE MINDS

(Grades 4, 5, and 6)

Students will skateboard across the curriculum through hands-on experiences—all surrounding the theme of skateboards and skateboarding. Activities in math, physics, graphic design, language arts, advertising, and social studies will take us on adventures involving deeper thinking, applied skills, and creativity. Along the way, each participant will design and build a miniature Tek Deck skate park.

Instructor: **Mark Hess** is a middle school Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher in the District 11.

CHESS FOR TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

(Grades 4, 5, and 6)

In this introduction to serious tournament chess students will learn to master basic chess strategies and will be given instruction for opening, mid-game, and end-game tactics. Learn from a tournament champion how to win at chess by practicing your skills and participating in a mini-tournament.

Instructor: **James McKenna**, the chess coach at Watson Junior High School, is a life member of the United States Chess Federation, has taught chess for the past 30 years and is School District 3's Chess Tournament Director.

8:00 – 9:55 CLASSES

WINNING CHESS BY THINKING AHEAD (8:00 – 9:55

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(Grades 2 and 3)

Students will learn the phases of a chess game: 1. Beginning (Standard Openings including Queen Pawn Opening); 2. Middle game (Fork, Pin, Skewer, Overwork a Piece, Remove a Defender + Discovered Attack) with emphasis on seeing these positions at least one move ahead of the actual position; 3. Endgame (Adv. Check Mates). Students will also participate in a mini tournament.

Prerequisite: Completion of the Basic Chess for the Young course or mastery of basic chess skills. If not, admission is by instructor interview and should be requested on your application.

Instructor: (See **Basic Chess for the Young**)

IMPROV ON STAGE

(Grades 4, 5, and 6)

If you are motivated to improve your acting ability, come join us in a time-honored unscripted approach to improv. We will operate in independent and cooperative settings that challenge our creativity, build confidence, develop character and access our quick thinking as we perform in front of others. Positive self and peer critique, along with coaching from the director, will help us learn as we improv together.

Instructor: (see **Introduction to Creative Drama**)

ADVANCED SPANISH WITH A TRIP THROUGH THE ART GALLERY

(Grades 4, 5, and 6)

If you have taken Spectacular Spanish with a Dramatic Flair or if you have or are currently taking Spanish in school, then you should be ready for this advanced level course. Emphasis will be placed on speaking in complete sentences and in conversational Spanish. Verb conjugation and grammar will be studied. We will also explore some of the greatest Spanish speaking artists of all time: Pablo Picasso, Frida Kahlo, and Diego Rivera, just to name a few.

Instructor: (see **Spectacular Spanish with a Dramatic Flair**)