

April 5, 2018

Dear Parents:

Madonna's Flex Programming Options session 4 are here!

This is an opportunity for students to be given choice based on their individual interests. Through the use of project-based learning activities and "flex" time, teachers are able to provide students with extended learning opportunities. .

"The fundamental goal of education is to inspire all students to achieve success and fulfillment, and reach their full potential by developing the competencies of Engaged Thinkers and Ethical Citizens with an Entrepreneurial Spirit, who contribute to a strong and prosperous economy and society." (Ministerial Order on Student Learning #001/2013)

Our third scheduled flex session will run on: **Fridays - Block 5 & 6 (12:20 to 1:40). April 13th, 20th, May 4th & 11th.**

Please sign your child up for a session at www.schoolbookings.net using event code **pf8gp and follow the instructions on the screen.**

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 780-467-7972.

Session availability is based on a first come first serve basis. Some sessions have been offered again due to their popularity.

Thank-you to Parent Council for their continued financial support of these programing opportunities.

Mrs. Antoniuk and Mrs. Hinger
Enclosure

Flex Options for Grades 1 & 2

<p>1. Fit Kids</p>	<p>Fit Kids Club will give students a chance to get sweaty while having fun! The first block will focus on running skills to build endurance and the second block will focus on specific sport skill development.</p>
<p>2. Indoor and Outdoor Gardening</p>	<p>Project based activities with a gardening/planting theme. Science - Hands-On gardening: planting, watering, weeding, harvesting. Literature and response activities with a gardening theme. Counting, measuring, and patterning numeracy activities.</p>
<p>3. Earth Club</p>	<p>Learn all about the Earth and the animals that inhabit it! Students scientific inquiry and curiosity will be impacted by learning about real world matters as well as completing art projects. This round students will help with the Earth Club's Annual Rice Krispie Sale where all proceeds go towards supporting the SPCA, they will help with a small presentation at an assembly about Earth Day in April, plant flowers in our school planters and possibly have a visit from a rescued feathered friend. Our Saving the Earth Promise captures the bigger picture on the values being taught in this program.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"The Earth is my home. I promise to keep it healthy and beautiful. I will love the land, the air, the water, and all living creatures. I will be a defender of my planet. United with friends and God, I will save the Earth."</i></p> <p>Please note if your child has an allergy to birds or any food allergies as they will be helping with the rice krispie sale.</p>
<p>4. French Language and Culture</p>	<p>Learn all about a new language and some of the cultures that go with it! This will be a project based learning approach for students to learn some French vocabulary, as well as some speaking and listening skills in a group setting through french themes, art, technology, and food preparation projects. Students interested in learning French, should join this group!</p>

Flex Options for Grade 3 & 4

<p>1. Speed Stacks and Board Games</p>	<p>Speed Stacking is a fitness based sport that kids from all backgrounds and abilities can do. Speed stacking not only promotes physical fitness, but also academic learning.</p> <p>Playing board games have many benefits for children. Here is a short list of just a few:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board games make us happy - engaging in a game stirs up our inner competition, and pushes us to strive towards a goal. ● Board games teach us how to lose - children who play regularly, and are challenged, learn that it's ok to be on the losing end sometimes. ● Board games help children expand planning skills- games almost always require thinking ahead. ● Board games build interactive skills - playing board games encourages a healthy, interactive relationship not only with their friends. ● Board games teach children to follow instructions - games help with reading and, even more, with understanding and following through on directions.
<p>2. Fairy Tale STEM</p>	<p>Fairy Tale STEM Challenges will focus on literature- based math concepts, as well as engineering and design.</p>
<p>3. PALs (Peer Active Leadership)</p>	<p>Through games, activities and real life experiences students will gain leadership skills. In the PALs (Peer Active Leadership) session children will be given the opportunity to play team building games, lead some school assemblies, participate in school announcements and help run school events such as fun days.</p>
<p>4. Coding</p>	<p>Students will learn to program or code (writing instructions that a computer can follow) by creating fun apps that work on computers.</p> <p>Math: Coding helps visualize abstract concepts, lets them apply math to real-world situations, and makes math fun and creative!</p> <p>Writing: Students who code understand the value of concision and planning, which results in better writing skills.</p> <p>Creativity: Students learn through experimentation and strengthen their brains when they code, allowing them to embrace their creativity.</p> <p>Focus and Organization: As they write more complicated code, students naturally develop better focus and organization.</p>

	<p>Resilience: With coding comes debugging – and there’s no better way to build perseverance and resilience than working through challenges!</p> <p>Communication: Coding teaches logical communication, strengthening both verbal and written skills Learning code means learning a new language!</p>
<p>5. “I like to move it, move it”</p>	<p>In this action packed program, students will get a chance to burn off steam, learn or hone stick handling and racquet skills, enhance team-building abilities, and have fun.</p>