



Dear Parents:

Herod Elementary PTO and Busy Bees are proud to present its Fall 2017 After-School Enrichment Program. Our goal is to provide a quality after-school program for the children at Herod. Enclosed in this packet are the class schedule, class descriptions and registration/emergency form. To maintain the quality of the program, we need your participation and cooperation. Below is information you should read regarding our policies.

REGISTRATION

Online registration will begin August 22, 2017. To access the link for online registration, visit the Herod website: <http://www.houstonisd.org/HerodElem> or the PTO website: www.herodpto.org. **In-Person registration will begin during the first week of school in the mornings from 7:30am-8am and afternoons from 3pm-5:30pm.**

Registration is complete only upon receipt of a signed registration form and at least 1/2 of the payment due (including a \$25 registration fee per student). If registering in-person: you may submit your payment either by check or money order. Cash payments may ONLY be accepted in-person and a receipt will be provided. Registration cannot be accepted from anyone who has an outstanding balance from any previous Enrichment session, or other unpaid balance with PTO.

EXTENDED PAYMENT PLAN (TWO INSTALLMENTS)

An extended payment plan is available to you as a convenience. First payment (1/2 of tuition plus registration fee and supply fee) is due at registration; Second payment (1/2 of tuition) is due October 13, 2017. For your convenience, the system will automatically charge your credit card for the balance on that date. Please make your payments in a timely manner to avoid late fee charges. Post-dated checks will not be accepted for any payment. A late fee of \$20 will be assessed if payment is not made within 7 days of due date. We are solely dependent on payment of tuition and fees to meet our expenses and continue offering such programs. Failure to meet your financial obligations will result in suspension of your child from Enrichment class(es) if payment is not received by October 20, 2017.

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS POLICY

If a check is returned to us unpaid due to non-sufficient funds (NSF), your child may be unable to attend classes until the funds are paid (including reimbursement of any costs to Busy Bees for the NSF check payment). We reserve the right to refuse any future payments by check in the event of your payment from a NSF account.

CLASS CANCELLATION.

If your child is enrolled in an Enrichment class and it is canceled due to lack of



enrollment, a full refund for that class will be issued. In the event of instructor illness, a substitute will be provided or students will be contacted as early as possible to inform them of the class cancellation and make-up day information.

WITHDRAWAL

A student may be withdrawn from any Enrichment class by providing written notice to the Enrichment Coordinator. A refund will be issued for any classes remaining after the withdrawal date. A refund cannot be offered if 3 or fewer classes remain. Tuition may not be carried over or held as credit to another semester.

NO AFTER CLASS SUPERVISION

Absolutely no supervision is provided after enrichment classes are dismissed unless your child is enrolled in the Extended Day Program. Parents must sign out their child/children from the Enrichment class instructor in the classroom or from the Coordinator in the cafeteria after classes have dismissed. All children must be picked up promptly when class is dismissed or you will be charged a late pick-up fee of \$2 per minute starting after the first 5 minutes that class has been dismissed. After the fifth late pick-up, your child may be suspended from the program.

CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE

In order to provide a safe and nurturing environment in which to teach Enrichment classes, students must exhibit appropriate behavior. Children enrolled in Enrichment classes are expected to follow the HISD Code of Conduct required at Herod Elementary. Children who fail to conduct themselves according to this standard will be given a warning and their parents will be notified of their misconduct. Continued misconduct will result in notification to Herod Elementary administrators and/or suspension from the Enrichment Program. Children suspended from the Enrichment program for misconduct will not be entitled to a refund of any tuition, fees, or registration paid.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Enrichment does take place on early dismissal days. On days when early dismissal is at 12:30pm, Enrichment classes will begin at 12:45pm. Children should be picked up from their Enrichment classroom or from the cafeteria when their Enrichment class ends (usually by 1:45pm for the first hour of classes; about 2pm for Karate. There is no Extended Day on Early Dismissal Days,

NOTIFICATION

Busy Bees After-School Program is a separate entity from Herod Elementary School and the Herod Elementary PTO. It is important that you notify the Enrichment office in writing or via e-mail when your child will be absent, or you have updated information such as an address change or medical information. Emails should be sent to Sally Lewis at senglis2@houstonisd.org,



NO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance or scholarships are not available for Enrichment classes. There are no discounts for siblings, or for enrollment in multiple classes.

Classes begin the week of September 4, 2017 and end the week of December 11, 2017.

We are looking forward to another successful session of the After-School Enrichment Program. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Busy Bees

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Busy Bees After-School Enrichment Program
Class Descriptions
September 5, 2017 – December 11, 2017

Art, Mixed Media (Grades K-1 Mondays) and (Grades 2-5 Tuesday) Students will expand their creative art skills through the use and exploration of various art media including, drawing, painting, sculpting, and print-making. Projects are inspired by art and designs found throughout history and different cultures going as far back as the stone age. These include, age appropriate classic works, contemporary art, visual storytelling, comics, animation and illustration. Through these activities children will learn basic fundamentals about line, shape, color, space and texture and how they can be used together to effectively express their ideas through art.

Maximum: 14 students

Ballet-Dancing Stars (Grades PreK-2) This educational and developmental dance class incorporates ballet techniques, skills and posture; balance; gross and fine motor development; flexibility; grace; and poise. Designed to give students a foundation and appreciation for ballet using age-appropriate music and moves. An on-site recital is put on by the students twice a year, showcasing what the kids have learned. Dancing Stars, it's "tutu" much fun! (Taught by Stretch-n-Grow of Houston)

Ballet Folklorico (Grades K-5 Thursday) Students will be taught beautiful traditional dances from various regions of Mexico. Through the curriculum, the students will gain more experience with rhythm, body awareness, coordination, intricate techniques of the feet, choreographic patterns and formations, the art of performing, build strength, stamina; and most importantly CONFIDENCE. In addition, students will be enriched with an abundance of knowledge of the culture, history, preservation, and performing this charming art form. (Taught by Gina Magaña)

Baseball & Softball (Grades K-3) This class will teach your son or daughter the correct fundamentals in the three major aspects of baseball or softball. Throwing, fielding and hitting will be emphasized and students should bring their own gloves. Rules of the game will also be taught during in-class scrimmage games. Class will be held on playground. (Taught by Athletes After School)

Basketball (Grades 2-5) Learn the fundamentals of basketball as students play this exciting sport. Students will focus on the basics of the game, as they learn to dribble under control, shoot and pass. Rules of the game will be taught during in-class scrimmage games. Class will be held on the basketball court at Gail Reeves Park (and in the Multi-Purpose Room when available) with warm-up exercises taking place on outside playground. (Taught by Athletes After School)



Cake Decorating (Grades K-5) *Cake, Cupcake and Cookie Decorating* would be a better name for this class! Young bakers will uncover their skill as they put the icing on their cakes, cupcakes and cookies. They will also bring home their treats most weeks. Parents, please note ANY food allergies at registration time.

Maximum: 20 students

Chess – Beginner & Intermediate (Grades K-5) Students will learn and practice the rules of the game, opening moves, tactics and strategies. Our beginner class gives students a solid foundation in chess that they will have the rest of their lives. Intermediate players are taught strategies and tactics to help take their game to the next level. Intermediate players will also reinforce their knowledge by mentoring beginner students. Fun tournaments are held during the class where students are paired up to encourage teamwork and healthy competition. Students learn to use chess clocks during their chess games to experience tournament play. Chess has many benefits by providing mental exercise that promote problem solving, critical thinking and leadership skills.

Maximum: 14 students

Cooking Class

In this class, your children will a stir a lot of fun with fun themes and activities focused on food, cooking and nutrition. They will learn the basics of cooking and food prep and enjoy a hands-on experience.

Computer Coding+ (Creative Computing: Coding and More) (Grades 3-5) Class description will come soon. Ms. Lewis is in the process of developing the course curriculum. (Taught by Mr. Ryan Bytheway, Herod Fifth Grade Teacher)

Maximum: 12 students

Crafty Tykes Art (Grades PK-K) The craft craze has come to our youngest students. Our Pre-Ks and Kinders will explore their creativity as they work on weekly arts and crafts projects designed just for them

Creative Writing/Poetry Students will explore writings outside the bounds for uniqueness. Character development, narrative craft and literary elements are the emphasis.

Debate Class Students will have a formal discussion, express different opinions and opposing viewpoints. They will deliberate merits of different point of view respectfully.



Engineering (Grades K-5) Students are exposed to engineering through creative art based hands on projects. The class teaches students about electrical, mechanical, and civil engineering. Students will build projects that teach them about hydraulics, electromagnetics, acoustics, circuits, simple machines, and more. The class helps demystify the magic world children live in. Students learn that phones have GPS modules, processors, and accelerometers that allow them to do many amazing things. The curriculum is created by engineers and is taught by engineering college students that can help guide and answer students' questions about the various facets of engineering and available educational and career paths.

Maximum: 14 students

Fencing (Grades 1-5) Fencing is unique, athletic, mentally stimulating, artistic and above all, FUN! Fencing is a lifetime sport that provides participants with both a physical and mental challenge. Students who take this course improve their reaction time as they learn the fundamental moves and commands of fencing. Students will also learn the history behind this sport of knights and swashbucklers. (Taught by Houston Sword Sports)

Maximum: 24 students

Flag Football/Conditioning (Grades 2-5) Are you ready for some more football? Now your child can learn the basic rules of the game through this non-contact sport. They will enjoy learning stretching techniques and conditioning that can be used in any sport. Class will be held on school playground. (Taught by Athletes After School)

Maximum 20 students

Guitar (Beginner Grades 1-5 and Advanced Grades 2-5) Students will be taught the art of playing classical guitar which includes: technique, sight-reading, chord recognition, and performance etiquette. Students will be able to use the school's guitars during class, but need to have their own guitar to practice with at home. Students should be sized for their guitar prior to purchase. All participants will be encouraged to participate in an end of semester performance. (Taught by Ms. Penny Hoxter-Pershell)

Gymnastics With Coach Heather (Grades PreK-2 and 2-5) Your child will enjoy participating in this exciting class once a week. They work in areas of floor tumbling, balance beam, and mini-trampoline. Three goals are set for each student: to have FUN; to control our bodies both physically and mentally; and to learn to work HARD. (Taught by Token Tumblers)

Maximum 25 students per class

Karate/Martial Arts (Grades K-5) This is a self-defense class where students will be taught discipline, respect and self-defense techniques. This class is designed for fun while



obtaining a positive learning experience. They will focus on physical and mental development. Some of the topics for this class are: respect, discipline, basic-blocking techniques, and physical fitness; plus games that will teach coordination, balance, flexibility and nutrition. Join us twice each week to enhance your martial arts skills! (Taught by Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Houston)

Supply Fee Optional - \$45 for Karate uniform

Robotics (Grades 1-5) Students will explore the world of robotics as they learn about gears, dc motors, power supplies, microcontrollers, resistors, sensors, and other discrete components. Students learn the major building blocks of a robot and about the different types of robots that are used today. Students come together and collaborate as they build their own robots throughout the semester. The curriculum was created by NASA Robotics Engineers who worked on the Robonaut project. The class is taught by college engineering students with a passion for the engineering and robotics. Our instructors strive to spark passion and curiosity in their students.

Maximum: 14 students

Science (Grades K-5) Students learn about science through hands on interactive projects designed to stimulate curiosity about our physical world. The class reinforces what students learn in science class through highly interactive labs where they visualize frequencies and sound waves on an oscilloscope, see matter transform while learning about chemical reactions, learn about the states of matter, phase changes, momentum, polymers, thermal conductivity, atoms, electromagnetic spectrum and light. We will utilize the scientific method to practice problem solving. Students will explore various scientific concepts and more through the wonderful world of science.

Maximum: 14 students

Spanish (Grades K-5) Students are taught Spanish through a fun interactive encouraging and Spanish rich environment. The class will explore different Spanish speaking regions of the world through music, stories, games, art, and crafts. These lessons and activities will inspire and provide students with the desire to interact and communicate with each other in Spanish. Students will be provided with take home material to facilitate their practice outside of the class.

Maximum: 14 students

Speech Class Students write speeches & learn to deliver the speech to the class; Types of Speech"- Informative, Persuasive, Introduction.



Soccer With Coach Heather (Grades PreK-2 and 2-5) Here's your child's opportunity to learn about the great sport of soccer in a fun and exciting environment. We pride ourselves in being flexible enough in our teaching abilities to be able to find a way to reach every student. Our classes are filled with passing and shooting techniques, dribbling drills, goal-keeping skills, proper heading techniques, and basic soccer rules and regulations. Our soccer classes promote Self-Control, Good Sportsmanship and Self-Discipline. Class will be held on the playground. (Taught by Token Tumblers)

Softball (See Baseball & Softball)

Team Games (Grades 3-5) Thursdays, (Grades K-2) Fridays. Anyone interested in learning all kinds of new team games? Coach knows them all! As you learn the games, you will also be learning sportsmanship, teamwork, and strategy. Activities will include Capture the Flag, Floor Ball, Ultimate Football and Frisbee, Kickball... and much much more! (Taught by Herod's Coach St. Germain)

Maximum: 20 students per class

Theater (Grades K-5) Students will learn basic stage movement, acting, voice control presentation, and set design. Students will start with basic acting techniques, learning to tune in to personal emotions and finding the true actor within. They will move on to learn stage direction and movement, voice and dictation, facial expression as they bring characters to life. Students will present a final production at the end of the semester. (Taught by Main Street Theater)

Maximum: 15 students

Ukulele Grades 2-3 Join Mrs. Hoevelman for Class Ukulele! In this course, the student will learn basic strumming, finger placement, open string songs, and beginning chords. Students will be using Ukuleles provided by Herod Elementary, however students may purchase a Soprano Ukulele of their choice. Literature will be provided on purchasing quality instruments on the first class.

Grades 4-5 Join Mrs. Hoevelman for Class Ukulele! In this course, the student will learn basic strumming, finger placement, open string songs, and songs using advanced chords. Students will be using Ukuleles provided by Herod Elementary, however students may purchase a Soprano Ukulele of their choice. Literature will be provided on purchasing quality instruments on the first class.



Violin (Grades K-5) Beginners will learn basic posture, correct bow grip, open strings, and first position. Within a few classes, students will be able to play songs such as variations of “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” and “Lightly Row” proficiently. Intermediate students will be working on different pieces and techniques according to their personal needs, with special attention to improving tone quality. Students will be encouraged to practice every day at home, and will have the opportunities to perform during classes as well as the end-of-semester concert. Ms. Lo is also available to help advise students through the process of purchasing or renting a violin that best fits their needs.

Yoga Students will learn techniques for stillness (meditation, quiet), breathing techniques (coping/calming), yoga poses for strengthening different parts of the body, partner yoga poses for team building while having fun and feeling good!