

## SUMMER 2009 ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Plan to spend a part of your summer learning something new or building upon your interests. This summer, we are offering a variety of classes and we hope to see you too!

The following activities are offered this summer for students who will have just completed grades 3 – 8. **Please note the individual dates, times and information about each course as they do vary.** Hopefully, you can squeeze something in between your summer vacation.

**NOTE: All Summer Enrichment will take place at Woodside Intermediate School except for Basketweaving & Cake Decorating.**

**BEGINNER'S BASKETWEAVING:** Mrs. Maher (June 29-July 2) 8:30 a.m. to 12:15p.m. Learn the basics of basketweaving. Each day a new technique is taught. Students will complete a basket a day for a total of 4 baskets. (Advanced students also welcome – See Mrs. Maher) Material fee \$40.00 paid to instructor.

**ADVANCED BASKETWEAVING:** Mrs. Maher (July 6-9) 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Students will learn more advanced techniques to create 4 different baskets by the end of the week! New baskets designed for this summer! (Beginners also welcome – See Mrs. Maher and she'll adjust the lesson for you.) Material fee of \$40.00 paid to the instructor.

**8th ANNUAL WIFFLE-BALL WORLD SERIES!** Mr. Kiss (July 6-July 10) 8:30a.m.-11:30 a.m. Battle to be the ultimate Wiffleball Champion. Join us. Be sure to sign up quick as space is limited for this 8<sup>th</sup> annual event.

**AMERICAN IDOL CROMWELL:** Mr. McGough (July 6-10) 8:30a.m.-11:30a.m. Do you love to sing? Do you have what it takes to be the next...American Idol? During this weeklong class you will get the opportunity to sing to some of your favorite songs and record your own CD. We will use current digital technology to prepare, sing, and produce your own music CD. Each student will bring home a CD of his or her songs. The week will culminate with a karaoke contest/concert. *The class will be limited to the first 8 students to sign up. Equipment space is limited and therefore requires a small group. There will be a fee of \$10 per student to cover the cost of needed supplies. The fee should be paid to the instructor on the first day of class.*

**EXPRESSING MOOD THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY, POETRY AND MUSIC:**

Dortha Cool Willetts (July 6-10) 8:30a.m. - 11:30a.m. Students will take digital photographs expressing particular moods and feelings. They will then mat their photos for display along with verses written by them to expand the expression of the moods, then using a keyboard, compose a simple lyrical melody to accompany each photo and its poem. Friday may be a field trip to capture moods in nature photographically.

**A TASTE OF SUMMER:** Mrs. Sarnowski (July 6-10) 12:00 – 3:00. Do you like to cook? How about eat? Maybe you want to learn how to create your own tasty treats, or improve some cooking skills you already have? Either way, you will definitely have fun! Students will use various recipes to prepare foods and desserts. We will use a microwave, griddle, toaster oven and our hands to create simple meals for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, and some appetizer ideas. We will whip up some surprise treats! We will taste and test our products and bring home some samples to share with family and friends. Students will compile recipe books filled with the delicious recipes we have created throughout the week. **Please inform the instructor of any food allergies on the registration form.** *Class is limited to 10 students. A supply fee of \$15 can be paid to the instructor on the first day of class.*

**BATTLE BOTS:** Mr. McGough (July 6-July10) 12:00-3:00

The box is locked...the lights are on...its bot fighting time! Students will begin by discussing the basics of robotic vehicles. The students will work in teams to build a bot kit for the competition round. Bots will compete in battle style rounds as well a maneuverability courses. Students will then design large bots using a computer simulator. They will use these computerized bots to battle each other safely over the network.

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**CHECKMATE:** Mr. Kiss (July 6-10)12:00 to 3:00. Challenge your friends in many strategy games. Play Risk, Stratego, Chess and much, much more. Sign-up now!

**CREATIVE WRITING:** Miss Lauren Anthony (July 6-10) 12:00 -3:00

Bring your words to life! Is there an inner poet inside you? Do you like to tell stories? Do you admire different authors and their craft? Then this is the class for you. Come and improve your writing skills while expanding your imagination. We will focus on poetry writing, nature writing, autobiographical writing, and the composition of musical lyrics

**LEGENDS OF ROCK:** Mr. Santavenere (July 6- July 10) 12:00-3:00

Imagine the crowd chanting your name! Whether your dream is to rock hard on the guitar, pound on the drums, or even be the lead singer of your own band, this is the place for you! Go on a world tour and become a legend of rock in Guitar Hero World Tour.

**MAGAZINE MAKER:** Mr. Kiss (July13-July 17) 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Work with friends and peers to design a magazine. Write articles and design a layout. Each student will get a color copy of the magazine on the last day.

**YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CAKE AND DECORATE IT TOO!** Mrs. Aksterowicz (July 13-July 17) 8:30am-11:30am. You don't need great skills to make a great looking cake. Learn the basic techniques of cake decorating. Take a plain cake and transform it into a work of art. A \$10.00 supply fee can be paid to the instructor.

**PHOTO SHOOT:** Mr. McGough (July13-July17) 8:30am – 11:30am. Do you like to take pictures? If you have a camera with you and like taking pictures then this is the class for you. In this class, we will cover the basics of how to take great photos as well as how to enhance them using digital editing software on the computer. We will cover a variety of types of shots, including some trick photography. We will shoot and process photos on the computer all week long and prepare our best for a gallery that we will present on the final class. Each student will walk away with all of their photos saved on a disk and one of their best mounted and framed.

*This photo shoot will be limited to the first 8 photographers to sign up. Each photographer must have a digital camera that they can use for the week. The camera does not have to be really fancy, but should have a removable card so that we can transfer the images from the camera to the computer for editing. A fee of \$10 per student to cover the cost of needed supplies can be paid to the instructor on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class.*

**SPORTS REPORTERS:** Mr. Santavenere (July 13-July17) 8:30 -11:30

Enjoy watching sports? Do you one day want to get paid for watching sports? Learn the skills of becoming a sports reporter or sports anchor for ESPN! Learn how to commentate play by play during a sporting event. Finally, take a trip to a New Britain Rockcats game and write a news article of your exciting experience! *Fee for field trip to the game to be determined and paid to the instructor by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class.*

**HISTORY'S MYSTERIES:** Mrs. Dooley (July 13-17) 12:00-3:00. Was there really a lost city called Atlantis? Why was the Mary Celeste, a ship full of passengers and crew found abandoned in the middle of the ocean?? Did pirates really exist? If you are interested in mysteries, then you will love to explore these unsolved mysteries from the past. Perhaps you can uncover clues that will finally solve these puzzles. We will research several of history's most famous mysteries and explore a few modern puzzles. A little bit history, a bunch of mystery, and a ton of fun!

**THE CROMWELL GAME CLUB :** Miss Lauren Anthony (July 13- 17) 12:00 -3:00  
Join this session to challenge your fellow gamers with memory games, board games, brain teasers, and outdoor challenges. Learn how to catch a water- filled balloon without getting splattered! Don't drop the egg or you could be scrambled! Learn how scrabble can improve your vocabulary and much more!

**THE WORLD OF HARRY POTTER:** Mr. Kiss (July 13-17) 12:00 -3:00. Join us for a week long study of Harry Potter. We will watch Harry Potter movies, play games, etc. On Friday, July 17, we will view the new Harry Potter film at a local theater.

**GOT GAME?** Mr. McGough (July 13-July 17) 12:00-3:00 Like to play video games...but don't have anyone to compete against? This is your chance to show off your gaming skills in tournament-style play. Come enjoy a week of competition using a variety of the hottest games.  
The class will be limited to the first 10 students to sign up. There will be a fee of \$10 per student to cover the cost of equipment and game rentals. The fee can be paid to the instructor on the first day of class.  
**This class is rated "E" for everyone, so no games with inappropriate content will be used.**

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**WOODSIDE SCHOOL MUSICAL:** Mr. Kiss (July 20 – July 24) 8:30am -11:30 am. Create, plan, direct, and star in a school play. Students will produce a play in a week's time. They will then perform it for friends and family.

**DRIVER'S ED. – NASCAR Style:** Mr. McGough (July 20-July 24) 8:30am-11:30am  
In this weeklong course the students will study basic racing skills and strategies. We will also focus on the rules of the road. The drivers will apply racing strategies, first in a simulator, and then on the track. The week's activities will culminate with a race on REAL go-karts.  
*The class will be limited to the first 7 students to sign up. **Students must be at least 56" tall in order to race the go-karts.** This limited space is due to kart availability and track size. Sign up fast to make it to the winner's circle! There will be a fee of \$25 per student to cover the cost of needed supplies and racing fees. The fee should be paid to the instructor on the first day of class.*

**VIDEO GAMES THROUGH THE AGES:** Mr. Santavenere (July 20 -24) 8:30 -11:30  
Ever wonder what people played before x-box 360 and Wii? Take a trip back in time and experience the progression of video games. Systems such as Atari, NES, Sega Genesis, Super Nintendo, Nintendo 64, and Nintendo Wii include classic titles such as Duck Hunt, Super Mario Bros, NBA Jam, Wave Race, and Wii bowling, you are sure to gain a real appreciation for the progress of video games. Once you know about video games past, it will be up to you to determine their future.

**GET SMART!** Mrs .McNeff (July 20-July 24) 12:00 – 3:00. Do you want to improve your grades in school, reduce study time and be comfortable taking tests? If so, this is the class for you. You will learn how to take notes, manage your assignments, and tackle test taking strategies. You will gain valuable organizational techniques that will prepare you to succeed in the fall! There may be a small fee for supplies. You can pay the instructor.

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE:** Mrs. Sarnowski (July 20-24) 12:00-3:00. You may know a lot about Helen Keller, but did you know that the woman who founded the Girl Scouts was deaf? How about that Alexander Graham Bell's wife was deaf and he invented the telephone so she could communicate with her family? Explore the cultural background of American Sign Language and find out many more amazing facts! You will learn and see many devices used in the past and present, learn and practice basic conversational skills with Mrs. Sarnowski and a deaf special guest.

**MATH-QUIZ BOWL:** Mr. Kiss (July 20-24) 12:00-3:00. Be crowned the ultimate math champion. Each day learn and compete with peers in a variety of math challenges. Be challenged!!! Join us!

**PUZZLE MASTER:** Mr. McGough (July 20-24) 12:00 -3:00. Did you ever want to SOLVE the RUBIK'S CUBE? In this course you will learn the strategies needed to solve the cube no matter who messes it up. Students will also work on and solve a variety of other puzzles and problems. Students will use problem solving strategies that they will be able to apply to other situations. By the end of class each student will have a strategy to solve Rubik's Cube, along with other problems that they may face. *Class limited to 8. Students need to have a Rubik's Cube 3x3 of their own for the class. All other puzzles and problems will be provided.*

**BACKPACKING AROUND THE WORLD**– Miss Lauren Anthony (July 20-24) 12-3  
**Attention!!!** Your flight is now boarding at gate WIS! During this one week virtual trip you will learn about new and exciting places. Have you ever dreamed about traveling around the world? Could you ever imagine that you could explore Mexico and Italy in the same week? Then this is the trip for you! During this week-long adventure you will explore countries from all around the world. We will learn about different cultures, investigate famous landmarks, produce a travel itinerary, create crafts and sample foods from the countries that we are exploring. As we journey from place to place, each student will create a travel scrapbook/journal documenting their adventures. Let the traveling begin and sign up now! *Material fee of \$15.00 paid to the instructor for food and supplies.*

**SURVIVOR:** Mr. Dean (July 27 – July 31) 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This interactive course focuses on team building. Small groups will complete mini-tasks that ask you to call upon both your mental and physical strength as well as your taste buds, in order to be the ultimate survivor.

**BEADMANIA!** Mrs. DellaRatta (July 27-July 31) 8:30 am -11:30 am. Accessorize your wardrobe with handmade beaded necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and pins. Many different kinds of beads will be provided to put your creative abilities to use! A small supply fee may be charged and can be paid to the instructor.

**THE GREAT DEBATERS;** Mr. Kiss (July 27-July 31) 8:30 am – 11:30 am. Do you think you can win every argument? If so, then sign up for this class to test your skills at debating. You will research topics and current issues in the world and then challenge friends in a debate.

**GOLF SCHOOL;** Mr. McGough (July 27-July 31) 8:30 -11:30. For this week long course we will begin with the fundamentals: grip, stance, and swing. The students will spend the week practicing driving, chipping, and putting. We will culminate the week's activities with a trip to the golf course for a nine hole round of golf. *The class will be limited to the first 6 students to sign up. The golf course requires groups of four on the course. This will allow for two groups, each with an adult. There will be a \$15 fee per student to cover the cost of green fees and other supplies. The fee should be paid to the instructor on the first day of class.* **Each student is required to have a set of "REAL" golf clubs that they can use for the week.**

**SUMMER READING BOOK CLUB;** Mrs. Dooley (July 27 – July 31) 8:30-11:30. A club for all students eager to get a jump on their summer reading! Grab a book, your favorite reading buddy (real or stuffed!) a beach chair and an umbrella for engaging discussions based on the books selected from your grade level's summer reading list!

**BACK TO THE FUTURE;** Miss Lauren Anthony (July 27-July 31) 8:30-11:30  
Board the time machine, fasten your seatbelts, and get ready to travel back in time! Each day we will explore a new and exciting time of the past. Travel back to the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. See what life was like, what music was popular, how people danced, how they dressed, and learn about important historical events from the time period. Throughout the week, we will be creating a time capsule to tell people of the future what life is like in 2009.

**STUDENT vs. WILD;** Mr. Dean (July 27-July 31) 12:00 -3:00. In this course, we will spend the week mapping a state park, finding creatures, tracking animals, and identifying all the different habitats that exist. If you love nature, hiking, and a challenge, this is a course you can't miss!

**MEMORY MAKER:** Mrs. McNeff (July 27-July 31) 12:00 -3:00. Learn the basics of scrapbooking whiel creating albums full of pictures and memories. Be creative with die-cuts, stickers and more! Some supplies will be provided but there will be a small fee to purchase albums for students.

**INSPECTOR DETECTIVE:** Mrs. Dooley (July 27-31) 12:00 -3:00. Explore, inspect, examine. We will use math and science to test products and vote on which is best. Mmmm. Does the expensive cereal really taste better? Ouch! Which band aids protect the best? Wow! Do the products “As seen on TV” really work? Through experiments and taste tests we will answer these and other questions about the things we buy. Multiply, divide, use percentages, and calculate the mean, mode, and medium. We’ll use our statistics to create charts and graphs to show the results. **Consumer detectives wanted: prove which products are best!**

**CONNECT WITH CONNECTICUT!** Mrs. DellaRatta (July 27-31) 12:00-3:00. Learn about the history of our state, the state symbols, the geography of our state, as well as CT tourism. We can plan a field trip to visit our State Capital and State House.

**TEACHER APPRENTICE:** Mr. Kiss (July 27 – July 31) 12:00 -3:00. Have you ever looked at your teacher and thought, I can do that? Well now is your chance. Live like a teacher for one week. Do the jobs that teachers do. Sign up if this one is for you!

**WEB DESIGN:** Mr. McGough (July 27-31) 12:00pm-3:00pm  
Did you ever want to create your own web site? This course will show you a variety of ways to build a web site from scratch. Students will learn to use a variety of free resources as well as retail products. Students will build a web site on a topic of their choice. By the end of class each student will have a site that they can take home and send up to a host provider.

*The class will be limited to the first 8 students to sign up. Computer space is limited and therefore requires a small group. A flash drive is required if student would like to bring site content home.*

**DEBATE CLUB:** Miss Lauren Anthony( July 27- July 31) 12:00 -3:00  
Hmmm....who’s better: the Yankees or the Red Sox? Have an opinion? Would you like to learn how to express your opinion? Then this session is for you! This may be one of the daily topics where you will have a chance to organize your thoughts, form your opinion, and take part in a real life debate against your fellow debaters. Learn what to say, how to say, and when to say it, and most importantly how to listen. Let the challenge begin!

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**THE ULTIMATE ATHLETE:** Mr. Dean (August 3 – August 7) 8:30 – 11:30. If you have a love for sports like football, Frisbee, dodge ball, and group activities, then look no further! In this course, you'll get a chance to learn and play flag football, ultimate Frisbee, and other team sports.

**CROMWELL CRAFTERS:** Miss Lauren Anthony (August 3- August 7) 8:30 -11:30  
You know you are creative! So, let's bring out that inner artist and show everyone what you can do. Throughout the week we will decorate picture frames, design a licorice terra cotta pot, and create your own tote bags and more surprises to come! A \$25.00 material fee is paid to the instructor.

**IT'S A MYSTERY!** Mrs. McNeff (August 3 – August 7) 12:00 -3:00. Looking for suspense? Intrigue? Surprise? You will become a super sleuth and decode clues while you act out different characters in stories to solve mysteries. You will also play fun mystery games! There will be a small fee for materials payable to the instructor.

**I-SPY:** Mr. Dean (August 3 – August 7) 12:00 to 3:00. In this class you'll design an "I-Spy" book. You will conceive and construct a set based around a theme that will be photographed. Students will put items in the set based on their educational, aesthetic, and playful qualities. Then they will produce a digital photograph to be put in an original "I\_Spy" book. Once this is done, they will write poetry, design and publish their own work using online software to create their own hardcover book.

**Run and Kick Aeroga:** Ms. Erica Goodyear ( July 6-10) 8:30 am -11:30 am. Get fit and have fun doing it! Have you always wanted to join those exciting classes at the local gym? Well here is your chance! Each day student's will learn new techniques toward developing a healthy lifestyle and expand with an encouraging, safe, and team-building atmosphere. We will learn the basics of skills like Aerobics, Yoga and Pilates, cardio kickboxing, running and more. In addition, we will create a healthy snack each day that will empower your body and keep you moving!

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**OUTDOOR FUN!** Mrs. Sarnowski (July 13-17) 12:00 - 3:00. Explore your interests with various activities, both indoors and out (depending on the weather). Activities include hiking the various trails at Cromwell's own state park and a Friday field trip to Wadsworth Park in Middletown. We will have a bag lunch and goodies to enjoy at scenic views with great spots for pictures! Activities at Woodside will include kickball at the fields at CMS and so much more! If you have any activities that YOU enjoy, feel free to share and we can do that too! I look forward to exploring our active week together!



