

## **CO-OP PROGRAMS OFFERED**

### **ASSEMBLY**

**Leader: Adria Tyler**

Assembly brings everyone together to begin Friday Co-op with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. It is important to be on time. Upon reciting the Pledge and praying, Mrs. Tyler will dismiss the students to their classes.

### **CHOIRS**

#### **Kindergarteners/Juniors:**

**Director: Dottie Cutler**  
**Accompanist: NEED**

#### **Intermediates/Middlers:**

**Director: Wendy Noyes**  
**Accompanist: NEED**

Our desire for the choirs is to encourage young people to sing God-honoring music to the best of their ability. Each choir will learn music, musical theory, and concepts relative to singing in a choir. These concepts will be addressed appropriately for each grade level.

Consistent attendance at rehearsals is very important at all levels. Choir is a team effort; each member is vital to the overall sound and in helping each section learn its part. Please be committed to being on time and faithful to rehearsals each week! Any choir member missing more than three (3) rehearsals per semester may forfeit his privilege to perform, at the discretion of the director. All choir members are expected to arrive thirty minutes prior to concert performance times. Notify the choir director if you will be unable to attend any performance.

There will be a CONCERT each semester with a REQUIRED UNIFORM. We recommend that you obtain the required uniform early in the fall, (e.g., in the uniform section at Kmart or Target) since it may be difficult to acquire when needed.

Girls: solid navy, black or dark gray skirt (length near or below the knee) and a white blouse. Shirts must be long enough to tuck into the skirt. Absolutely no midriffs.

Boys: solid navy, black or gray pants and a white shirt.

No t-shirts. No baggy pants. No jeans. Please respect this policy. We are a choir and it is appropriate to dress alike.

### **CLOGGING**

**Coordinator: Connie Bartels**

Clogging is a traditional type of percussive folk dance associated with a number of different regions across the world. In earlier periods, clogging was known as flat-footing, foot-stomping, buck dancing, clog dancing, jigging or other local terms. These terms all emphasize the downbeat of the music by enthusiastic footwork.

Mrs. Bartels returns for the 2008-09 year to work with our Intermediates and Middlers. She hopes to introduce and dance to Irish music. If your student would like to learn to clog or would like to further their experience with clogging, please register them on the application.

If your student would like to have the taps that make the foot-stomping sound, arrangements can be made with Mrs. Bartels. Please contact her before the first class to make arrangements to purchase the taps. She will make recommendations as to what kind of shoe would be best to adhere the taps, as well as the glue that works best. It takes approximately 24-48 hours for the glue to adhere the taps securely to the shoe.

## **DRAMA / HUMAN VIDEO**

**Director: Jennifer Determan**

Drama and Human Video class will meet for 55 minutes each week during the spring semester. Class goals are for the students to have the opportunity to experience and learn the importance of teamwork necessary to bring a play or human video to life. A human video is acting/dancing put to music to tell a story. All students will have the opportunity to perform before an audience.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

**Coordinator: Kathy Van Daele**

Geography will be offered to the Kindergarteners in the fall and to the Juniors as an elective in the spring. This class will focus on U.S. Geography, specifically, the location of states, capitals, geographical features, historical sites and points of U.S. interest. Mrs. Van Daele hopes to add map skills such as using a map compass, knowing cardinal directions, and using a map scale and legend. The class will include hands-on activities as well as games to learn geography.

## **GOVERNMENT (Intermediates / Middlers)**

**Coordinator: Al Manning**

This class will be offered each semester. Half of the students will take Government and the other half will take Introduction to Art. The students will switch at semester in order to have the opportunity to experience both electives. Al Manning is not only a homeschooling dad, but a previous mayor of Waterloo. His insight into the governmental system will be beneficial to our Intermediates and Middlers.

Mr. Manning's objectives of this class will be for the students to better understand the workings of our government and to appreciate the importance and necessity for individual responsibility and participation. With the upcoming Presidential election, the students will focus on the Presidency and the electoral process. For those students who will be taking this class in the spring, Mr. Manning will explain what happened in the election and about the Inauguration of the new President of the United States.

## **GOVERNMENT 101 (Teens)**

**Coordinator: Peter Beck**

**Assistant: Vicki Reed**

The goals of this class will be for the student to explore and gain insight into our country's founding documents, to better understand the workings of our government, and to appreciate the importance and necessity for individual civic responsibility and participation. In addition, with the timely approach of a Presidential election, an appropriate amount of time will be spent focusing on the Presidency and the electoral process.

## **GREAT ARTISTS**

**Coordinators: Karen Swanson and Gayle Mazzarella**

Great Artists will be offered to the teens in the fall and to the kindergarteners in the spring.

This interesting class will be centered toward art appreciation. We will study the unique lives of several artists and their works. The Early Renaissance and Impressionist Periods will be represented. Each student will work on fun art projects in keeping with the artist we are studying. Weekly art projects will be done during class individually, as well as in a group.

Join us as we find out interesting quirks about famous artists and get hands-on experience trying cool artistic techniques.

## GYM CLASS

**Coordinator for Intermediates, Middlers and Teens: Shari Darst**  
**Assistant for Intermediates, Middlers and Teens: Julie Bard**  
**Coordinator for Kindergarten/Juniors: Amy Lyon**

Shari Darst is very excited about the upcoming year. She believes the Lord has directed her to this position and hopes to guide the children to greater accomplishments. The main goal is to have FUN, but Shari hopes to help the children learn and develop some basic skills necessary to participate in team-oriented games and sports. Shari attended UNI and has a B.A. in Physical Education and Coaching. Her experience includes teaching gym class at MHE for 7 years. She has also coached volleyball, softball, basketball, track and field. She welcomes Amy Lyon this year to help coordinate and implement games and activities for the kindergarten/junior class.

This year we will be working on: throwing/catching, eye/foot and eye/hand coordination, control of self and objects, and team concepts/strategies. The following activities will be part of the curriculum for this year:

Soccer	t-ball	basketball	movement games	jump rope	softball
Football	kickball	jump rope	floor hockey	cageball	volleyball

This fall we will be outdoors each day weather permits. Dress your child accordingly. Indoor activities will be in the gym. Non-marking, gym-style shoes (tennis shoes) are required. Children who do not wear appropriate gym shoes will not be able to participate in gym that day. This is for their safety, as well as to protect the integrity of the gym floor.

## INTRODUCTION TO ART

**Coordinator: Greg Stewart**

This class will be offered each semester. Half of the students will take Introduction to Art and the other half will take Government. The students will switch at semester in order to have the opportunity to experience both electives.

For those of you who have said you would teach art to your children and haven't gotten to it yet, here's your guilt relief! This class will introduce students to a variety of art mediums such as pencil drawing, chalk drawing, sculpture/pottery elements and more. Greg and Randy have taken several art classes and enjoy passing on what they have learned.

## INTRODUCTION TO SEISHIN RYU KARATE

**Coordinator: Veronica Perry**

**Class Size Limit: 17**

Seishin Ryu Karate will be offered to the Juniors and Intermediates in the fall; to the Middlers and Teens in the spring.

Mrs. Perry (Renshi) would like to welcome us to the Martial Arts, and in particular "The Ultimate Martial Art and Self Defense – Seishin Ryu Karate". Seishin Ryu Karate is not simply "fighting". Seishin Ryu Karate is an Art. The intention of this class is to introduce the philosophy and discipline with a holistic approach to creating a healthy and appreciative outlook on the art.

Renshi is a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt and has over 22 years of experience and teaches, Karate Tots, Juniors and Adults. She is affiliated with the U.S. Karate-do Kai and the U.S. Karate Alliance. She has also passed the Seishin Ryu Instructors Certification testing and is a qualified instructor.

The student is required to purchase a Karate Gi for \$28.89 (the traditional uniform worn by karate practitioners). The Karate Gi can be purchased at the Cedar Falls Karate Club, 522 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Cedar Falls. It is best to purchase the Gi at the club in order to get the correct size for your student. The Cedar Falls Karate Club is providing us a discount on the purchase of the Karate Gi. The student's name will also be embroidered on the Karate Gi.

At any time during the instruction, please advise Renshi if there is a reason (injury, sickness, etc.) that the student is unable to participate to the fullest. If the student wishes to continue in Seishin Ryu Karate, they will be able to do so at a special discount rate offered at the end of the semester. If you as a parent (student or guardian) have any questions, please contact Renshi.

## **NURSERY**

**Coordinator: Kristi McCrary**

The goal in the nursery is to provide quality nurturing and care to children from infancy through two years of age. We believe, as stated in Scripture, that children are the heritage of the Lord. With that in mind, we understand we are ministering both to the parents and their children. The nursery can only be utilized by any parent who is working in one of the classroom areas and will be staffed by parent volunteers.

Each week when you are using the nursery, please label and bring:

1. Bottles or sippy cups: empty sippy cups or paper cups will be provided for those old enough to drink from them. (For "Walker/Talkers", the nursery will also provide a snack each week.)
2. Diapers and wipes.
3. A change of clothes.
4. Anything else you would normally bring to a babysitter.

Please do not bring toys that might get lost or cause conflicts among other little ones. There will be toys available for our use in the nurseries.

*Sick Child Policy:* Please do not bring children who have vomited, have had a bad cold or flu, or have had a fever in the last 24 hours. We do not want to knowingly expose any of the other children.

Please sign in and secure a nametag to your child's back before you leave the nursery. Please be assured that if your child is inconsolable within 20 minutes, we will bring him/her to you.

Please feel free to contact the coordinator with any specific questions or concerns.

## **OUTDOOR SURVIVAL I (Juniors) and II (Teens)**

**Coordinator: Greg Stewart**

This course was a huge hit last year. Since the Juniors missed out, they will be able to have the experience this fall. In the spring, Mr. Stewart will take this class to the next level for the teens.

Outdoor Survival will cover the four things everyone needs to survive and how to obtain each. They will learn how to build a shelter in any climate, find food and water, and build a fire. Mr. Stewart will also provide instruction and have discussion regarding wildlife and plant life.

## **PRESCHOOL**

**Coordinator: Deb Decker**

**Assistants: Carol Pakala and Shelley Miller**

The goal for preschool is to provide a Christ-centered, supervised learning atmosphere with opportunities for learning letters, numbers, shapes, colors, character qualities, and Bible stories.

Learning will be based on the program "My Father's World: A-Z". The typical preschool day will have prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, story time, gym time, craft time and snack. The children will also be working on a song or skit for the Fall and Spring programs.

Preschool is for children who are 3- or 4-years-old on September 1, 2008, and who are siblings of children enrolled in Friday Co-op. A preschooler without an older sibling can register after August 2, 2008, if and only if the class size limitations have not been met and by approval of the preschool coordinator. In this situation, registrations will be accepted in the order received. Total enrollment will be limited to 25 children. There are no attendance requirements, although we would request that you notify the coordinator if you decide not to continue in the program. Also, please notify the coordinator(s) if the child will not be participating in the Fall or Spring performance.

Children need to be signed in and signed out of the preschool each week. The preschoolers will be brought into the auditorium at the end of the day to be dismissed with the older students.

Each child will need to bring the following the first day of class:

2 glue sticks

1 small box of Kleenex

1 small bottle of school glue

1 package of hand wipes

**\*\* Please let us know if your child has a medical condition, allergy, or any other special needs. This is especially important, as we occasionally serve refreshments to the children.**

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## **SCIENCE**

**Coordinator: Jason Rose**

Mr. Rose is not only a homeschool dad, but a chiropractor and owner of Advanced Spine and Extremity Clinic. He is looking forward to teaching the Juniors basic science. Through some discussion and hands-on projects, the students will have a great opportunity experimenting, observing, and documenting the uniqueness of God's world around us.

## **SIGN LANGUAGE**

**Coordinator: Dottie Cutler**

In this class, the teens will be learning the alphabet, numbers and some basic sign language words, which will give the students a foundation in sign language. We would also like to be able to teach the class a song, which they can do for the program. Each student needs to bring a folder or notebook, and a pencil to class with them.