

Aftercare Information 2011-2012

Aftercare is intended to be a time and space in which students may have the freedom to explore their social, artistic, physical, and academic interests in a largely unstructured, child-centered setting. Aftercare staff will provide safe, responsible care, and will work to meet the needs and creative impulses of each individual child, while treating as precious opportunities for growth as a community. Students and staff are expected to abide by the spirit of the school and the needs of the group, treating each other and materials with respect and care.

Staffing:

We are excited this year to have greater consistency with our staffing.

- Jonathan Ewell serves as the Aftercare Coordinator, and will be in Aftercare Monday-Thursday, 3-5:30, and on Fridays from 3:30-5:30.
- Tom Werley will be in Aftercare full-time, Mon.-Fri.
- Jonathan Rhoads will be in Aftercare until 4:00 daily.

If you need to reach Aftercare staff during Aftercare time, please call the Aftercare cell phone: 553-0045

Daily Routine:

3:00-3:30 - Snack. This is a community-oriented time which will routinely involve shared stories, puzzles, and games. Preschool and Kindergarten students will spend this time in the room directly across from the Kindergarten classroom, while 1st-8th graders will be in the main Aftercare room.

3:30 - Groups will combine and free play, which might involve the option of a group challenge, cooperative game, or art project led by Aftercare staff, will commence.

4:15-4:30 - Students participating in Afterschool Activities who are signed up to continue in Aftercare on that day will join Aftercare at 4:15. There will be an Aftercare-wide "break" period involving low-key activities such as reading, puzzles, and art projects from 4:15-4:30.

4:30-5:30 - Free play, possibly involving group activities, projects, challenges, and/or games.

Sign-Out Procedure:

-A daily attendance/sign-out sheet will be kept by the entrance to the main Aftercare room or, if all members are outside, will be with one of the staff.

-In addition to signing your child out on the attendance sheet, an Aftercare staff member must be directly notified by the relevant parent or guardian of each student's departure.

-All parents or guardians are required to sign their child out, with the time of pick-up included.

Parental Expectations

-Parents with children signed up for Aftercare or an afterschool activity are expected to notify the school office or an Aftercare staff member by the end of the school day if their child will not be in attendance that day. If the child is absent for the full day, it will be assumed that they will not be attending an after school program.

-Parents who wish to have their child stay in aftercare on a drop-in basis are expected to notify the school office ***before the end of school*** on the day requested. Drop-ins must be approved by the school office based on availability of Aftercare spaces that day. Drop-in status will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis.

-Parents may choose to remain in Aftercare after they arrive for pick-up. Their sign-out time should reflect the time that they arrive to pick their child up, provided that it is understood that once they arrive, their child is under their primary supervision.

-Parents are welcome to lead or assist in Aftercare activities. They will not be charged for their child's time in Aftercare while they are present.

-If a parent is present at school, involved in school-related business, their child will not be charged for the time that they are present, again provided that it is understood that their child is under their primary supervision and that their child's participation in Aftercare has been approved by a staff member.

-If a parent is unable to pick their child up at the designated time, they are expected to notify the school office or the Aftercare cell phone: 553-0045.

-The Aftercare program ends at 5:30. Please respect this time.

Snack:

Aftercare snack will be provided by a combination of the Aftercare program and parent donations. The Aftercare program has a limited snack budget, which is largely used to purchase crackers, chips, granola bars, and other dry goods. Donations of fruits, vegetables, cheese, hummus, salsa, or other favorite snack foods of your children are appreciated, and may be dropped off in the main Aftercare room. We do have some nut allergies in our group, so please consider items that are nut-free.

Warmly,
Jonathan E., Jonathan R., and Tom