

Maury After School Program Catalog



Winter/Spring 2014

We are pleased to present the Winter/Spring 2014 Maury After School Programs catalog. We have built on the success of Maury's Fall Programs and hope you and your children will take advantage of the classes offered this term. Thanks to volunteers for the Programs Team Daily Representative, we were able to offer four days of classes this session. We are grateful for all the support from the PTA, staff, teachers and parents.

We welcome your comments and questions. The best way to contact us is by email. Please note the new Programs email address is MauryPTAPrograms@gmail.com.

Pam Townsend and Nancy Widmer
The Programs Team

Class Overview

Classes run from **Monday, February 3rd to Thursday, April 10th**. After school classes do not meet on school holidays or early release days. **All classes start at 2:45p.m. and end at 3:45p.m.**

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Chess	1st-5th
Guitar	2nd-5th
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Registration Process

Winter/Spring registration is now open and continues until 3p.m. on Friday, January 17th. All registrations received during this regular registration period will be considered together in a lottery. We will have a late registration period for any remaining spaces.

The Late Registration Period will start on Saturday, January 18th and run through Friday, January 24th at 3p.m. Late registrations will be processed on a daily basis in the order they are received. We will use the Maury PTA website and Maury listserv to update the school community of class availability.

You may mail, email, or hand deliver registration forms. To mail, please send to:

Matthew Maury Elementary School
ATTN: PTA Programs Team
600 Russell Road
Alexandria, VA 22301

Please note: We must **receive** your registration by the deadline for us to include it in the lottery, so please allow extra time for mailing.

For email, please use the new e-mail for the Programs Team:
MauryPTAPrograms@gmail.com.

To hand deliver, please place registration forms in the Maury PTA Programs mailbox in the front lobby. **Do NOT return your registration in your child's school folder.**

Please fill in one registration form for each child. For lottery purposes, we will treat family members as a set so that siblings will get the same lottery priority.

We will do our best to place each student in one class before registering students for multiple classes. For language classes, preference will be given to current students. For other classes with a waitlist, preference will be given to new students.

Financial Aid

If you are applying for a financial aid scholarship, fill out the registration form and check the financial aid box. No additional form is required. The Programs Team passes all financial aid requests to the school. The school then returns them to the Programs Team for the lottery selection. We will award one scholarship to every qualified child before we award multiple scholarships to those families asking for more than one. We will be guided by the school in awarding multiple scholarships.

Payment

The Programs Team will notify parents by email or phone which classes their children received in the lottery and the cost of each class (or if a scholarship was awarded). Parents must send a check or money order to the registration address or place it in the programs box at the school front desk promptly. **Payment is due before classes start or your child's registration will be canceled.**

Please notify us immediately if you are withdrawing from a class you received in the lottery. We contract with vendors and award scholarships based on the number of children enrolled in the class. For this reason, withdrawals affect Programs greatly. After the start of classes, the Programs Team will consider, on a case by case basis, a pro-rated refund based on the date you notify us. No refunds will be given after the fourth week of classes.

If Programs make a profit from the payments for classes Programs will use those funds to buy scholarship places. Any remaining funds will be passed to the PTA General Fund.

Dismissal

Parent/Caregiver Pick-Up: Parents or caregivers must pick up children in front of the main doors of the school **promptly** at 3:45 p.m. Children are not permitted to walk home unless in the company of a parent or guardian.

Bus Riders: Children riding the ACPS bus home must sign the Activity Bus section on the Registration Form. Please make sure that the address for drop-off is clear. For the YMCA bus, parents need to request the bus and indicate YMCA on the registration form.

Campagna Center: Children who are enrolled in Campagna will be dropped off with the coordinator in the cafeteria.

Absences and Changes

Please notify the Programs Team if your child will be absent from his or her after school class. You may e-mail the Programs Team at MauryPTAPrograms@gmail.com or call the school at 703-706-4440. If your child was absent from school for the day, you do not need to notify us as the school will let us know.

Also, please let the Programs Team know of any changes to your contact information or dismissal choice. Let us know if the change is permanent or just for the one day.

Expected Behavior

We cannot allow poor behavior by one or two children to affect the enrichment experience for the rest of the class. Our providers are all experienced instructors and will use accepted classroom management techniques. If a child has difficulties behaving during an after school class, he or she will be removed from the class and placed with the Program Team Daily Representative who will decide if and when to return the child to the class that day. Parents will be notified.

If a child has to be removed from a class on a second occasion, that child will be withdrawn from that class for the remainder of the session. Ms. Jackson will be informed of this decision. No refunds will be given in these situations.

We look to all parents to support our class providers and volunteers so that all children can enjoy the after school classes.

Privacy and Data Protection

To run this program we need to collect information about you and your child or children that participate. For the registration process, your information is used only by the Programs Team and only as needed to register children for classes. Your names and contact details are passed to the providers of the classes for which your child or children are selected. Providers are contractually allowed to use this information only for the purposes of this after school program, such as contacting parents with class updates. We also pass your children's names and class selections to Ms. Jackson and Maury teachers so that they can move children to the right classes at dismissal, and to ACPS to facilitate the provision of snacks and buses for transportation home.

Volunteers

Volunteers are essential for the program to run. Please indicate on the registration form if you are willing to volunteer to help on a specific day. The main volunteer job is helping with dismissal which requires you to come at 3:30 and help escort children from the afterschool classroom to Campagna or the front door to meet the bus or a parent/caregiver. We ask volunteers to commit for the entire session (9 or 10 weeks). In return, dismissal volunteers receive **one reserved place** in a class of their choice.

The Program Team's Daily Representative serves from 2:30 and stay until the last student leaves at about 4 p.m. for the entire term (9 or 10 weeks). This volunteer commitment receives **four reserved places** in classes of their choice.

Class Descriptions

We have done our best to provide accurate descriptions of each class. The Programs Team is not responsible for any inaccuracies in these descriptions. Please tell us if you feel any class is very different to our description.

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Snacks

Snacks will be provided by ACPS unless otherwise noted in the descriptions below. **Please note that we are NOT able to check for allergies.** If you have allergy concerns, please send your own snack for your child.

MONDAY CLASSES (9 weeks-no class on Feb. 17)

Animal Investigation and Dissection

3rd-5th grades

Maury's own science teacher Mr. Rutchauskas will lead students on an in depth animal study. Students learn basic dissection techniques as they investigate major anatomical features(internal and external)of a grasshopper, earthworm, starfish, crayfish, and frog.

Teacher	Jason Rutchauskas
Enrollment	15 students (10 students minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$115 per student (includes the cost of the dissection kit)

Basketball

1st-5th grades

The basketball club is an after school basketball program designed to develop the natural abilities of the players in a fun and non-competitive environment. It provides a fun, exciting learning and playing experience for the kids. It provides basketball training with coaches whose expertise ranges from toddlers to the NBA. The program features: skill development, speed & agility, passing, defense, shooting, ball handling, rebounding, game concepts, fastbreaks, using screens, reading zones, overcoming traps, scrimmages.

Teacher	KSS Programs staff
Enrollment	12 students (10 students minimum or class may be canceled)
Snack	Will NOT be provided due to nature of the course
Cost	\$115 per student

Chess

1st-5th grades

Sharpen your mind by learning chess! New and returning students welcome! Beginning students will learn the fundamentals of chess and intermediate players will build upon what they already know to strengthen their skills. Students will increase their chess playing abilities as well as their critical thinking and reasoning capabilities. Coach Charles Edelman is a former state champion who has taught in the area for many years.

Teacher	Charles Edelman, aka "Coach Charlie"
Enrollment	16 students (12 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$85 per student

Guitar

2nd-5th grades

New and returning students welcome! This beginner guitar class is designed to teach students how to play the guitar in a fun and interactive way. Students will learn to identify and play the notes on the instrument as well as important music theory. Students will be taught how to build and play chords, play melodies and read standard musical notation. A guitar is required for class.

Teacher	KSS Programs staff
Enrollment	12 students (8 students minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$135 per student (PTA loaner guitars may be available if needed)

MONDAY CLASSES (Continued)

KidSpanish

1st-2nd grades

Learning Spanish can be fun! KidSpanish uses an interactive language program designed especially for children. Students enter the world of Spanish through literature, games, songs and drama; they learn the language as they initially learned English—absorbing the meaning of words by their actions and from the reactions and behaviors of others around them. This class teaches targeted words through pictures and actions, but it is not an immersion class. KidSpanish uses Total Physical Response Storytelling (TPRS), which has been used successfully in the United States for over 20 years to help people gain language acquisition. New and returning students welcome as class will begin with a review of material from the fall.

Teacher	Kidspanish staff
Enrollment	10 students maximum (8 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$100 per student

UpCycle Kids Workshop 3-D Design

K-2nd grades

At UpCycle, we collect reusable items and redistribute them for art and learning purposes. Our programs incorporate our unique collection of reusable materials. This session, we will explore 3-D design and meet the challenges of building up through sculpture, layering and clay work. Flex your creative muscles and experience the satisfaction of giving discarded items new life!

Instructors Susan Miranda and Kelley Organek have been working with children for over 15 years, Susan as an artist and art teacher and Kelley as a teacher and an administrator. For more information about UpCycle, visit www.UpCycleCRC.org.

Teacher	Susan Miranda and Kelley Organek
Enrollment	10 students maximum (8 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$135 per student

TUESDAY CLASSES (10 weeks)

Amazing Adventures

3rd-5th grades

Attention All Amazing Kids! We are going to take you on an adventure. We will fill your days with paper airplanes, pirates, secret codes and many more amazing activities. Don't miss out on our daily challenges! Not only will you have an amazing time, but you will sharpen your reasoning skills, increase processing speed, and broaden your creative mind.

Teacher	Little Scholars Staff
Enrollment	12 students (10 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$120 per student

Imagine Making Books!

2nd-4th grades

How many different kinds of books can you make? One? Two? How about sixteen? Learn book making techniques of all kinds, explore all kinds of paper, and paper decoration techniques. In this class, students will learn how books can be made in many different formats and structures using a variety of materials. Bring your creativity! New and returning students welcome!

Sushmita Mazumdar is a Greater Washington DC area book artist, writer and educator. She has participated in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival where she taught a bookmaking workshop for visitors; her books and collages have recently been on display in area galleries.

Teacher	Sushmita Mazumdar
Enrollment	10 students (6 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$135 per student

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Teacher	Kidspanish staff
Enrollment	10 students (6 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$135 per student

TUESDAY CLASSES (Continued)

Little Amigos Spanish Immersion Class

K-1st grades

Let's learn Spanish! Each week a new topic will be presented in Spanish and the children will sing, play, move, and do art in that day's theme. Winter, Holidays, Movements and Transportation are just some of the themes that will be presented and explored. This class is progressive immersion where repetition is key and the main goal is for the children to fall in love with the Spanish language. Each session includes music, play, art, and story time. Participants will receive a core vocabulary list so they can practice at home.

Instructor Tammy Osborne de Gomez has been a part-time language teacher since 1994 and has been actively teaching children in Alexandria for over three years.

Teacher	Tammy Osborne de Gomez
Enrollment	12 students maximum (10 students minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$125 per student

Yoga

1st-5th grades

Hatha/Kundalini style kids yoga with Maury's own Ms. Harper! Classes follow basic yoga class structure with transitioning, centering, breath work, postures or asanas, rest time, closure. Children's stories and games weave postures and breath work into class.

Teacher	Wendy Harper
Enrollment	15 students maximum (8 students minimum or class may be canceled)
Snack	Will NOT be provided due to nature of the course
Cost	\$100 per student

Zumbatonic

K-2nd grades

Join Maury's Assistant Principal, Mrs. Logan, as we have fun while we are getting fit! Zumba is great for kids in elementary school. It is a high energy, contagiously exciting dance workout specifically designed for children. Classes feature kid friendly music, movements, and routines. Zumba is a perfect fit for children and it creates an environment of excitement around being healthy and active! This class helps children boost their metabolism; increase their focus and coordination; and build self-confidence. Zumba teaches children that working out can be fun!

Students are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes with a smooth sole (for easy moving), bring a water bottle and a smile!

Teacher	Tracie Logan
Enrollment	12 students maximum (8 students minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$100 per student

WEDNESDAY CLASSES (9 weeks-no class on Feb. 12)

Club de Français: Using the arts to learn French **1st-2nd grades**

The children will have so much fun singing, dancing, playing, reading stories and making arts & crafts that they won't even realize they're doing it in French. That's the goal of using the immersion method, when the teacher is only speaking the target language and the students adapt to hearing and eventually speaking in French to the teacher and to each other. We will focus on salutations, colors, counting, parts of the body, animals, weather as well as playing different instruments while listening to Francophone music from all over the world. The children will make arts & crafts that correspond to the theme of the day which they will take home at the end of the class. This class is for any student, French language experience or not. New and returning students welcome!

Instructor Rebecca Anderson, Maury parent and French Immersion teacher, has taught French at the preschool and elementary levels for 13 years. She has a BA and MA in French, is state certified to teach PreK-12th grade French.

***Please note that this class meets for only 6 sessions. Last class is March 19th.**

Teacher	Rebecca Anderson
Enrollment	10 students maximum (8 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$90 per student (for the 6 sessions)

Good Moves Game Club

K-2nd grades

Does your child like to play non-electronic games? Each week students are introduced to one or two of some of the best non-electronic games of all time! The class focuses primarily on fun while children learn important skills like taking turns, patience, following instructions, teamwork, and strategic thinking. There is a progression through increasingly more difficult and challenging games at pace with the level of ability of the students in the class. Students are guided through the teamwork of cooperative play, the analytical skill of logic games and puzzles, and the ability to win and lose graciously with competitive games. New and returning students welcome!

This popular afterschool program is sponsored by Labyrinth Games and Puzzles, a DC based unique game and puzzle store, owned by a mom whose son loves puzzles and games.

Teacher	Labyrinth Games and Puzzles Staff
Enrollment	12 students maximum (8 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$85 per student

WEDNESDAY CLASSES (Continued)

Maury Art Club: Modern Masterpieces

3rd-5th grades

Painting, sculpture, drawing, and photography---we'll do it all! Join Maury art teacher, Ms. Tio, as we look at modern art from around the world and make our own modern masterpieces. We will get our inspiration from Scottish artist Andy Goldsworthy, who creates art from natural items found in the environment, and then photographs his creations. We'll paint abstract paintings, mixing colors and exploring shapes. We'll draw large cartoons like American Lichtenstein, and we'll sculpt crazy shapes with wood.

Luisa Tio holds a B.A. and an M.A. in Art, has served as a docent at the University of Michigan Art Museum, and has taught the Maury Art Club for many years.

Teacher	Luisa Tio
Enrollment	18 students (15 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$115 per student

Tae Kwon Do

1st-5th grades

For new and returning children, in partnership with Yang's Tae Kwon Do Academy in Del Ray, Grand Master Yang will teach the students the basics of Tae Kwon Do, a Korean martial arts form known for its high-flying kicks. Tae Kwon Do builds strength, discipline, concentration, self-control and confidence. Master Yang has over 35 years experience in the martial arts. He is a master not only in Tae Kwon Do but a variety of other art forms including Hapkido, Gum Do, Kung Fu, Kick-Boxing, Judo and Jujitsu. Master Yang also applies practices from the studio by combining grades so that younger students will benefit from the exposure to older students, while older students get a chance to mentor the younger students. Good behavior at home and high academic achievement are also reinforced in class.

Teacher	Master Yang
Enrollment	20 students (16 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Snack	Will NOT be provided due to nature of the course
Cost	\$90 per student.

* Students who want to test for the next belt need to take 10 classes and pay the test fee of \$20-\$35 (for a new belt, board and certification) This test and the uniform are offered at reduced prices.

If you need a replacement uniform, please let Master Yang know the first day of class and pay him directly. If you wish to be tested please let Master Yang know during the class and pay him directly.

Please note: Parent volunteer needed to assist at beginning and end of class.

THURSDAY CLASSES (9 weeks-no class on February 13)

Fun Fit: Having fun while getting fit

3rd-5th grades

Join Maury's own Ms. Houston for a fun exercise program while improving athletic performance skills. Whether the goal is to improve for sports or increase overall fitness level, Fun Fit is a great way to have fun while getting fit. Fun Fit is a structured, comprehensive, circuit training program designed to encourage physical activity and enhance athletic performance. Students will rotate between exercise stations that target and improve each performance skill: coordination, flexibility, balance, strength, speed, and endurance. Exercises are modified to suit a variety of fitness levels. Students will complete the program finding exercise enjoyable while feeling healthier and confident.

Teacher	Andrea Houston
Enrollment	20 students maximum (8 students minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$90 per student

Little Scholars Whiz Kids

K-2nd grades

Grab your goggles and lab coat...we are heading on a scientific discovery mission to explore the world of science through everyday objects, experiments and encounters. This class will enhance the STEM education philosophies taught in science classes.

Teacher	Little Scholars Staff
Enrollment	15 students (10 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$110 per student

Maury Art Club-Modern Masterpieces

1st-2nd grades

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Teacher	Luisa Tio
Enrollment	18 students (14 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$115 per student

THURSDAY CLASSES (Continued)

Players Musical Theatre

2nd- 5th grades

*Please note: This is a continuing class. Students must have taken the 2 days of Musical Theatre in the fall or have special permission from the instructors to join. All students who were enrolled in those classes should enroll in this class.

In partnership with the Little Theater of Alexandria (LTA), experienced drama instructor Annie Vroom will coordinate with our own talented Maury music teacher Laura Koss to direct the students in a musical play and teach them about every aspect of the production process. Students will memorize dialogue, learn stage direction, hone their acting skills, sing, dance, assist in the technical aspects of the production including costumes, props and scenery and learn about "behind the scenes" action. A musical production will be performed at the end of the winter/spring session. Performances are scheduled the evening of April 9 for families and two during the day on April 10 for students.

Teacher	Laura Koss & Annie Vroom
Enrollment	20 students (12 student minimum or class may be canceled)
Cost	\$120 per student

OTHER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Girls on the Run

3rd-5th grades

Girls on the Run is an exciting program that uses the power of running to help prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. Girls on the Run will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays in the spring. The spring program begins in early March and concludes in mid-late May (before Memorial Day). Lace up your running shoes girls as you train together to run a 5k in Arlington on May 18!

Registration for the spring program begins January 20 through the Girls on the Run website. **Please check out the Girls on the Run website www.gotrnova.org for registration and fee information. Do not use the registration form for this class.**

Teacher	Brittany Fraser, Candace Hill, Jen Kenealy
Enrollment	20 students (Lottery will be used if more than 20 register)
Cost	\$165 per student (This was the fall cost. Please verify spring cost when registering.)