

2015 Patton PTA Mini-Courses Class Descriptions and Schedule

Dear Patton Families,

The annual Patton Mini-Courses have arrived! For families new to Patton, the goal of the Mini-Courses is to expose Patton students to new hobbies, interests, and activities. All courses are held at Patton Elementary School Mid-February to Mid-March from 3:35 - 4:45 pm.

This year we will be using SignUpGenius for Mini-Courses registration. Patton School will send out a registration link to SignUpGenius on Saturday, January 31st at noon. We ask that all registration be completed by the end of the day on Saturday, February 7th. The links to the Mini-Courses noted below will be posted in the registration email. Please sign up for no more than four classes. They will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

We ask that if you are signing up your child for three or more classes that you volunteer in at least one class. Please sign up to volunteer via the SignUpGenius Mini-Course registration for the class of your choice.

The class fees include the cost of the instructor and materials where applicable as well as the cost for an after school snack of Skinny Pop Popcorn and a bottle of water.

We want every child at Patton to have an opportunity to sign up for a Mini-Course. If you need financial assistance, please contact Barb Donahue, Patton Social Worker, at 847-398-4288 or bdonahue@sd25.org. The PTA has established a scholarship fund to ensure each child may take one Mini-Course.

A request for payment of registration fees will be sent home in a confirmation letter prior to the beginning of the program.

Please contact Tammy DeMarco at tammydemarco@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Notice: This event is sponsored solely by the PTA. School staff might not be present and have no responsibility for the event. Please direct all inquiries or concerns to the sponsoring PTA.

Acting Through Imagination, by Metropolis:

Thursday, February 19th

Grades 1st- 2nd

This fun-filled class will introduce beginning actors to the art of working together through theatre games and classic stories. Students will learn to use their bodies and voices to transform stories into plays.

Minimum Students: 7 / Maximum Students: 15

Fee: \$10

Acting Up, by Metropolis:

Thursday, February 26th

Grades 3rd-5th

Theater is a wonderful way for students to shake off their day and connect with their imagination. This boisterous class will have everyone up on their feet and acting up!

Minimum Students: 7 / Maximum Students: 15

Fee: \$10

Animal Kingdom, by Amazing Minds**Thursday, March 5th**Grades: K-2nd

Go on an incredible Animal Kingdom journey with Amazing Minds after school. Explore topics such as countries near and far and land and water animals. Learn to use tools that help you solve problems such as calculators, magnifying glasses, microscopes, tape measures, and geology kits. Top it all off with an exciting topic-related take home prize! Come and exercise your brain with us after school!

Minimum Students: 6 / Maximum Students: 12

Fee: \$16

Cartoon Drawing, by Young Rembrandts**Wednesday, February 25th**Grades: K-5th

Encourage your student's sense of humor with Young Rembrandts. Our students will learn to draw faces and exaggerated features; they will also learn to draw sound - taking any masterpiece to a new level. Personifying animals, transforming cartoon characters, and telling jokes on paper will be the focus of many lessons.

Minimum Students: 5 / Maximum Students: 12

Fee: \$11

Chess, by Chess Scholars**Friday, February 20th**Grades: 3rd-5th

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. This class will consist of a fun interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced participants are welcome and will get to the next level under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. Each child will receive a chess keychain.

Minimum Students: 10 / Maximum Students: 15

Fee: \$10

Chess, by Chess Scholars**Thursday, March 12th**Grades: 1st-2nd

(Same as above)

Minimum Students: 10 / Maximum Students: 15

Fee: \$10

Chocolate Making I, by Morkes Chocolates**Monday, March 9th**Grades: K-2nd

Kids design and mold their own chocolate creations. This class is hands-on and the students will bring home everything they make (about a pound of chocolate). Morkes Chocolate will supply everything needed for the class including aprons and bags for all the goodies. Each student will take home a dessert pizza, chocolate dipped pretzels, dipped and decorated rice krispy treats and marshmallows.

Minimum students: 15 / Maximum Students: 25

Fee: \$14

Chocolate Making II, by Morkes Chocolates**Monday, March 2nd**Grades: 3rd-5th

(Same as above)

Minimum students: 15 / Maximum Students: 25

Fee: \$14

Dance, by Caroline Walsh-Kuhl**Thursday, March 19th**Grades: K-3rd

Do you love music? Get up and get moving! Explore balance, rhythms and choreography. A fun way to beat the winter cold!

Minimum students: 5 / Maximum Students: 10

Fee: \$5

Language Stars Demonstration Class

Language Stars specifically designed their curriculum to take advantage of the “window of opportunity” during which children in elementary school can easily and naturally learn a foreign language. Using our *FunImmersion*® method, the teachers stimulate learning through fun and engaging activities rather than drills and rote memorization. Children learn through interactive games, singing, and movement, all presented entirely in Spanish and Mandarin by native-speaking teachers from around the world.

Minimum students: 8 / Maximum Students: 14

Fee: \$1

Mandarin, by Language Stars**Wednesday, March 4th**Grades: K-2nd

(Same as above)

Spanish, by Language Stars**Wednesday, March 11th**Grades: 3rd-5th

(Same as above)

LEGO Machines and Robots, by C&A Robot Factory**Tuesday, March 3rd**Grades: 2nd to 5th

In this class, students will work as scientists, engineers, and designers. Through the investigation of simple and motorized machines, the use of gears and sensors, and the programming of the robots they build, they will learn the basics of physics and the concepts behind real machines. Children will be able to build an actual model out of LEGO® bricks and program their models featuring working motors, motion and tilt sensors, and sounds by using software on our computers. **All models are for in class use only. Students can take pictures of completed projects.**

Minimum Students: 18 / Maximum Students: 18

Fee: \$19

'Minion' from Despicable Me 2, by Monart Drawing Studio**Friday, March 6th**Grades: 3rd-5th

For aspiring artists, this class is a masterpiece! The Monart drawing method creates a comfortable and nurturing atmosphere where students can experience the magic and joy of artistic expression through realistic drawing.

Minimum Students: 6 / Maximum Students: 20

Fee: \$16

Paddington Bear, by Monart Drawing Studio**Friday, March 13th**Grades: K-2nd

(Same as above)

Minimum Students: 6 / Maximum Students: 20

Fee: \$16

Thrown Elements PotteryGrades: K-5th

Thrown Elements Pottery is delighted to bring the ceramic experience to your kids. All materials provided are safe, non toxic, and washable. Each project your child creates will be gathered after each class; and brought back to our studio to be dried, glazed and fired to a food-safe temperature, after which the pieces will be delivered back to your children at the school.

Minimum Students: 8 / Maximum Students: 16

Fee: \$20 per class

Sundae Bowls!, by Thrown Elements Pottery**Tuesday, February 17th**

Students will create and paint their own footed ice cream bowl, perfect for that delicious frozen treat.

Monster Dish, by Thrown Elements Pottery**Tuesday, February 24th**

Pinch pots and imagination bring these friendly little monster dishes to life, perfect for holding candy, knick knacks, and more.

Minion Cups, by Thrown Elements Pottery**Tuesday, March 10th**

Our favorite yellow friends in a usable cup form. Students design and paint their very own cup based on the stars of "Despicable Me."

Yoga, by Willow Yoga

Yoga for kids includes movement and games based on traditional yoga poses set to stories and music, followed by guided relaxation. This is a wonderful way to help kids prepare for the life ahead of them. It will give them the tools they need to build self-esteem and reduce stress. Kids may experience the following benefits:

- Improved concentration and coordination
- Ability to self-calm and regulate emotions
- Increased strength and flexibility
- Better sleep and overall health
- Expanded sense of self-esteem and awareness

Min class size is 4 / max class size is 16

Fee: \$11

Yoga, by Willow Yoga**Monday, February 23rd**Grades: K-2nd**Yoga, by Willow Yoga****Monday, March 16th**Grades: 3rd-5th