

PROJECT CONNECTION

Berkshire Hills Regional School District's 21st Century Community Learning Centers
Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School, WEB DuBois Regional Middle School, and Monument Regional Mountain High School

W.E.B. Du Bois Fall 2021 Enrollment Packet

Programs Run September 27th - December 2nd, 2021

PLEASE NOTE: Students MUST be enrolled in the BHRSD Covid-19 weekly pool testing program to participate in Project Connection or other extra-curricular activities. Please click on this link to authorize and enroll your child in the pool testing program: <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma?district=Berkshire%20Hills>

Unless otherwise noted all will meet in-person at W.E.B. Du Bois.

Applications received by 12 noon on Monday, September 20th will receive priority in class and day selection, though this does not guarantee enrollment. **Please register online ASAP! by [CLICKING HERE](#)**, by cutting and pasting this link to your browser: <https://forms.gle/VQvrFVoxVRCmjZT9> or complete the form below and return to: Suzanne.wool@bhrsd.org

MONDAYS:

Garden Fresh Cooking: Kessa McEwen

5th & 6th Grades

Get your hands dirty and fill your belly with good food this fall in Garden Fresh Cooking! Students will learn to be closer to their local food system by growing, cooking, and eating seasonally appropriate foods. We will harvest from the school garden, cook with our harvest, and create a garden cookbook. Inspired by autumn, some of the recipes we will make include pumpkin whoopie pies, herb and cheese scones, and applesauce. Please inquire about any food allergies before signing up.

Audubon: Max Shapiro

5th & 6th Grades

We are happy to welcome Max from Pleasant Valley Audubon back for another session of discovery about the lives and habitats of our natural neighbors. Dress for active outdoor exploration.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: Andrew Console & Chris Guarda

5th - 8th Grades

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Fitness FUN: Chip Vittum

5th - 8th Grades

Do you want to help your body and brain work at their highest possible level? Do you want to jump higher? Run faster? Have more energy? Then GET MOVING! With a variety of games, exercises and challenges, you will learn how to have fun while staying fit.

TUESDAYS:

Survive!: Flying Deer

5th & 6th Grades

Would you be able to survive if you were lost in the woods all day. Could you find food to eat and water to drink? Could you build shelter and make a fire? Could you keep your cool and consider the forest your "home"? Enroll in Survive! and you will be able to answer YES! to all of these questions.

Latino Cooking & Crafts: Sr. and Sra. Heath**5th - 8th Grades**

Learn about the cultures of Spain and Latin America through food, drink and crafts! We will make typical foods like Empanadas from Argentina, Taquitos, Quesadillas from Mexico, Arepas from Venezuela, Tostones from Puerto Rico, and Tortilla de Patatas from Spain. The class will be taught in both English and Spanish, giving students the opportunity to improve their comprehension and practice communicating in both languages.

Wilderness Adventures: Devin- Flying Deer**7th & 8th Grades**

Youth who stand at the cusp of adolescence often crave an exciting, meaningful challenge. Wilderness Adventure (WA) is a coming-of-age nature program that offers 7th and 8th graders one such challenge. The program will hopefully culminate with a 24-hour campout in a springtime forest. In preparation for this campout, students attend 14 days of Fall/Spring after school programming to develop basic competence in four areas of wilderness skill: navigation, shelter, fire and food. Students also practice effective teamwork strategies to foster honest, respectful communication and group decision-making. This program includes several family events that are still being formulated based on social distance protocols.

Greenagers - Climate Action: Aretha Whitehead & Leslie Svilikos**7th & 8th Grades**

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WEDNESDAYS:**Community Builders - MINECRAFT Co -Op Mode: Jenny Schwartz****5th & 6th Grades**

In this class, we will use the history of the Berkshires as a guide to shape our community in Minecraft in the setting of "peaceful survival mode" and later "survival mode." You will get to design your own home, come up with a trade and work together on building needs for our Minecraft community. Both in the game and in real life there will be plenty of opportunities to build, craft and explore to your heart's desire while working in a group. Possible hands-on projects include: Cooking, potions, stained glass, crafty art projects, handmade art supplies and woodworking. If you are into crafty stuff, awesome! If not, that's ok too because there will be other ways for you to be part of the project without needing to get her hands dirty. We will help you to take part in a way that YOU like.

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E-Sports - Rocket League: Chuck Brown**6th - 8th Grades**

The W.E.B. Du Bois Middle School E-Sports Club was launched this past Spring and continued through the Summer program. Members worked hard to research different games, set up guidelines for the club, and learn more about the E-Sports universe. For the Fall, we are excited to announce that we will be participating in a full schedule of matches against clubs from other schools. In addition to working with Mr. Brown, we will be joining the Monument Mountain E-Sports Club for weekly virtual coaching and practice sessions with a coach from Concorde University. In addition to the weekly Wednesday meeting, students may participate remotely in league matches which may take place one evening and/or Saturday morning each week. Enrollment preference will be given to students who participated in the club this Spring and/or Summer.

Recycled Bottle Cap Murals: Betsy Heath & Cathay Rueger**5th - 8th Grades**

Do you care about helping the environment? Have you ever wanted to design or build a big mural for display? Do you like to work with your hands? Then sign up for this class!

Students will be designing and building a mural with recycled materials that will be displayed in the school. We will be learning about recycling, calculating supplies needed and collecting bottle caps. We will decide on the overall design and construct the mural during this session.

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THURSDAYS:**Handmade Harvest: Kessa McEwen - Berkshire Botanical Garden****5th & 6th Grades**

Let your creativity shine this fall in Handmade Harvest! Create garden-inspired crafts using natural materials and plants from the school garden. Students will visit the garden, make crafts to bring home with them, and make a product to sell for donations to a charity of their choice. Goat soap, tie-dye, and herbal salves are some examples of what we will make.

Taekwondo: Master Christopher Vought**5th - 8th Grades**

Master Vought will provide a foundation in the art of Taekwondo that will lead to improving self-discipline, strengthening and toning one's body, increasing flexibility and improving coordination and balance. By learning a wide range of high, powerful, and spinning kicks, and the use of these kicks in numerous combinations, the student will also improve their self-esteem, confidence, and focus. We aim high with our kicks so that we can achieve greater goals with our actions.

Games, Games, Games!:: Julie Duffin**5th - 8th Grades**

We will play a variety of game types, such as card games, single player/multiple player, and board games, and then work as individuals or small groups to imagine, create and play our own games. One message included in most games is: Never give up. Just when you feel despondent, you might hit the jackpot. Come join us and have fun learning all about games, new and old.

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Cooking With Leslie:**Virtual/Remote Only****7th - 8th Grades**

Leslie from Greenagers invites you to learn all about cooking delicious and easy dishes for you and your family. She delivers ingredients to your house and teaches basics of cooking, sauteing, baking, and roasting-all delicious and healthy meals made from healthy ingredients. Students will also get to take turns leading the class in making recipes of their own choosing! Come create deliciousness with us!

FRIDAYS:

Family Cooking: Jenny Schwartz

Virtual/Remote Only 4:30 - 5:30

3rd - 6th Grades

Join Jenny in the kitchen and explore some fun recipes that you and your family will love. We will make every effort to make sure you have the necessary ingredients on hand for this cooking bonanza. We would also love to have your parents or any other person in your household join in and help “cook up a storm”.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: Andrew Console & Chris Guarda Virtual/Remote Only 4:00 - 6:00pm - 5th - 8th Grades

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We will do our best to keep you up to date with any changes in schedules or logistics of programming. If you ever have questions or something seems unclear, please don't hesitate to call and/or email us:

Brian Rembisz - brian.rembisz@bhrsd.org

Tom Kelly - thomas.kelly@bhrsd.org - 413-644-2300 x2306

You may submit an application online by [clicking here](#).

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2021 Fall Program Application - DBM

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Dear Families, We are excited to announce our Project Connection Fall 2021 Programs. Please indicate the programs and days you would like to enroll your child. Please rank selections for each day by preference. There are limited spaces available, so the more choices you rank each day, the higher the chance your child will be able to participate on that day.

You may complete and submit this form online by [clicking here](#).

You can also print this form and return it to school with your child, or scan it and return to thomas.kelly@bhrs.org.

CHILD'S NAME: _____ HOME ROOM TEACHER: _____

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