

# Project Connection @ W.E.B. DuBois Middle School

## 2022 Winter Session

BHRSD 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers: Muddy Brook Regional ES, WEB DuBois Regional MS, and Monument Regional Mountain HS

Program Dates: January 10 - March 10 - \*REGISTRATION DUE DECEMBER 21

Applications received by Friday, December 21st will receive priority in class and day selection, though this does not guarantee enrollment. Please [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) or cut & paste the following link to your browser: <https://forms.gle/esxiX9pxcNLhboch8> or complete the form below and return to: Thomas.kelly@bhrsd.org

***PLEASE NOTE: Students MUST be enrolled in the BHRSD Covid-19 weekly pool testing program to participate in Project Connection. Please [click on this link](#) to authorize and enroll your child in the pool testing program.***

**All classes will meet in-person at W.E.B. Du Bois Middle School (unless otherwise noted).**

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### **MONDAYS:**

#### **Garden Fresh Cooking: Kessa McEwen**

**5th & 6th Grades**

Learn cooking skills, recipes, and fill your belly with good food this winter in Garden Fresh Cooking! Students will learn to be closer to their local food system by preparing and eating seasonally appropriate foods. We will cook with foods that can be stored, learn how to make maple syrup, and keep warm with recipes like chicken noodle soup. Please inquire about any food allergies before signing up.

#### **Ghosts In The Snow - Tracking Berkshire Wildlife: Mass Audubon - Max Shapiro**

**5th & 6th Grades**

*“Tracking an animal is opening the door to the life of that animal... If you spend time learning about an animal and its ways, you may be able to find the next track without looking.” – Paul Rezendes in Tracking and the Art of Seeing*

Animal tracking is one of the oldest skills humans possess. Once the ability to know where wildlife was and what it was doing was a matter of everyday survival. Not only did animals provide a critical source of food for our ancestors but their behavior could warn of approaching danger. Winter is one of the best times to begin (or continue!) your tracking journey as we venture forth into the fields and forests in search of the creatures who call Berkshire County home. ***Whenever possible this program will take place OUTSIDE. Please make sure to bring warm clothing and footwear every week! If you need assistance obtaining suitable clothing, contact [Tom Kelly](#).***

#### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: Andrew Console & Christopher Guarda**

**5th - 8th Grades**

Whether you are an advanced “D&Der” who has been playing at lunch with Principal Doren or a “Newbie” and just want to learn what all the buzz is about, you are welcome to join. Combining virtual tools from dndbeyond.com with the fun and interaction of playing in-person, Dungeon Masters Andrew and Chris have created and will lead you and your team of friends through multiple adventures. As a team, you will solve problems, defeat monsters, and bring your character to life.

#### **Girl’s Volleyball: Tara Baer & Kyle Henry**

**6th, 7th & 8th Grades**

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#### **E-Sports - Minecraft: Chuck Brown**

**5th - 8th Grades**

The W.E.B. Du Bois Middle School E-Sports Club was launched this past Spring and continued through the Summer and Fall PC programs. Members worked hard to research different games, set up guidelines for the club, and learn more about the E-Sports universe. We are excited to add Minecraft as an option for the E-Sports club this session. Students will learn about competitive Minecraft, practice and eventually will be participating in a full schedule of matches against clubs from other schools.

## **TUESDAYS:**

### **Girls Science Club: Flying Cloud Institute - Angel Heffernan**

**3rd - 5th Grades**

Jump into Girls Science Club with Flying Cloud Institute! Tuesday afternoons just got a lot more interesting. Join us to explore all kinds of AMAZING science through fun hands-on projects, wild experiments, and innovative art. We will also have the opportunity to meet and learn from dynamic women STEM professionals in our community and beyond. Flying Cloud Girls Science Club is for female identified students in grades 3-5. Together we inspire each other and ignite a love of all things science! ***THIS PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE INTO THE SPRING SESSION***

### **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.

### **Greenagers - Explore Program: Aretha Whitehead & Leslie Svilikos**

**7th & 8th Grades**

EXPLORE is a program designed to get youth outdoors in the winter months through activities centered around physical/mental well-being, wildlife, sustainability and agriculture. The colder months can make it challenging for young people to embrace their natural surroundings so Greenagers aims to get them outside, moving and exploring. Students will be transported in our Greenagers vans to our main headquarters/farm- April Hill Conservation and Education Center, and other locations. Activities will include:

- Hiking
- Snowshoeing
- Sledding
- Animal tracking
- Birding
- Farm projects (woodworking, compost lessons, wood bank, agricultural maintenance, etc.)

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### **Programming for the World Wide Web: Marc Hochler**

**5th - 8th Grades**

Learn the language of the World Wide Web including HTML / CSS and JavaScript. Build interactive Web Pages as a Front End Developer with React and design Back End Databases with MongoDB and RethinkDB. Create web based games as a group project.

### **Hand Sewing: Julie Duffin**

**5th - 8th Grades**

Learn to sew! We will make simple but practical projects. Learn the basics of hand stitching. It takes some patience and concentration, but we'll get through it together and chat while we work.

## **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 your hands dirty. We will help you to take part in a way that YOU like.

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**Chemistry Club: Linda Vermilyea**

**7th & 8th Grades**

Have fun learning about the elements that make up the world and everything in it. We will perform experiments each week to learn about reactions, isotopes, mols, and other fun stuff. You will also decide as a group on a project or experiment that we can perform to demonstrate some of the knowledge you have gained.

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**THURSDAYS:**

**Wildlings Story Slam: Evelyn Battaglia & Hannah Van Sickle**

**5th - 8th Grades**

Your story matters, and we want to hear it! Welcome to The Wildling Berkshires where you can speak your truth — while cultivating identity and empowerment — and be heard without judgment. Through deep listening and sharing, we will help you unleash your voice and bring your personal story and point of view to life in a wildly fun new way. Learn to SPARK, KINDLE, STOKE, and BLAZE your story — and, if you're game, share it live on "stage" during our final session (in our very own version of The Moth!).

**Handmade Harvest: Kessa McEwen - Berkshire Botanical Garden**

**5th & 6th Grades**

Let your creativity shine this winter in Handmade Harvest! Create garden-inspired crafts using natural materials. Learn to grow plants indoors and create pieces of art to take home. We will start seeds and begin planning the garden for spring. We will also create crafts such as terrariums, lotion bars, and pottery using locally-sourced clay.

**Taekwondo: Grand Master Thomas Brown**

**4th - 8th Grades**

Master Brown 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. - **Taekwondo will meet at Muddy Brook Elementary this session.**

**PEER Group: Zazu Galdos-Shapiro****5th - 8th Grades**

The point of a peer group is to create a safe, nonjudgmental environment for teens to discuss and process feelings as well as listen to other teens talk about their feelings and experiences. Listening to others experiencing similar challenges can provide a sense of comfort and support. Having an opportunity to provide and receive advice from peers can be an excellent way for teens to develop new and different skills to deal with problems they may face. Exact activities vary week to week but may include discussion, simulations, arts and crafts, educational movies, improv theater, problem-solving school issues, and more. Students will gain leadership and collaboration skills in creating an intentionally inclusive environment by continually developing activities, routines, and agreements for the group.

**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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**Greenagers - Remote Cooking: Leslie Svilikos****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:****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.**

Have questions? Please don't hesitate to call and/or email us:

**Brian Rembisz - [brian.rembisz@bhrsd.org](mailto:brian.rembisz@bhrsd.org) - 413-644-2350 x1201**

**Tom Kelly - [thomas.kelly@bhrsd.org](mailto:thomas.kelly@bhrsd.org) - 413-644-2300 x2306**

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

# W.E.B. DuBois - Project Connection Registration Information

Program Dates: January 10 - March 10

\*REGISTRATION DUE DECEMBER 21

Dear DBM Families,

We are excited to announce our Project Connection Winter 2022 Programs. Please indicate which days you would like to enroll your child by checking the appropriate box(es). Then, please rank your TOP 3 selections for each day by preference (1, 2, & 3) in the space next to the program name. There are limited spaces available, so the more choices you rank each day, the higher the chance your child will be able to participate in Project Connection on that day. Unless otherwise noted all programming will run on-site from 2:40-5:00pm.

You may complete and submit this information online at: <https://forms.gle/esxiX9pxcNLhboch8>

You can also print this form and return it to school with your child, or photograph it and email to [thomas.kelly@bhrrsd.org](mailto:thomas.kelly@bhrrsd.org).

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_ CREW LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_

**MONDAYS:**

- \_\_\_ Garden Fresh Cooking (Gr. 5&6)
- \_\_\_ Dungeons & Dragons (Gr. 5-8)
- \_\_\_ Ghosts... Audubon (Gr. 5&6)
- \_\_\_ E-Sports - Minecraft (Gr. 5-8)
- \_\_\_ Girls Volleyball (Gr. 6-8)

**WEDNESDAYS:**

- \_\_\_ Comm. Builders/Minecraft (Gr. 5&6)
- \_\_\_ Dungeons & Dragons (Gr. 5-8)
- \_\_\_ E-Sports - Rocket League (Gr. 5-8)
- \_\_\_ Chemistry Club (Gr. 7&8)
- \_\_\_ Girls Volleyball (Gr. 6-8)

**TUESDAYS:**

- \_\_\_ Latino Cooking (Gr. 5-8)
- \_\_\_ Girl's Science Club (Gr. 5 only)
- \_\_\_ Programming.... (Gr. 5-8)
- \_\_\_ Hand Sewing (Gr. 5-8)
- \_\_\_ Greenagers: EXPLORE (Gr. 6-8)

**THURSDAYS:**

- \_\_\_ Story Slam (Gr. 5-8)
- \_\_\_ Handmade Harvest (Gr. 5&6)
- \_\_\_ Taekwondo (Gr. 4-8)
- \_\_\_ Greenagers: EXPLORE (Gr. 6-8)
- \_\_\_ Games, Games, Games (5-8)
- \_\_\_ PEER Group (Gr. 5-8)
- \_\_\_ Remote Cooking W/Leslie (Gr. 5-8)

**FRIDAYS:**

- \_\_\_ Dungeons & Dragons (5-8) REMOTE

**TRANSPORTATION:**

- \_\_\_ I will pick up my child at DBM at 5pm
- \_\_\_ I would like my child to ride the bus\*

***\*Bus routes have limited stops and will be determined by Massini Bus Co. based on sign ups. You will be notified of the time and location of the stop with your child's confirmation.***