

Jefferson PTA

After School Enrichment Classes

Spring 2018 Session: Feb. 5th-May 4th

Registration Opens: Tues. Jan. 16th (7:00 am)

Registration Closes: Fri. Jan. 26th (2:30 pm)

The Jefferson PTA Enrichment Classes provide opportunities for students to explore additional interests after school hours – to learn and have fun! The program is organized by parent volunteers through the PTA and taught by independent instructors. The PTA Enrichment Program is separate from JAZ and BEARS. Students need not be enrolled in JAZ or BEARS to sign up.

Please Register and Pay Online

<http://jefferson.berkeleypta.org/enrichment>

Registration for all classes is **first come, first served**, starting **Tues. Jan. 16th, 7am**.

*If you **cannot** register and pay online, please email jefferson.ptaclasses.reg@gmail.com.*

To help more families get their first choice, please limit to 2 classes per child prior to Thursday, Jan. 18th

Additional classes this spring:

1) *Act Up! Improvisation & Basic Acting Skills and Techniques*

TUES Grade 3-5: 2:30-3:30

WED Grade K-2: 1:30-2:30

Classes / Registration: Two sessions of classes – Fall and Spring – are offered during the school year. Sign up and pay by credit card at the link above. If you are unable to sign up or pay using the online registration form, you may pay by check. Please email jefferson.ptaclasses.reg@gmail.com to do so. Registration for all classes is **first come, first served**. We will not be running a lottery for any classes this session. If a class is full, you may join the online wait list.

Scholarships: The goal of the PTA scholarship fund is to allow all Jefferson students the opportunity to participate in the PTA After School Enrichment Program. Scholarships are awarded on an honor system based on true financial need (ex. qualification for free or reduced lunch). Scholarships may be requested when registering using the online form or by email. Please see “General Information” page for more details.

Continuous Childcare / Attendance: Students are not allowed on the school grounds without adult supervision, either before or after the PTA classes. Remind your child which classes they are signed up for and check in with them regularly. We do also ask our PTA teachers to let you know if a child misses more than 2 consecutive classes.

Para la ayuda en español, contacta por favor Jaime Hernandez: 510-526-5758 jaimehe@comcast.net

General Information

Registration

- **Please register on time!** Late registrations can complicate the administrative process and coordination with Jefferson staff, and will be at the discretion of the coordinators and instructor.
- **Class rosters** will be distributed to the PTA After School instructors, Jefferson classroom teachers, JAZ, and BEARS on the first day of classes. Should a child be accepted into a class after classes start, it is the parents' responsibility to notify the Jefferson classroom teacher, and JAZ or Bears if appropriate, so that the Jefferson staff knows where your child needs to be at all times.
- Registration for all classes is **first come, first served**. If a class is full, you may join the online wait list and you'll be notified if new spots open up.
- **No lottery will be held this session.**
- Check the board outside the office for final class roster postings to ensure your child is registered for all his/her classes.

Cancellations and Refunds

- Refunds are available only before the second class meeting. If you wish to cancel, you must inform the instructor and the PTA coordinating team (jefferson.ptaclasses@gmail.com) **before** the second class meeting.
- If you paid via credit card, the 3% credit card processing fee is non-refundable.

Behavior Policy

- Students are expected to respect the feelings, rights and property of others, and to not disrupt class. Students not abiding by the policy may be expelled from class at the instructor's discretion.

Fees

- Class prices include a 5% scholarship fee that helps fund the PTA scholarship program. This replaces the previous \$15 flat registration fee.
- An additional 3% credit card processing fee is added at checkout during online registration.

Parent Volunteers – We Need Your Help!

- The After School Enrichment Classes are administered entirely by parent volunteers. We could use your help! Please contact us if you are available. Our current team members are: *Angie Garling, Julie Johnston, Mary Jo McLaughlin, and Chiaki Treynor*. Email us at: jefferson.ptaclasses@gmail.com.

Arrival and Pick-up Information

- K-1 students will be escorted to their after school classrooms by Jefferson teachers or after school instructors, while older students must conduct themselves to their after school classes. Jefferson teachers have rosters to help direct students after class. Students are NOT allowed on school grounds before or after school dismissal without adult supervision.
- If you pick up your child after class, they must be picked up as soon as the class ends or they will be escorted to either the office or JAZ and charged the JAZ drop-in fee, payable at time of pick-up.
- If your child is enrolled in JAZ or BEARS, they will be released to JAZ/BEARS after class by their after school enrichment instructor.
- Be aware that many of the Kindergarten instructors have back-to-back classes, so if picking up your Kindergarten child, **please arrive promptly at 2:15** (2:30 on Wednesday).

Scholarships

- The PTA funds Full and Partial Scholarships on an honor system based on true financial need (ex. qualification for free or reduced lunch), and given on a first come first served basis.
- Full scholarships are limited to one class per child per session. Partial scholarships are limited to two classes per child. **Please do not request a scholarship if you are registering and paying in full for other classes during the same session.**
- To request a scholarship using the online registration system, enter the scholarship promo code as detailed on the sign-up page.
- If you are not using the online registration system, you may request a scholarship by email. Send requests to jefferson.ptaclasses.reg@gmail.com.

Changes and Corrections

- The class information in this packet is subject to change. Please consult the web site for the most current information on class prices, times and availability.

QUESTIONS? Contact the volunteer coordinating team at jefferson.ptaclasses@gmail.com.

MONDAY CLASSES: (11 class meetings total)

Comic Book Storytelling (Grades 3-5)

Do you have a story to tell? Comic books are a unique and eye-catching way to tell stories. In this class, students will apply elements of good storytelling to create their own comics from beginning to end. Each class meeting will include time for free drawing with focus on concepts and technical skills required to bring stories to life on paper. Students will read popular and classic comic strips to study their characters, pacing and plot. They will practice lettering, story layout in panels, and book-making. Loren Bondurant received instruction in drawing and printmaking at Kenyon College and the San Francisco Art Institute. He has taught in Berkeley elementary schools for two years, teaches calligraphy to adults through the Friends of Calligraphy, and has self-published his most recent solo comic book: *The Annals of Aesthetics #2*. Contact: Loren Bondurant, loren.bondurant@gmail.com, 956-208-0482 (7 min/ 13 max)

Schedule: Mon. 2:30-3:30 Room 107 \$81

Constructing Art (Grades K and Grades 1-5)

This three-dimensional art class will provide the framework, materials, atmosphere and encouragement to the young artist. Students bring their imagination and creativity to the art table where they will create sculptures and crafts with the focus on "putting things together." Mixed media will include cloth, cardboard, modeling clay, found objects, wire and paint. Kids will learn skills and expand their ideas working with a variety of materials. Projects are generated by student interest and will change/evolve each session. Lolly Watanabe BFA-Painting and MFA-Sculpture, San Francisco Art Institute; Lolly has designed and implemented school art programs since 1990. She has taught at Bentley, Walden Center & School, East Bay Science & Arts Middle School, and offered Family Art Workshops at SFMOMA. Contact: Lolly Watanabe, 510-845-0405, popart4@yahoo.com (6 min / 10 max: K, 6 min/12 max: 1-5)

Schedule: Mon. 1:30–2:15 (Grade K) Main Corridor \$208
Mon. 2:30–3:30 (Grades 1-5) Main Corridor \$208

Cooking Round the World: A Multicultural Experience (Grades 1-5) ** *This is a 1-1/2hr class!* **

The Cooking Round the World experience gives young boys & girls an initial hands-on opportunity in the kitchen, while also exposing them to countries around the world and their different ingredients, techniques, and celebrations. Recipes and cooking directives are age appropriate, but jam-packed with flavor and fun. Each class we will make (and eat!) 2 dishes! Some examples are: Scottish crumpets with jam, Tsai bi hoon (Stir fried vermicelli) from Taiwan, Aruban pumpkin pancakes, and more! MMMMMMM! Our program is very hands on; everyone peels or chops or dices or minces, etc. As we cook, we talk about the country of the day and our culinary experiences. Fun, educational and delicious! *No nuts are used in any recipe*. Contact: Cooking Round the World, kat@cookingroundtheworld.com, 267-312-4536 (6 min/ 18 max)

Schedule: Mon. 2:30-4:00 Staff Lounge \$231

TUESDAY CLASSES: (12 class meetings total)

Act Up (Grades 3-5)

Join the fun this Spring, and learn skills that will get you thinking on your feet, without a script! Students will learn basic acting skills and improvisation techniques, through theater games and exercises, focused on body, voice, and imagination. The class will culminate with an Improvisation Showcase for family and friends on the last day! Contact: Dan Saski, dansaski@gmail.com, 707-694-0927 (10 min/20 max)

Schedule: Tues. 2:30-3:30 Stage \$139

Art Explorations (Grades 1-5)

Explore art in its many mediums: drawing, painting, printmaking, collage and more. Students will be given support to develop their own artistic style and ability. All quality materials included. Kalen Meyer has a B.A. in painting and printmaking with a minor in photography. She has taught art and photography to children for many years. She runs a summer art program for children and teaches art during and after school at several Berkeley schools. Contact: Kalen Meyer, 510-525-3663, kalen@kalenmeyer.com (6 min / 14 max)

Schedule: Tues. 2:30–3:30 Room 200 \$151

Building Imagination (Grade K)

It turns out that when kindergarteners have free choice time to do whatever they want, they reach for classic wooden blocks. In a profound sense, the children are correct — over a century ago school curricula did include building with wooden blocks all the way up to third grade. And now they're back: a recent New York Times article describes how these blocks are in demand at elite schools in New York, for good reason. Kindergarten teachers have mentioned that the children need more time for fine motor skills and working

cooperatively, both of which are superbly taught by the blocks. Frank Lloyd Wright fondly remembered his hours of building with blocks; even as an adult architect he intuitively thought and imagined in terms of those blocks. And so we build, everything from the Mayflower to a haunted house to a giant life-sized dragon. Contact: Henri Ducharme, 510-417-5736, hducharme@gmail.com (8 min / 14 max)

Schedule: Tues. 1:30-2:15 Room 101 \$176

Intro to STEM using LEGO (Grade K) *This is a 1-1/2hr class! *****

Tap into your imagination with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Build engineer-designed projects such as: Trains, Helicopters, Treehouses, and Beam Bridges. Design and build as never before, and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment. There are no prerequisites for this course. Play-Well TEKnologies, www.play-well.org. Contact: Lauren Yee (coordinator), 510-227-9378, lauren@play-well.org (10 min/ 16 max)

Schedule: Tues. 1:30-3:00 Room 108 \$233

Things Fall Down: Math Tricks (Grades 1-3)

In this class, we make stuff with marbles and building blocks. Then it falls down, in weird ways. We'll solve challenges from stories, making mazes, strange falling domino puzzles and catapults. We use the same building blocks as in the kindergarten Math Games class, plus a bunch of new blocks with marbles. Good luck, because they are very tricky. Cuboro is an ingenious Swiss-made marble run system that fascinates children and gets them thinking spatially. It is a mandatory part of the curricula of some school districts in Europe -- it's that good. Research has shown that the more children practice spatial visualization, the better their math scores. Contact: Henri Ducharme, 510-417-5736, hducharme@gmail.com (10 min / 16 max)

Schedule: Tues 2:30-3:30 Room 101 \$176

Ultimate Frisbee (Grades 2-5)

Ultimate is an exciting, inclusive, non-contact team sport with unique characteristics like self-officiation and coed play at the highest levels. Not only will your boys and girls get great exercise and have fun playing Ultimate, they will learn about social emotional skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and other character building values. Offered through Bay Area Disc Association, the program philosophy is "Safety, FUNdamentals and Spirit of the Game". Kids will develop their skills through a combination of personalized one-on-one instruction, group drill stations, and supervised scrimmages. More info: www.bayareadisc.org. Contact: Bay Area Disc Association, 415-230-7734 (15 min / 25 max)

Schedule: Tue. 2:30-3:30 Yard \$151

WEDNESDAY CLASSES: (12 class meetings total)

Act Up! Improvisation & Basic Acting Skills and Techniques (Grade K-2)

Join the fun this Spring, and learn skills that will get you thinking on your feet, without a script! Students will learn basic acting skills and improvisation techniques, through theater games and exercises, focused on body, voice, and imagination. The class will culminate with an Improvisation Showcase for family and friends on the last day! Contact: Dan Saski, dansaski@gmail.com, 707-694-0927 (10 min/20 max)

Schedule: Wed. 1:30-2:30 Stage \$139

LEGO® Robotics | RobotED Mighty Machines (Grades K-3) *This is a 1-1/2hr class! *****

Mighty Machines is our introductory Robotics Curriculum for Grades K-3 wherein we teach basic mechanical, engineering and robotic concepts. Children work in pairs and build a different robot each week - each robot demonstrates a different concept such as gears, cams, pulleys, levers etc. Although our curriculum uses LEGO kits, it is quite different than a LEGO Engineering class in that our program is a Robotics focused program. Our aim is to offer students an opportunity to understand not just the building but also the programming aspect of any model that is built - be it using LEGOS or any other material. Build with LEGOS! Our Mighty Machines theme teaches gears with our Chainsaw, and motion sensors with our Power Drill. Hammer the Nail in and lift up the load with the Crane. Learn all about the fundamentals of mechanics like gears, levers, pulleys, cranks. Each team of two gets a computer and LEGO WeDo kit to learn with. Exclusive Curriculum with an emphasis on technology, engineering and programming. Contact: Tiny Techs Club: tinytechsclub.com. Contact: Vrinda Joshi (coordinator), 925-708-7457, tinytechsclub@gmail.com (10 min / 20 max)

Schedule: Wed. 1:30-3:00 Room 201 \$192

Making Folk Music (Grades K-4)

Students will join Mr. Karl in learning songs from the rich tradition of American and International folk music. The class will be built on the assumption that everyone can make music. The class will include group singing, song writing, the making and playing of simple traditional instruments and gaining an appreciation for the roots of folk music. By the end of the class, students will have built their own instruments, written their own songs to familiar tunes, built a personal song book and gained comfort in both group and individual performance. Karl Shadley has been singing with children for over 20 years. For the past eight years, he's been teaching music and playing guitar with the kids at BAM. He has also worked with children at Rosa Parks and Rockridge Little School. Contact: Karl Shadley, 510-435-4274, revshad@gmail.com (8 min / 18 max)

Schedule: Wed. 1:30–2:30 Room 108 \$126

Photography & Photo Projects (Grades 3-5)

Have fun learning about the principles of photography. Students receive a camera to use during the course. Kalen Meyer has a B.A. in painting and printmaking with a minor in photography. She has taught art and photography to children for many years. She runs a summer art program for children and teaches art during and after school at several Berkeley schools. Contact: Kalen Mayer, 510-525-3663, kalen@kalenmeyer.com (7 min / 12 max)

Schedule: Wed. 1:30–2:30 Room 107 \$180

THURSDAY CLASSES: (12 class meetings total)

Chess: Beginning to Advanced (Grades 1-5) Split into two classes based on skill level

Chess is fun and can be learned quickly and easily. Studies have found that chess improves test results in reading, science and math, and encourages growth in critical cognitive skills. Beyond academia, chess influences social behavior, including self esteem, respect for others, patience, and good sportsmanship. Students at all levels of skill are welcome! Advanced students are invited to represent Jefferson in the year-end BCS Bay Area Tournament. The Berkeley Chess School is a non-profit, offering chess instruction from K-12. More info: www.berkeleychessschool.org. Contact: Berkeley Chess School, 510-843-0150, programs@berkeleychessschool.org (20 min / 40 max)

Schedule: Thu. 2:30–3:30 Rooms 101,107 \$164

Constructing Art (Grades K and Grades 1-5)

See description under Monday Classes.

Schedule: Thu. 1:30–2:15 (Grade K) Main Corridor \$227
Thu. 2:30–3:30 (Grades 1-5) Main Corridor \$227

Way to Glow Kids Yoga (Grade K and Grades 1-3)

This playful children's yoga class incorporates practicing yoga poses, breathing exercises, cooperative games and relaxation. The benefits of yoga include increased strength, flexibility, body awareness and balance. In addition, yoga can help kids improve their concentration, build confidence, reduce stress, inspire respect for themselves and others, and have fun! Lori Hess was certified to teach children's yoga at It's Yoga, Kids in San Francisco. She teaches yoga classes in Berkeley to kids aged toddler through tween and has been practicing yoga for 12 years. Contact: Lori Hess, 415-271-5170, loribhess@aol.com (K: 5 min / 8 max, 1-3: 5 min / 10 max)

Schedule: Thu. 1:30-2:15 (Grade K) Room 108 \$151
Thu. 2:30-3:30 (Grades 1-3) Room 108 \$151

FRIDAY CLASSES: (11 class meetings total)

Fiber Fun! (Grade K and Grades 1-5)

Grade K: Kids will work with yarns, fabrics, wool and other natural fibers to create small objects, like bracelets, key chains, charms, wall hangings, pouches, etc. Kids will explore different kinds of knots, braids, weaving, and finger knitting. Boys and girls will have fun making things they will love and enjoy while developing their motor skills, practicing counting, making patterns, and exercising concentration. They will learn to work skillfully and increase their artistry. (6 min/ 10 max)

Grades 1-5: Come and learn to knit or develop your knitting skills! Knitting gives children the opportunity to relax, socialize and have fun after their school day. More significantly, it challenges children to develop important motor skills, solve problems and concentrate. Knitting teaches kids to be patient and to persevere in order to accomplish their goals. It is always heart-warming to see students helping and inspiring each other as they use their own knitting needles to create accessories or three dimensional objects and toys. (6 min/ 12 max)

Walmaria Caldas is a textile artist. She has been teaching in the Bay Area for the past 6 years and always honors the Waldorf tradition to inspire her classes. Contact: Walmaria Caldas, 510-524-8415, walmaria@speakeasy.net

Schedule: Fri. 1:30-2:15 (Grade K) Room 101 \$162
 Fri. 2:30-3:30 (Grades 1-5) Room 101 \$162

STEM Fundamentals using LEGO® (Grades 1-5) ** This is a 1-1/2hr class! **

Master your engineering skills with Play-Well TEKnologies and tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects such as: Treehouses, Helicopters, Arch Bridges, and Battletracks! Design and build as never before, and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment. There are no prerequisites for this course. The class is offered through Play-Well TEKnologies: www.play-well.org. Contact: Lauren Yee (coordinator), 510-227-9378, lauren@play-well.org (10 min / 18 max)

Schedule: Fri. 2:30–4:00 Room 110 \$214

AnimatED GameON (Grades 3-5)

Get your “Hour of Code” right here! Experiment with Digital Art and Technology simultaneously! Learn how to create animation games using SCRATCH; our exclusive curriculum teaches you fundamentals of programming, logic and sequencing by writing simple and complex scripts. Students will create a 1 or 2 -player game at the end of each lesson using concepts covered. Project ideas challenge advanced learners and take-home cards extend the learning at home. Play On!! Class is offered by Tiny Techs Club: tinytechsclub.com. Contact: Vrinda Joshi (coordinator), 925-708-7457, tinytechsclub@gmail.com (8 min/ 12 max)

Schedule: Fri. 2:30-3:30 Room 108 \$216

Jan 2018	1	2	3	4	5	Registration Starts: 1/16 Registration Deadline: 1/26
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Feb 2018				1	2	SPRING SESSION: 2/5 – 5/4
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March 2018				1	2	4/2–4/6 Spring Break (No PTA classes)
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April 2018	2	3	4	5	6	5/4 Last day of PTA classes
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May 2018		1	2	3	4	5/21 Malcom X's Holiday 5/28 Memorial Day Holiday
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June 2018					1	6/15 Last Day of School
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