

MHSC Fall 2023 Enrichment Class Descriptions for Parents (updated 8/22/23)

Class Name	Grade Level/s	Instructor	Day/s of week	Time	Description
TK/K Variety (AM or PM)	TK - K	Neulinger	Tuesday	9am - 11:30am or 12:15-2: 45pm	TK/K Variety (TK/K) - Kindergarten is a time for children to discover and develop new academic and social skills. Through a variety of lessons, activities, story time, art and creative play your kindergartener will gain confidence and the foundations needed for success in school.
1st/2nd Variety (AM or PM)	1st - 2nd	Sloas	Tuesday	9am - 11:30am or 12:15-2: 45pm	1st/2nd Grade Variety Class (1-2) - Students will learn a "variety" of content areas (with an emphasis on science and social studies). Hands-on activities will include labs, crafts/art, P.E., and storytime. Mrs. Dent will join us each class time for music education.
Writing Enrichment (AM or PM section)	3rd	Heidebrecht	Thursday	9am - 10:30am or 12:30 - 2pm	Writing Enrichment (3) - Students will learn how to creatively write within various genres and also gain experience in using Google Docs. (This is not meant to replace writing done at home)
3rd/4th grade Variety (AM or PM)	3rd - 4th	Vind	Tuesday	9am - 11:30am or 12:15-2: 45pm	3rd/4th Variety Class (3-4) - We will enjoy different topics and activities including read aloud time, science, art, P.E. games and choir time with Mrs. Dent.
Math and Beyond	3rd - 4th	Vind	Thursday	10:30am - 12pm	Math and Beyond (3-4) - Who doesn't like a great story? Let's put aside the math worksheets and explore math concepts and skills as we read engaging stories. We'll see math in action and have fun applying math skills through games and projects.
Choir (3-5)	3rd - 5th	Dent	Thursday	9am - 10:30am	Choir (3-5) - In choir we will study and perform choral music from a variety of cultures, styles, and musical time periods. Students will learn the basics of vocal technique, matching pitch, sight-reading, ear training, pitch retention, sight singing, harmonization, blending techniques, music theory, and music history. We will have opportunities to perform, which help to build a strong work ethic, teamwork, and confidence.
Lego Robotics	4th - 5th	Sloas	Thursday	9am - 10:30am	4th/5th Grades - Students will build and use basic programming with the EV3 lego robotics kits. Students will learn basic coding using kodable.com and code.org.
5th grade Variety (AM or PM)	5th	Davis	Tuesday	9am - 11:30am or 12:15-2: 45pm	5th grade Variety Class (5) - Students will enjoy a variety of 5th grade content area learning experiences each week during our class time together.
Battle of the Books	5th - 6th	Davis	Thursday	10:30 - 12pm	Battle of the Books (5-6): Battle of the Books is a fun event designed to celebrate and support students in their love and discovery of reading. The 5th/6th grade team will read a total of 20 books (this means not every student has to read every book) in preparation for the Battle of the Books event held on Friday, December 8 at the Madera County Office of Education. Our class time each week will include time to read and prepare for the competition event. Additional reading will be required at home. Contact Mrs. Davis with any questions.
Drawing	6th	Grass	Tuesday	12:15pm - 1: 25pm	Drawing (6) - This is a basic drawing class for students of all abilities. They will be exposed to shading, surface texture, and overlapping. A key element in learning to draw is perspective. Lessons will show how to make objects or surfaces appear closed or farther away. <u>Drawing Textbook</u> by Bruce McIntyre, sketch books, pencils, and erasers will be supplied.
Ancient Civilization History and Literature (AM or PM)	6th - 7th	Heidebrecht	Tuesday	10:20 - 11: 30am or 12: 15pm - 1:25pm	Ancient Civilization History and Literature (6-7): Students will study four main ancient cultures by learning new information, playing educational games, doing projects, and reading novels. (Audio books may be utilized for this as well.)
Communication Class (AM or PM Section)	6th - 7th	Hill	Tuesday	9:00 - 10:10 or 1:35-2:45	6/7 Communication Class (Recommended for ROV students) - In this class students will have the opportunity to practice effective methods for communication. Some of the topics we will cover will be: Speech, debate, interview, and interpersonal skills. We will also touch on how to effectively use Google docs to complete group assignments asynchronously. ***Special Note. This class is intended for all students but is especially helpful for the Interview portion of the ROV competition.***

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Creative Problem Solving (AM or PM section)	6th - 7th	Heidebrecht	Tuesday	9am - 10:10am or 1:35pm - 2:45pm	Creative Problem Solving (6-7): Students will work cooperatively in groups with open-ended challenges to boost creativity and critical thinking. This class will use STEM activities, improv, and the arts.
Choir (6-8)	6th - 8th	Dent	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday 10: 20am-11:30am and Thursday 12: 30pm - 2pm	Choir (6-8) - In choir we will study and perform choral music from a variety of cultures, styles, and musical time periods. Students will learn the basics of vocal technique, sight-reading, ear training, pitch retention, sight singing, harmonization, blending techniques, music theory, and music history. We will have opportunities to perform, which help to build a strong work ethic, teamwork, confidence, and community. Our class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays; students are strongly encouraged to attend both days, as our class advances together in our musical journey.
ROV	6th - 8th	Rumohr	Thursday	9am - 10:30am	Underwater ROV (6-8) - In ROV students will work on a team (company) to design and build an underwater vehicle that will be used to accomplish a predetermined series of tasks/missions. Students will be able to practice a host of various skills including: Working with teammates to accomplish a common goal, the art of compromising, and scheduling and meeting deadlines. They will develop skills in the areas of: soldering, electricity, circuits, buoyancy, waterproofing, troubleshooting etc. The class will include creating a display board that will be designed around a series of writing projects. Additionally, students will create, rehearse and present a presentation about their experience.
Sewing 1.0 - Introduction	6th - 8th	Hill	Thursday	9am - 10:30am	Introduction to Sewing 6-8 - Students will learn the basics of sewing. They will learn the names and functions of the different parts of a sewing machine, how to thread the machine and bobbin, and how to use straight and zig zag stitches. The students will complete 2 simple projects in this class (Square pillow and pajama bottoms). *** students will need to purchase their own fabric and notions for the pajama project (a specific list will be sent out at the beginning of class).***
Sewing 1.2	6th - 8th	Hill	Thursday	10:30am - 12pm	Sewing 1.2 (Introduction to sewing is a prerequisite for this class) 6th-8th grade - Students with previous sewing experience will have the opportunity to work on some more intermediate level projects. Students will create projects with a zipper, lining, and batting. Depending on the skill level and speed of the class, some possible projects may be a zippered pouch, a holiday stocking, an apron, and custom Disney Ears. **** Students will need to purchase their own fabric and notions for most of the projects (a specific list will be sent out at the beginning of class).***
Theater (6-8)	6th - 8th	Dent	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday 12: 15pm - 1:25pm and Thursday 10:30am - 12pm	Theater (6-8) - In our Theater class, students will be able to experience the hard work, joy, and excitement of collaborating in improvisation and play production. We will examine scripts, learn basic acting techniques, and explore aspects of technical theater and stage management. Improvisation and Theater Skills are exciting, fun tools that help build the "five C's": creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and confidence. Improvisation (or Improv) is a form of live theater in which the plot, characters and dialogue of a game, scene or story are made up in the moment. In Improv, students learn to think quickly on their feet while working together to make the story flow by clearly communicating their ideas. Students will also learn script analysis, analyze characters and character development, study and memorize dialogue, design stage movements, and find creative ways to solve theatrical problems. Through study, research, creative thinking, problem solving, the art of rehearsal, and improvisation, students will gain the knowledge and skills to be successful in theater, but also develop the self-discipline required to accomplish long- and short-term goals. Theater can help students grow in many ways off the stage; public-speaking, organization and time management, increased self-esteem and confidence, and teamwork. This class will meet twice weekly, as mounting productions requires a lot of time working together as a "company". Students are asked to commit to participating for the entire time, as the "show must go on". Our class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays; students are strongly encouraged to attend both days

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Academic Pentathlon	7th - 8th	Meeks	Thursday	12:30pm - 2pm	Academic Pentathlon (7-8): Madera County Office of Education hosts this event for schools throughout the county to compete in five subject areas: Literature, Fine Arts, Essay, Social Studies, and Science. This year the theme is: Technology and Humanity. The first class on Thursday, September 7th will be for parents and students to gain information about the team. No commitment is necessary until after the first class. Come join the fun!
Constitution	8th	Rumohr	Tuesday	9am - 10:10am	Constitution (8) - Students will study the history, characters, content, and relevance of the U.S. Constitution. (Capacity 18)
Mosaic	8th	Grass	Tuesday	10:20am - 11:30am	Mosaic (8) - Students will design and create their own glass tile mosaic. Transferring the design to a 12in. square of plywood, they will cut, glue, and grout into a memorable finished piece. Bring ideas to the first class.