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Afterschool Program Newsletter



A note from the Director: Dr. Rosemary Anderson

This has been a wonderful year for the students in Propel MAGIC. Deanna Dugan, MA, joined Amy Burrows in our after-school team. Our afterschool supper sites, Homestead, Hazelwood, ASHS, and BHMS/BHHS have enjoyed wonderful food furnished by Community Kitchen Pittsburgh and Giant Eagle. They will soon be joined by Northside and McKeesport in offering nutritious and delicious suppers after school. Pitcairn became a 33 week MAGIC site under the supervision of Shane Harder. BHMS joined with BHHS to make a very successful combined site under Coordinator Brienne Lion. Propel Hazelwood is now a CCIS site thanks to Coordinator Lynnelle Tyler and her staff. Afterschool students have enjoyed great programs: Adagio Health, Saturday Light Brigade, LabRatz, Reading is Fundamental, Sea Perch, Barrels to Beethoven, the Carnegie Libraries, the Aviary, Pittsburgh Public Theatre, Cub Scouts, YWCA Stem Stars, and Strong Women, Strong Girls. We call it MAGIC! Coming soon—Look for news about the Afterschool Art Showcase and Remake Learning Day—both in May.

PITCAIRN

The Afterschool program at Pitcairn is as diverse with its population as it is with its opportunities! We have students at varying levels and amazing staff members that assist with homework, as well as, guide students into the extra curricular learning opportunities provided by a number of talented folks who work with our students during Afterschool.

- Shane Harder , Site Coordinator



EAST

East has had several clubs this past fall to engage our students in 1st-8th grade. We have had two art clubs where students completed individual projects as well as an art installation project where students painted hand prints up the stairwells throughout the school. We've had a coding and technology club where students program Lego robots to perform various motions and tasks. Each day all students are given a snack and receive academic help before joining their respective clubs run by excellent staff.

-Erika Zajdel, Site Coordinator



ANDREW STREET

High school students are involved in basketball workouts, tutoring, gardening club, cheerleading, and chess club.

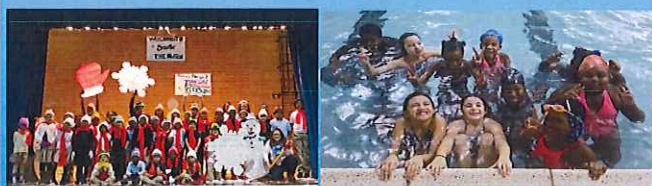
- Alan Alcalde, Site Coordinator



HAZELWOOD

Scholars built Lego Balloon Cars during Stem Stars. They engineer steps to create the balloon car and had a discussion on how they will move. Scholars had a half hour to brainstorm ideas, plan, and create as a team. Then they had 10 minutes to test and fix their car, after they had raced their cars to the finish line. Carmella and Aubrey's team won! That's just one of many amazing activities at Hazelwood.

- Lynnelle Tyler, Site Coordinator



BRADDOCK HILLS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Braddock Hills Middle/High School is in full gear and many awesome clubs have been evolving over the Fall including: DIY Club, Knee Hockey, Cheer-leading, Middle School Basketball and Leadership Club. Thanks to our Middle School students teachers who are taking the lead on our dinner hour we are able to help staff serve over 945 dinners during the month of November to Middle School and High School students. Breaking bread is an amazing way for our students to build bonds with each other and build confidence in sharing their highlights from their day.

- Brianne Lion, Site Coordinator



NORTHSIDE

Students not only attend the Afterschool program to complete homework, but through the activities we offer students can enhance their social skills. There are a wide variety of activities available to students such as gym, cooking class, STEM, and several art programs. Afterschool also provides a safe and productive environment for students who have working parents and guardians.

-Rachel Scott, Site Coordinator



HOMESTEAD

We have some exciting things going on here at Propel Homestead's Afterschool Program! I asked a few of our students and this is what they had to say:

I like Woodworking because I like to make new things. We made boxes that we could use for little toys! A'yonna-Kindergarten

I like that I get to spend extra time with my friends! Alexa- 5th grade
I like the food from the Supper Program! Damani- 8th grade
I like to play basketball! Ramel- 6th grade



What I enjoy most about Afterschool is having a safe place with activities for our students to enjoy!
 - Shawnda Hopkins, Site Coordinator

MCKEESPORT

Propel McKeesport is competing in the Project Lunch Tray Competition. We have a team of 3 students entered in this Culinary Competition. Congrats to Jazia Sanders, Justice Cousar and Ta'Nijah Woodfork!

We are honored to have Linda Vangehuchten working with us teaching the students in 1st-8th how to work with wood. The boxes will be displayed at the Art Show in May.

YWCA Stem Stars for 5th-8th Grade Girls will be meeting on Select Saturdays for their Saturday Academy at local universities.

- Caitlin Elder, Site Coordinator



MONTOUR

Students in grades 4-8 flex their choices among board games, coding and arts/crafts two days a week. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are cooking with Mrs. Lou: baking, sharing recipes and trying new foods. Grades 2-3 engage in arts and crafts two days a week and also STEAM activities with Ms. Hill on Tuesdays and Thursdays. K/1 students engage in arts and crafts and imagine play with Mr. Jeff!

- Robyn Doyle and Elyss Simon, Site Coordinators



BRADDOCK HILLS ELEMENTARY

The BHES Afterschool Program has approximately 75 children enrolled. The families at BHES are really appreciative of our sibling preference registration process. Our After school Program is an extension of the school day but also a family atmosphere. Students have great bonds with their supervisors and they look out for their siblings and classmates throughout the evening. We have had the opportunity to have special artists visit our site, currently Curtis Reeves, photography, as well as The Aviary with their special friends. Our most recent SteelBand class went very well and ended with a special performance at our Middle School site. If you asked the children what their favorite part of Afterschool was though, they just might say snack time!



Welcome to the newest member of our Magic Team. Deanna Dugan, MA. She joins Amy Burrows at the Southside Office as Assistant Directors for Afterschool. We also welcome Melissa Murray, Afterschool Intern.

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