

Murch Plus Spring 2020 Roster



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to present the spring Murch Plus roster to you. We hope you enjoy the options and will find a fitting class for your student. Thank you to all our hosts and to the HSA for sponsoring the program so generously.

Murch Plus takes place after a long day of school. When choosing a class for your student, try to find something your student can have fun with and be successful in while being mindful of their energy level and tolerance for additional structured time.

If your student doesn't seem to enjoy the class, your Murch Plus host/the Murch Plus team might reach out to you to trouble shoot.

Students will have a 15 minute break before the afternoon classes start. If you wish, feel free to pack a **small snack** for that period.

Please find below the list of Murch Plus classes we will offer for spring. Paper copies are available in the Welcome Center. The classes run from March 30th until June 12th.

Registration will open Tuesday March 10th at 8pm. You will receive an e-mail with the link, send to the e-mail you are using to receive the HSA newsletter. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so at **murchschool.org** to receive the e-mail.

Later that night the link will be posted on the murchschool.org website as well.

We would like for as many of our students as possible to take advantage of this program. To be able to achieve this, we would like you to limit your choices to 1 per student. Please choose classes matching your students' grade level. If your student participates in an ongoing program like guitar or band instruments, you do not need to re-apply.

Classes will take place Monday through Friday and will end at 4:30pm sharp unless noted differently.

Murch Plus classes are hosted by Murch ES teachers, staff, and several of our dedicated & regular DCPS-credentialed substitute teachers.

If your student is accepted in one of the classes, you will receive an email by the host with further instructions and any additional information no later than March 23rd.

Have fun!

Stefanie Berger, stefanie.berger@k12.dc.gov

***PreK-2** ***Wednesday**

Tia Clemmons **Games and Sports**

The students will play a variety of sports, team and recreational games in a fun and safe way. We incorporate our core values to help guide children as they are learning new ways to play cooperatively.

***Kindergarten** ***Tuesday**

Aruni Hettipola **Art Club**

Students will have an opportunity to create different types of art - everything from painting to creating collages - in a comfortable and playful environment. If your student is an art and craft lover, this is the class to attend.

***Kindergarten** ***Tuesday**

**Beth Mailley/
Alicia Pines** **Language & Literacy**

This class is geared toward English Language Learners. Through games, activities, art, and technology your student will be able to work on vocabulary and reading skills in a fun and playful way.

***Kindergarten** ***Thursday**

Alison Rodgers **Thursday Yoga: Moving and Mindfulness**

This is an active class where children will stretch their bodies with yoga poses, enjoy partner yoga, and play yoga games. We will also practice mindfulness exercises involving drawing, listening to stories, and calm breathing techniques.

***Kindergarten-Grade 2** ***Monday**

Hoop Education **Flag Football**

HoopEd instructors will lead a spring session of flag football drills and games.

***Kindergarten-Grade 3** ***Tuesday**

Daniel Hayden **Lego Club**

Students will use their imaginations to create things/objects out of Legos. They can bring their own or use the Legos provided. Donations of Legos are welcome.

***Grades 1-2** ***Tuesday**
Alison Rodgers **Tuesday Yoga: Moving and Mindfulness**

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***Grades 1-3** ***Tuesday**
Timothy Brady **Build It!**

Create cities, buildings, animals, and mazes among other things with objects such as blocks, K'Nex and Legos in this course. Let your creativity run wild and your imagination flow as you Build It!

***Grades 1-3** ***Wednesday**
Allen Travitz **Architect: Me!**

Students will have an opportunity to design and build a model of a building using what they know about buildings they visit. We will use recyclable materials in this club. Everyone is an architect.

***Grades 1-5** ***Tuesday**
David Dunnet **Chess Club**

NEW STUDENTS PLEASE! Students will learn how to play chess, and along the way will make new friends and learn sportsmanship!

***Grades 2-4** ***Thursday**
Sandra Borak **Plein Air Drawing Class**

Murch's budding artists will explore the school grounds through their art. If you like the idea of spending the day in various locations around Murch, drawing and painting in the great outdoors, then this is the class for you! Students will work in a variety of media, explore different techniques and styles of drawing, and create a portfolio of their work to keep. This is a chance to unleash the artist within while enjoying the beautiful spring weather whenever possible.

***Grades 2-5** ***Tuesday**
Shereth Gilson **Mixed Media Art Class**

We will explore many ways to use fabric, tissue paper, felt and other materials by hand sewing, glueing, collage making and even some costumes through the ages.

***Grades 2-5** ***Wednesday**
Heather Kuduk Hsu **Girls Who Code**

This class is both an online and offline introduction to coding for girls grades 2-5. For additional information see <https://girlswhocode.com>

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***Grades 3-5** ***Tuesday**

Alma Paty **Art & Science for Gardens & Grounds**

The Murch gardens & grounds need the care and nurturing of our students. What better way to learn about the care of nature than through hands-on activities combining art and science. From creating garden borders out of bricks and stepping stones to creating winter food for Murch's feathered friends, Murch junior gardeners will learn about gardening, seeds, trees and pollinators to help with our school's amazing outdoor classroom—its gardens and grounds.

***Grades 3-5** ***Wednesday**

Kelly Crabtree **Nature Class**

Students will explore outside, observing nature as we welcome spring. Students will learn to identify birds, tree species and wildlife in our local community.

***Grades 3-5** ***Wednesday 8-8:30am**

Nicole David **Green Team**

Are you interested in helping take care of the environment? Want to become an active environmentalist right here at Murch? If your answer is YES, then it's time to take action! Join the GREEN TEAM for grades 1 through 5; a club that will meet Wednesday mornings on the playground from 8:00 to 8:30am to help:

- pick up litter around our campus
- keep our gardens inviting for our community AND for our wildlife friends.

***Grades 3-5** ***Wednesday**

Daniel Hayden **Bocce**

Students will learn how to play bocce. Check it out: <https://youtu.be/mJV-nWmrlqc>.

***Grades 3-5** ***Wednesday**

Daniel Markus **Scrabble Club**

Have fun making words while playing Scrabble. We play a European version whereby each student makes a word, scores what the word is worth, with the winning word remaining on all boards so that at the start of each round everyone has the same 7 letters and the same words on the board in front of them.

***Grades 3-5** ***Friday**

Hoop Education **Flag Football**

HoopEd instructors will lead a spring session of flag football drills and games.

***Grade 5**

***Tuesday, lunch period**

Deborah Meisel

Community Service Club

The Community Service Club is facilitated by one of our social workers, Ms. Deb Meisel, and aims to have your student build and support our community! This club is an opportunity to empower and develop the voices, ideas, and leadership skills of our students. The group will be held Tuesdays during the 5th grade lunch. Community Service Club promises to be a lot of fun!

Ongoing Classes:

***Grades 3-5**

***Tuesday and Thursday**

Kathleen Bergin/Lauren Miller/

Corri Deegan

GOTR

Girls on the Run is a transformational physical activity based positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-5th grade. Families must register online at www.gotrdc.org and follow GOTR attendance policies. At this time, **all spots are filled.**

***Grades 3-5**

***Thursday**

Elise Walker

Guitar Club

If you love guitar music and want to learn to play and jam with other young musicians come play with us. In Guitar Club we explore various styles and techniques for playing the guitar. Come share the magic of music.

***Grades 4-5**

***Wednesday**

Dr. Eugene Branch

Band Instruments, Woodwind

Murch students will be introduced to playing the clarinet, flute, or saxophone. The instruments will be provided by Murch. We thank the HSA for purchasing the instruments for our instrumental program.

***Grades 3-5**

***Thursday**

David Dunnet

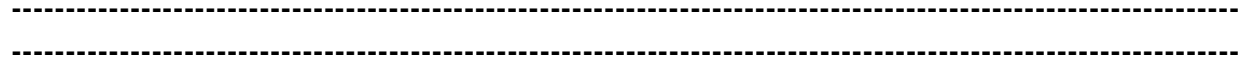
Band Instruments, Brass

Murch students will be introduced to playing the trombone or the trumpet. The instruments will be provided by Murch. We thank the HSA for purchasing the instruments for our instrumental program.

Beyond Murch Plus:

Grades 3-5 **Murch Musical** **Wednesday & as needed**
Performances June 11th and 12th.

Grades 4-5 **Tuesday and Thursday**
Shaquanda Gainey **Murch Mustang Track and Field**
4th and 5th grade students will be able to train and compete against other DCPS track and field teams at a high level of competition. Parents are welcome to help with practices and meets. **First practice Tuesday March 16th.**



Elected Positions:

Grades 3-5 **Wednesday 3:30-4pm**
Kim Dresbach **Murch Student Council**
Student Council is a group of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, who are elected to serve for one academic year. The members participate in projects that benefit the Murch School community, the District of Columbia, and adopted communities throughout the world. Each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade homeroom has one elected class representative. In addition, there are four officers. 5th graders fill the elected seats of president and vice-president. 4th graders fill the elected seats of treasurer and secretary.

Grades 4-5 **Thursday lunch**
Victoria Otten/ **Peer Mediators**
Lauren Miller
Peer mediators are present during all Murch recesses. They help students work through conflicts they may be having as a result of friendship issues, playing by the rules, inclusion and other common school playground issues. Students interested in becoming peer mediators in 5th grade apply in the spring of 4th grade. Those selected are professionally trained in basic conflict management skills and procedures. Peer mediators assume a number of additional roles that allow them to get to know and assist younger students.