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| ASCA | <i>After School Creative Arts Program</i> | Spring 2012 |
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Welcome to the **ASCA Program**, a *Memorial-Spaulling PTO* fundraiser offering a variety of **after school classes** for our children! It is hard to believe that the Winter session is coming to a close and we are getting ready to accept enrollment for our Spring session which starts April 2, 2012 and runs until June 21, 2012. We are accepting class registration beginning February 6, 2012 thru February 17, 2012. Students enrolling **before February 17, 2012** will receive a **\$25 early bird discount**, so take advantage of it! The last day to register for the Spring Session will be **March 9, 2012**. ASCA volunteers will be at the school **2/6, 2/7, 2/9** and **2/10** from 8:20-9:00 am to help register your children for classes. Below is the class schedule/registration form for the Spring Session. Included is all the information and forms you will need to register.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY using BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS -- NO Script or Cursive Please!

Please CIRCLE Y or N below!

- 1st Child's FULL NAME _____ GRADE _____ TEACHER _____ EXT_{ended} DAY? Y or N
- 2nd Child's FULL NAME _____ GRADE _____ TEACHER _____ EXT_{ended} DAY? Y or N
- PARENT(s) First NAME(s) _____ PHONE# _____ EMAIL _____
- Emergency Contact if class is cancelled etc. NAME _____ PHONE # _____
- MEDICAL or SPECIAL considerations? (allergies, special considerations) _____

CHOOSE COURSES: Please **CIRCLE** the desired **COURSE TITLE** and the **COST** in the Registration Table attached (1st page). If you have two or more children, please write the **CHILD'S INITIALS** in the **1st and 2nd Child** columns.

| Day/Time | Course Title | Grades | Early Bird | Regular Price | 1 st child | 2 nd child |
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| Monday | | | | | | |
| 3-4pm | Basket Ball/Flag Football | 2-5 | \$180 | \$200 | | |
| | Studio Art | All | \$180 | \$205 | | |
| | Zumba | All | \$180 | \$205 | | |
| | Creative Writing | 3-5 | \$180 | \$205 | | |
| | Intro to Architecture | 3-5 | \$220 | \$235 | | |
| | Computer: Google Docs., Microsoft word, iPhoto and iMovie | 3-5 | \$210 | \$235 | | |
| Tuesday | | | | | | |
| 12:30-1:45pm | Animal Detectives | K,1,2 | \$240 | \$265 | | |
| | Show Stoppers! With "Jimmy" | K 1,2 | \$220 | \$245 | | |
| | Needle Crafts | 3,4,5 | \$220 | \$245 | | |
| | Zumba | All | \$180 | \$205 | | |
| | Gourmet for Kids | All | \$260 | \$285 | | |
| | Yoga | All | \$200 | \$225 | | |
| | Intro to Chess | All | \$180 | \$205 | | |
| | Intro to Karate & Safety Awareness | K-2 | \$225 | \$250 | | |
| | Spanish | All | \$230 | \$245 | | |
| 12:30-2:00 pm | Strings | All | \$200 | \$225 | | |
| 1:55-2:55pm | Gourmet Kids | All | \$265 | \$285 | | |

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| | YOGA | 3-5 | \$200 | \$225 | | |
| | Intro to Knitting | 3-5 | \$200 | \$225 | | |
| | Supersports | K-3 | \$200 | \$225 | | |
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| Wednesday | | | | | | |
| 3-4pm | Open Art Studio | All | \$180 | \$205 | | |
| | Intermediate/Adv. Chess | 1-5 | \$200 | \$225 | | |
| | French | All | \$230 | \$255 | | |
| | Pilo-Polo/Super Sports | 2-5 | \$200 | \$225 | | |
| | Gourmet Kids | All | \$260 | \$285 | | |
| | Young Publishers Workshop | 3-5 | \$180 | \$205 | | |
| Friday | | | | | | |
| 3-4pm | Mad Science | K-2 | \$190 | \$205 | | |
| | Super Sports | All | \$175 | \$200 | | |
| | Origami | All | \$175 | \$200 | | |
| | Chess/ Intermediate & Adv. | 1-5 | \$175 | \$200 | | |
| | Guitar | 3-5 | \$175 | \$200 | | |
| | CSI: Solve the Crime | 3-5 | \$210 | \$205 | | |
| | Intermediate Karate | 3-5 | \$195 | \$225 | | |
| | Hip Hop | All | \$175 | \$215 | | |

Please PACK A LUNCH for 12:30 TUESDAY Classes!

The City of Newton does not provide school lunches for ASCA students. Children eat their packed lunches from 12:30-12:45.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- **WRITE CHECKS:** Please write **SEPARATE CHECKS** payable to: "**MEMORIAL-SPAULDING PTO**" for each course with each **CHILD'S NAME** and desired **ASCA COURSE** written in the **memo field** of each check. Yes, every single one.
- **SIGN WAIVER:** You must **READ & SIGN the WAIVER** on the back of this form (pg 9)!
- Please **DO NOT STAPLE CHECKS** to this form -- use a **PAPER CLIP** and put them in an **ENVELOPE** marked "ASCA".
- **HAND in by February 15, 2012** (Reg Form, Signed Waiver and Checks- please do not give to teachers or put in folders. You may put in mailbox if needed.)
- Students must register by February 17, 2012 in order to receive early bird prices- no exceptions.
- **REGISTRATION TABLES** will be in the school's front hallway
8:20 – 9:00 AM on 2/6, 2/7, 2/9 & 2/10
- **If you absolutely cannot be present on any of those days, please put the Registration Forms and Checks in the PTO top right ASCA MAILBOX in the front hallway.**
- **DO NOT give forms & checks to the teachers or in student folders please!**

POST-REGISTRATION:

1. NO CONFIRMATIONS are GIVEN:

- The Student is enrolled when the Registration Form and Check(s) are Received.
You will be personally notified in the event of course changes or cancellations.

2. If an ASCA COURSE is FILLED:

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- Those students who have been registered on 2/6, 2/7, 2/9 & 2/10 will be given the highest priority
- You will be notified and your check will be voided if there is no more room in the class.

No refunds after the first class

No pro-rated rates will be given if you start or end early for missed classes

No refunds for weather cancellations, sickness or dismissal

Full refunds are only given for a course that is cancelled or full

SOME PARTICIPATION POLICIES:

- Children must be **REGISTERED** (reg form + waiver+ checks).
- Please **PICK UP** your children **AT THE ROOMS, ON TIME** (3 lates-out).
(Classroom Assignments will be posted on ASCA bulletin board near room 256).
- Please notify us if your child will be **ABSENT** from ASCA classes or if you will be **LATE** for pickup on the ASCA volunteer phone during ASCA hours **678-653-2722 (OPT-OLD-ASCA)**.
- **LUNCH** - Please pack **LUNCHES on TUESDAYS** – no school lunches are available.
- Sorry, no sick children are allowed.
- Repeated disciplinary problems are not acceptable (3 strikes - out).
- If Newton Public Schools have a **WEATHER CANCELLATION**, ASCA classes are cancelled (without refund).
You must arrange pick up (bus or car).
- You must notify us if your child has a classroom **AIDE** during regular school.
(You may or may not need to make arrangements for your child to be accompanied by a caregiver for the duration of each ASCA class at your own expense. Contact Emily Gordon for more info.)

VOLUNTEER: WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Earn a **Free ASCA Course** for the whole semester for your child by being on-site taking attendance & taking care of any issues during a class. Mandatory CORI background checks on all volunteers and teachers. Please contact Emily Gordon at Emily@4thgeneration.com for more info on volunteer opportunities.

CONTACT: Contact ASCA Coordinator Emily Gordon at Emily@4thgeneration.com for additional information.

ASCA Classes will run:

| Date | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 4/2 | 4/2 | 4/3 | 4/4 | 4/5 | No classes |
| 4/9 | 4/9 | 4/10 | 4/11 | 4/12 | 4/13 |
| 4/16 - Vacation Week | No classes | No classes | No classes | No classes | No classes |
| 4/23 | 4/23 | 4/24 | 4/25 | 4/26 | 4/27 |
| 4/30 | 4/30 | 5/1 | 5/2 | 5/3 | 5/4 |
| 5/7 | 5/7 | 5/8 | 5/9 | 5/10 | 5/11 |
| 5/14 | 5/14 | 5/15 | 5/16 | 5/17 | 5/18 |
| 5/21 | 5/21 | 5/22 | 5/23 | 5/24 | 5/25 |
| 5/28 | 5/28 | 5/29 | 5/30 | 5/31 | 6/1 |
| 6/4 | 6/4 | 6/5 | 6/6 | 6/7 | 6/8 |
| 6/11 | 6/11 | 6/12 | 6/13 | 6/14 | 6/15 |
| 6/18 | 6/18 | 6/19 | 6/20 | 6/21 | No classes |

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ASCA PARTICIPATION POLICIES and WAIVER – *Please Read Thoroughly*

1. PLEASE PROVIDE **CLEAR CONTACT INFORMATION** in the event of an emergency, class cancellation or course cancellation.
2. Please use **BLOCK, CAPITAL LETTERS** – no cursive or script please. Otherwise we can't read the handwriting.
3. PLEASE WRITE **SEPARATE CHECKS** for every course every child takes. This greatly helps with accounting.
4. PLEASE WRITE THE **STUDENTS NAME & desired ASCA COURSE** on **EACH CHECK**. Checks will not be returned.
5. Checks will be voided and destroyed if a course is cancelled.
6. **FULL REFUNDS** are given only if an ASCA course is cancelled. If you withdraw your child on the first day of class, there will be a REFUND MINUS \$20 FEE and you will receive a check after several weeks.
7. **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS AFTER THE FIRST CLASS**. No exceptions.
8. **NO CONFIRMATIONS ARE GIVEN**, (except for Intro to Violin and Intro to Guitar). Unless you are told otherwise (usually within 1.5 weeks), your child is enrolled when the Registration Form (with Waiver) and Checks are received.
9. **YOU MUST NOTIFY YOUR CHILD(REN)'S TEACHERS** if you register your child for ASCA classes after Monday 4/2 . We will notify Memorial-Spaulding Teachers and Extended Day Teachers if you register on time.
10. PLEASE **PACK A LUNCH for 12:30 classes!!!!** The lunchroom is not open on Tuesdays!
11. **IF SICK or SUSPENDED, YOUR CHILD SHOULD NOT ATTEND AN ASCA CLASS**. If your child did not attend school due to sickness or a school disciplinary action the child should not attend the ASCA class that day. Sorry, no refunds.
12. PLEASE **NOTIFY US** if your child will not attend an ASCA class (**sickness, vacation** etc). Please call the ASCA volunteer cell# **678-653-2722 (OPT-OUT ASCA)** or leave a note in the ASCA mailbox .
13. If the Newton Public Schools have **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS**, ASCA CLASSES ARE CANCELLED. Check <http://newton.k12.ma.us> or call 617 559-9699 for notices of cancellations. Sorry, no refunds due to weather cancellations.
14. You must notify us if your child has a **classroom aide** during regular school. You may need to make arrangements for your child to be accompanied by a caregiver for the duration of each ASCA class at your own expense. We can work together to discuss what would be appropriate. For a confidential conversation, contact Emily Gordon at Emily@4thgeneration.com.
15. **YOUR CHILD MAY BE DISMISSED** from an ASCA Course **WITHOUT REFUND** if **DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS recur** (3 strikes). The first strike or warning, the ASCA teacher and/or ASCA volunteer will attempt to discuss the issue with you in person or via phone or email or note- a strike ticket may be issued which should be signed and returned. After 2 more incidents, the student may be **dismissed from the course without refund**. The ASCA program is not affiliated with the school but is a PTO program. We do not have the resources available to handle students with consistent behavioral issues.
16. Please **PICKUP YOUR CHILD on TIME** from the **assigned CLASSROOM**. If you are late (>10 min), you will be charged **\$20**. If you are late 3 times the student will be **dismissed from the course without refund**. Please notify us if you will be late by calling **Emily Gordon- 617-416-5733**. **We may not dismiss children outside the classroom without written permission from the student's parents.**
17. **VOLUNTEER-** Earn a **Free ASCA Course** for the whole semester for your child by being on-site taking attendance & taking care of any issues during class. You do NOT need to volunteer on the same day as your child(ren)'s class. We cannot offer these classes unless the office is covered by an adult volunteer (babysitters OK). Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Info) background checks are done on all volunteers and teachers. If you would volunteer, please contact Emily Gordon at emily@4thgeneration.com.
18. **In the event of a Medical Emergency, note that we have no medical staff and we do not have access to medical supplies.**

*We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to the continued success of the ASCA program.
Please remember that this is not a City of Newton program but is run by Memorial-Spaulding PTO parent volunteers.*

I, the undersigned parent, have read, understood and agree to the above participation policies of the ASCA Program.

I, the undersigned parent, on behalf of my **child(ren)** _____ hereby

CHILD(REN)'S NAMES (in CAPITAL LETTERS)

release the Memorial-Spaulding PTO and its members, individually and collectively, and its teachers, for any and all liability any injuries whatsoever suffered by my child in conjunction with the above-mentioned courses.

DATE _____ **SIGNED** _____ Please write **your name** clearly: _____

mm/dd/yy

Your Signature

Your Name (in CAPITAL LETTERS)

ATTN: PTO - ASCA Program Memorial Spaulding Elementary School 250 Brookline St Newton Centre MA 02459

Course Descriptions:**Origami!****David Minichiello**

LEARN ORIGAMI! This class is designed for anyone who wants to learn the art of folding paper into shapes. We'll make animals of all kinds, finger puppets, flowers, and more. If you can imagine it, you can make it by folding paper!

Computer**Michelle Derusha**

In today's digital world students need to start developing technology skills as soon as they start school. This class can provide your child with access and extra computer time for developing technology skills and confidence to be successful using technology in our digital world. This class will provide students with an opportunity to practice and build technology skills in a fun, friendly supervised environment. It is designed to help students become comfortable and confident using technology as they build skills and share technology techniques using the Internet and exploring programs.

Some of the programs to be explored: Google Docs, Microsoft Word, iPhoto, iMovie and various websites to create online projects, word searches, play educational games.

The program is an hour long and very young students may not be ready to sit at the computer for an hour after school. Students are not permitted to instant message or check e-mail.

Class limit of 7 students

Young Publishers Workshop**Doreen Rachal**

This program will introduce your child to the world of book making. We will spend the first half of the course creating our own stories and bringing it to life with innovative illustrations. The remaining portion of the program will be dedicated to book binding and transforming our manuscript into a bound volume. Students will also learn about the general process of publishing books.

Intro to Architecture**High Touch High Tech**

Interested in learning about the building blocks of structures? If so, this class will be perfect for your child! Students will discover the world of bridges, the building environment, basic concepts of engineering, chemistry, and much, much more. Participants will build structures, make and model chemical reactions, and will apply engineering concepts to nature.

Show Stoppers!**Jimmy Moonan**

The **SHOW STOPPERS** educational theatre program is for both "beginners" and those with some stage experience. The program gives children a musical, playful and imaginative introduction to stage skills and performance. Children will play theatre games that teach fundamental skills such as stage presence, role play, voice projection and body language. Each class provides opportunities to sing as a group and solo. Children will be playfully challenged to think imaginatively using improvisational techniques, props and scripted stories. The underlying goal of the program is to develop confidence and self-esteem.

String Instruction**Suzuki Institute of Boston**

Is your child interested in learning how to play an instrument? This course will provide your child with instruction with violin, viola, and cello. The instructor has a wealth of knowledge and experience teaching this type of class in various school districts around the Newton area. Children will learn to master various musical pieces throughout the session. Children will be provided with sheet music based on the child's level of experience. During the last class, children will perform a piece in for families and friends.

**Zumba
Ketty Rosenfeld**

Crank up the music! Shake, wiggle and have a blast with your friends! Zumba is a fusion of Latin and international music dance themes creating a dynamic, exciting, dance class! This latin-based group exercise class is fun and easy to do. All are welcome!

**Creative Writing
Doreen Rachal**

This program will introduce your child to the world of fiction and creative writing. Students will learn about the steps to developing a written work and the elements of creative writing. Students will create an age appropriate, innovative piece of work, which will include learning how to illustrate various scenes and incorporating those illustrations into the written work. Students will also read together age-appropriate fiction pieces as illustrations of creative writing pieces to inspire their own creative writing pieces.

**Intro to CSI
High Tech High Touch**

Come and see the world of forensic science come to life! By studying age-appropriate crime scenes, students will learn about fingerprinting, fiber analysis, and more! Participants will use their analytical skills to record evidence and solve problems.

**Karate & Safety Awareness Program
Sensei Jim True, Shorin Ryu Academy of Self Defense**

Providing character Development & Conflict for Resolution Skills for Students. This after school martial arts safety program is based on youth **S.M.A.R.T. SYSTEM** (Safety Methods for Action Response Training). The system incorporates two specific programs: The “Bully Buster” and “Stranger Danger” programs which develop conflict resolution and stranger awareness skills. Using **Black Belt Attitudes** such as: **respect, self-control** and **discipline**, these programs provide students with information as well as the physical and mental skills need to stop the threats of violence from the bullies and strangers. Students will learn the basics of **karate** and may earn rank through the belts and stripes as they progress.

**Animal Detectives
Audubon Ark Wildlife Program, Audubon Society, Drumlin Farm**

Animal Detectives – How do animals lives change throughout the season? In winter, who hibernates, migrates or stays put? How do these Animals adapt throughout the year? What does a turtle have in common with a woodchuck? Look into the activities and movements of animals as the seasons change. Meet some **live animals**, play animal games, hear remarkable stories and create an outdoor area to study animal behaviors.

**Super Sports
F.A.S.T**

Get up, get going, get active with a F.A.S.T. Athletics Super Sports program. F.A.S.T. Athletics will offer a variety of sports each week such as soccer, basketball, dodge ball, flag football and kickball. Programs will include proper stretching and warm up games as well as learning basic skills of each sport, each class will end with a high energy game with the sport played that day.

**Needle Crafts- “Embellish some more!”
Miriam K. Sokoloff**

Learn more embellishment techniques--embroidery, beading, felting, braiding etc. to decorate small items. New and returning students are welcome.

**Learn to Knit
Miriam K. Sokoloff**

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Beginners are invited to learn how to knit. The instructor will supply the knitting needles and yarn.

Spanish

IES National Language Foundation, Joanna Hooley Coordinator

!HOLA! Help your child connect with the world the IES way! Children can learn a new language, or improve their skills in one, through games, songs, and fun activities in an IES Spanish Club where the language comes alive! Books and Cd's are provided for home reinforcement. Younger children with previous experience with the language may join an older group. For information, contact Joanna Hooley at 617-630- 9450 or mjhooley@aol.com.

Jazz/Hip Hop

Siagel Productions

Dancers looking for a fun and age appropriate form of dance will love this class because it combines structure with style and discipline with smiles and confidence. This class is a great way to increase the activity level and interest of a young high energy passionate younger dancer. This class also encourages dancers to work on placement and posture through learning fundamentals in a fun and exciting atmosphere. The last class of each session we invite friends and family members in for a performance and celebration.

Open Art Studio

Alexandra Etscovitz- Memorial-Spaulding Art Teacher!!!

Open Art Studio is back! This class is an explorative class that allows your child to experiment, discover and cultivate their own style using new materials and techniques in a safe and welcoming environment! The materials we will use include collage, building, painting and more, allowing artists to express themselves in exciting and inspiring new ways!

Mad Science® of Greater Boston (III), “Mad Science: Freaky Physics, Forces and Flight”

‘Gigawatt’ Jeff Palermo

Join the Mad Science hands-on science fun. We're crazy about science...and hope you are too! In this program, we'll have a blast exploring science and how it affects the world around us. There will be exciting hands-on activities, spectacular demonstrations, inquiry-based discussions, and amazing projects to make and take home. We'll join Bernoulli and Newton as we take an exciting look at the science behind aerodynamics and the properties of air ... under pressure; eliminate the mystery in chemistry; take a tour on the electron freeway in the world of circuit electricity...current events; and experience some awesome forces ... gravity ... inertia ... centripetal force...for ourselves. We'll also learn about water waves and the environment; explore the scientific secrets behind some famous magic tricks; investigate the fundamental principles of flight; and discover the strengths of triangles, cylinders and arches and how these shapes make structures for sturdy homes and skyscrapers.

Pilo Polo

F.A.S.T

This fast paced game is very similar to hockey. After a quick introduction to the game, the students will have the opportunity to release all their energy in a 3 period game/competition. This program will allow the students a chance to learn an exciting game in a fun and safe environment.

Yoga

Megan Tager

Yoga helps children develop self-confidence as well as providing them with the tools to find balance and calm in an otherwise hectic world. Yoga teaches children to learn how to breathe, pause and move in ways that help to alleviate stress, which will benefit them during stressful situations, such as test taking, homework, and aiding in athletic ability. This class is catered to the needs of children. For the younger grades, stories, music, and props are used to inspire the poses for the children. In the upper grades, classes teach children more of a yoga routine. Music, journaling, props and books are used with the older children during restful moments. All classes will learn Sun Series, breathing techniques, poses, partner poses, as well as enjoy Savasana or "rest time" at the end of every class.

Gourmet Kids

Amy O'Toole

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Young Chefs will learn to mix, measure and prepare their own tasty treats while exploring hands-on-fun with cooking! Menu items will change weekly to include a variety of yummy winter treats! .(Amy worked on the television show ZOOM at PBS for 8 years. Please advise of any food allergies. MAX 10 students

French

Joanna Hooley

Bonjour! Join a French Club and begin to speak a new language. Children play games and participate in fun activities while learning. Books and cassettes are provided for home reinforcement. Learning a new language is an exciting adventure and A GIFT for LIFE! For further information, contact Joanna Hooley, Regional IES Co-director at 617 630-9450 or mjjehooley@aol.com.

Intro to Guitar

Derrick Campbell

This class will cover the basics of playing the guitar including how to hold the instrument, tuning with an electronic tuner, reading chord diagrams and tablature, and learning some simple melodies. Students will need to practice between classes on a daily basis, and parent's participation in the practice time is strongly encouraged for younger students.

Again, ASCA is offering a lot of fun courses for your children. The kids have a lot of fun and at the same time your participation will be helping the school. We look forward to seeing you at registration!