

# MANASQUAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Grades 6-8 Parents,

This school year, we will be offering four enrichment programs to our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Each program consists of ten sessions. On the reverse side you will find a brief description of each program and the dates that they will be offered. The programs will take place after school from 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. on the scheduled days.

If your child would like to participate in any of the programs, please have your child complete the attached application and return it to the office by Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Two copies of the application are attached, but please feel free to copy the application if your child would like to participate in additional programs. Also, please remember to complete the permission section at the bottom of the application. All students are welcome to apply for participation in the enrichment experiences. The application process is a formality to confirm individual student interest. Any interested student will be accepted into the programs.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Colleen Graziano

## **UPDATED**

### **Improvitational Technique**

Teacher: Miss Kristine Gianna

Dates: (Wednesdays) November 30<sup>th</sup> - February 8<sup>th</sup>

Description: The Drama/Improvitational Program invites students to explore improvisation and creativity through physical movement, character development and acting exercises. The students will be encouraged to create full scenes through a series of different acting prompts and to use these prompts to create full characters and situations. Through the course, the students will write their own improvisational scripts that we will tape and critique within the ten weeks. The last class will conclude with a final presentation of our clips and a final improvisational presentation.

### **Multi-Track Recording**

Teacher: Mr. Joseph Battista

Dates: (Thursdays) February 2<sup>ND</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup>)

Description: Students will have an opportunity to learn use a 16-track digital recorder in order to make a studio quality CD. A piece of work will be recorded and programmed by the students simulating the work of a recording studio. Students will learn the terminology and concepts, as well as how to edit and bounce tracks, add effects, add options, and save their work. Students will learn how to record on a single track and on multiple tracks.

### **Stock Market**

Teacher: Mr. Robert Markovitch

Dates: (Wednesdays) February 22<sup>ND</sup> – May 2<sup>ND</sup>

Description: A program designed to provide students with an opportunity to learn about stock trading. Students will be participating in an on-line experience through the NJ Stock Market Game. Each student will be given a fictitious amount of money and will learn to trade stocks over a 10-week period, competing with other schools.

### **Literacy Book Talk**

Teacher: Miss Lisa Kuchinski

Dates: (Mondays) March 12<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>rd</sup> )

Description: A program designed to motivate students to read independently and interact with others through critical thinking and talking about the texts. Students will preview reading choices and discuss literary genres. Students will be broken into groups and will have opportunities to share personal responses and opinions about the chosen novels as their reading progresses. Students will discuss influential characters, powerful passages, language recognition, favorite parts, and the effect of an author's writing style on the story.

**ENRICHMENT PROGRAM  
APPLICATION**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following statements. The thoroughness of your responses will be considered when your application is being reviewed.

1) I am particularly interested in participating in the above named program because \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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2) I would be a good candidate for the program because \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT**

In order to participate in this program, I agree to attend all meetings (unless an extenuating circumstance arises) and to complete all required work in a timely and thoughtful manner.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed this program with my child and he/she understands the level of commitment required for participation and accepts responsibility for regular attendance and required work.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_