



Dear MLS Parents and Students,

Welcome back to the 2011-12 MLS PTO Enrichment Zone! The MLS PTO Enrichment Zone (EZ) provides elective classes in literature, science, art, athletics, foreign language, culture and more in four sessions during the school year for students enrolled at MLS. **Registration for both Spring 2012 EZ sessions opens Friday, January 6th.** See the course schedule and course descriptions (on back) to learn more about our spring courses.

New in 2012 - PrE-Zone!

Can't wait for EZ courses to begin on January 30th? We've got great news! Mr. Williams is offering a "PrE-Zone" course that meets after school on the last three Fridays in January. All proceeds from this course directly support our PE department! See the course schedule and descriptions for details.

Course Pricing for 2011-12

Like last fall, the spring EZ is comprised of a 4-week session and a 5-week session. The 4-week single-course price remains \$48 and the 5-week single-course price is \$60. We're continuing the EDEP discount during the 5-week sessions. The EDEP discount applies to a child enrolled in Albemarle County's Extended Day Enrichment Program (EDEP) on the SAME day he/she is enrolled in an EZ class. The EDEP discounted price is \$50/course.

Online Registration

We'll use online registration again in 2011-12. This greatly reduces administrative work for the program. All parents with internet access are requested to register online through the MLS PTO website: <http://mlspto.org/ez/ezregistration.html>. If you do not have internet access, registration forms will be available in the office on Friday 1/6/12. Betsy Bell has also agreed to assist with online registration for anyone without internet access.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO ENSURE QUALITY – DO NOT DELAY!

Scholarships are available. Check box during registration or contact Betsy Bell for additional information. Questions? Concerns? Contact James Younger at (434) 971-7709 or ez@mlspto.org.

EXPLORE, LEARN & GROW – GET IN THE ZONE!

PrE-Zone (3-weeks, 1/13/12 – 1/27/12) \$36 per child
<i>Fridays, 2:30 – 4pm (meets 1/13, 1/20 and 1/27)</i>
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun! (Grades K-5), Mr. Williams
Spring I (4-weeks, 1/30/12 – 2/28/12) \$48 per child per course
<i>Mondays, 2:30 – 4pm (meets 1/30, 2/6, 2/13 and 2/27)</i>
American Girl I (Grades K-5), Ms. Bell
Checkers and Chess (Grades 2-5), Mr. White
Green Fashion (Grades K-5), Ms. Robinson
Hip, Hop and Fit (Grades 2-5), Mr. Williams
Italian Cooking (Grades 1-4), Ms. Sadler
Keyboarding, File Management & Word Processing (Grades 3-5), Ms. Parmelee
<i>Tuesdays, 2:30 – 4pm (meets 1/31, 2/7, 2/14 and 2/28)</i>
Ceramics I (Grades K-2), Mr. Sherogan
Healthy Fun Kids Snacks (Grades K-5), Ms. Jackson
Stack Up! (Grades K-5), Mr. Williams
<i>Thursdays, 2:30 – 4pm (meets 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23)</i>
Ceramics II (Grades 3-5), Mr. Sherogan
Dance Explosion (Grades 4-5), Ms. Robinson
Math Monsters II (Grades K-1), Ms. Straume
Nature Invasion (Grades K-3), Ms. Bell
<i>Fridays, 2:30 – 4pm (meets 2/3, 2/10, 2/17 and 2/24)</i>
March Madness Basketball (Grades 2-5), Mr. Wymer
Spring II (5-weeks, 3/12/12– 4/23/12) \$60 per child per course, EDEP discount
<i>Mondays, 2:30 – 4pm (meets 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/16 and 4/23)</i>
American Girl II (Grades K-5), Ms. Bell
Checkers and Chess (Grades 2-5), Mr. White
Keyboarding, File Management & Word Processing (Grades 3-5), Ms. Parmelee
Marvelous Mondays (Grades 3-5), Mr. Williams
Rising Stars II (Grades K-2), Ms. Robinson
<i>Tuesdays, 2:30 – 4pm (meets 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/10 and 4/17)</i>
Advertising (Grades 2-5), Ms. Robinson
Clogging (Grades 1-5), Ms. Sadler
Terrific Tuesdays (Grades K-3), Mr. Williams
<i>Thursdays, 2:30 – 4pm (meets 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/12 and 4/19)</i>
Cake Decorating (Grades 3-5), Ms. Jackson
Let's Go LEGO! (Grades 3-5), Ms. Straume
<i>Fridays, 2:30 – 4pm (meets 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/13 and 4/20)</i>
Introductory Robotics (Grades 4-5), Ms. Parmelee
Languages (1-hour/week; 9-weeks, 2/11/12 – 4/18/12) \$120 per child per course
<i>Wednesdays 2:30 – 3:30pm (meets 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/11, 4/18)</i>
French (Grades 1-5), Alliance Francaise de Charlottesville
Italian (Grades K-2), Speak! Language Center
Mandarin (Grades 3-5), Speak! Language Center

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Spring I & Spring II Course Descriptions

Advertising (2-5): Students will use flip cameras and iMovie to create different types of television advertisements. All movies will be student-made with teacher support - students will write, direct, act, produce, and edit their work in small groups. On the last day of class, parents and a small audience will be invited to see the final products! (*Spring II, Tuesday, Ms. Robinson, Rm 8*)

American Girl I (K-5): Jump through time and cultures through stories, games, crafts and food with the American Girls as the guide. Learn about the time and culture of Kaya, Jaosefina, Felicity, and Marie-Grace and Cecile. (*Spring I, Monday, Ms. Bell, Rm 17*)

American Girl II (K-5): Jump through time and cultures through stories, games, crafts and food with the American Girls as the guide. Learn about the time and culture of Addy, Rebecca, Kit and Ruthie, Molly and Emily, and Julie and Ivy. (*Spring II, Monday, Ms. Bell, Rm 17*)

Cake Decorating (3-5): Students will learn basic cake decorating like making various types of icing, holding a decorating bag properly to make various lines, and basic flowers. Fun cakes, cupcakes, and even the new fad of cake pops will be made. Each child will walk away able to make a fully decorated cake from start to finish. (*Spring II, Thursday, Ms. Jackson, Rm 9*)

Ceramics I (K-2): Students will learn basic ceramics skills to create beautiful and functional pottery. From hand building to glazing students will create a total of 2 to 3 projects during the 4 week session. (*Spring I, Tuesday, Mr. Sherogan, Rm 14*)

Ceramics II (3-5): Students will learn ceramic techniques and create pottery using the coil method, slab and slump methods. A tile project with emphasis on glazing may also supplement the products made. Students will come away with an appreciation of ceramics and 3 to 4 pieces of pottery. (*Spring I, Thursday, Mr. Sherogan, Rm 14*)

Checkers & Chess (2-5): Learn about the games, play checkers/chess with peers & participate in tournaments. This is the class for you if you want to relax & play chess with your friends or prepare for tournaments. (*Spring I and Spring II, Monday, Mr. White, Cottage I*)

Clogging (1-5): Ms. Sadler offers a foot stomping introduction to this truly American form of folk dancing. (*Spring II, Tuesday, Ms. Sadler, Rm 6*)

Dance Explosion (4-5): Create costumes & choreograph dance moves to your favorite music! On the last day, we'll perform our dances to a live audience in the MLS gym. (*Spring I, Thursday, Ms. Robinson, Gym*)

French (1-5): Last fall's class continues, but new students are always welcome. Take advantage of this great opportunity! (*Spring I and Spring II, Wednesday, Ms. Sours, Rm 21*)

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun! (K-5): Sorry boys, it's girls only as Mr. Williams will be rockin' the gym with your favorite tunes and activities! Join the fun as we play Omnikin ball games, have dance offs, chariot races, and even do some people-surfing! So be ready to have a TON of good times as we see why girls just wanna have fun! (*PrE-Zone, Friday, Mr. Williams, Gym*)

Green Fashion (K-5): Create fashion items from recyclable materials ending in a fashion show. Learn fashion design, creative problem solving as you design and construct clothing while learning about recycling for our environment with Mrs. Robinson. (*Spring I, Monday, Ms. Robinson, Rm 8*)

Healthy Fun Kids Snacks (K-5): Parents are constantly fighting with their children to eat healthy. This class will turn food into

edible works of art that any child would be tempted to eat. All projects can be easily duplicated at home. (*Spring I, Tuesday, Ms. Jackson, Rm 9*)

Hip, Hop and Fit (2-5): Dance the day away with Mr. Williams as we learn new hip hop dances, enjoy old favorites, and play some fun dance games! Your friends and you will even get to choreograph your own dance, pick your own music, and put on a show for parents and classmates at our Hip Hop Showcase! (*Spring I, Monday, Mr. Williams, Gym*)

Introductory Robotics (4-5): LEGO Mindstorms will be used to teach students the basic techniques of programming & using robots. (*Spring II, Friday, Ms. Parmelee, Rm 20*)

Italian (K-2): Meglio tardi che mai! An exciting addition to our language courses. Last fall's class continues, but you can still join! (*Spring I and Spring II, Wednesday, Ms. Bakalian, Rm 6*)

Italian Cooking (1-4): Take a trip to beautiful Italy and experience cooking its delicious foods as well as learning about its rich culture. (*Spring I, Monday, Ms. Sadler, Rm 6*)

Keyboarding, File Management & Word Processing (3-5): Improve your computer typing, file management and word processing skills to get the most out of SOL's! (*Spring I and Spring II, Monday, Ms. Parmelee, Computer Lab*)

Let's Go LEGO! (3-5): Join in a weekly LEGO Challenge, build theme projects in collaborative groups & view extreme LEGO-building video clips. (*Spring II, Thursday, Ms. Straume, Rm 18*)

Mandarin (3-5): Rare opportunity to learn beginning Mandarin and discover Chinese culture – a coveted course in the U.S. now available at MLS! (*Spring I and Spring II, Wednesday, Ms. Zhang, Rm 18*)

March Madness Basketball (2-5): Mr. Wymer shoots and scores – and you can, too! We'll cover fundamentals and rules, practice skills, and incorporate them into live games! (*Spring I, Friday, Mr. Wymer, Gym*)

Marvelous Mondays (3-5): Join all of your friends as we play your favorite PE games. From team sports to MLS Paintball, we do it all! (*Spring II, Monday, Mr. Williams, Gym*)

Math Monsters II (K-1): Math Monsters I is not a pre-requisite for this continuation of an EZ favorite. In this session, students will delve into the concepts of geometry, doubles, time, and patterns. (*Spring I, Thursday, Ms. Straume, Rm 18*)

Nature Invasion (K-3): Insects, spiders, snakes and more! Learn about nature's creepy-crawlies through observations, stories, games and fun! (*Spring I, Thursday, Ms. Bell, Rm 17*)

Rising Stars II (K-2): Rising Stars is an introduction to Destination Imagination for students in grades K-2. Engage in team-building, creativity challenges & "compete" for points! The more creative, humorous & interesting the ideas, the better! (*Spring II, Monday, Ms. Robinson, Rm 8*)

Stack Up! (K-5): Come have a blast with one of your favorite MLS PE activities, Sport Stacking! Improve focus, concentration, ambidexterity and more as we have a blast improving both our fitness levels and brain connections! (*Spring I, Tuesday, Mr. Williams, Gym*)

Terrific Tuesdays (K-3): Join Mr. Williams in playing our timeless K-3 classics like Pirate Ship, Parachute, Whack-a-Jack, Omnikin Ball games & many more! (*Spring II, Tuesday, Mr. Williams, Gym*)