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THE WILBRAHAM WHISTLE: E-Newsletter ..JANUARY 2021

Our goal is to keep you informed of important information on a monthly basis. For more details on all our family friendly programs, visit: www.WilbrahamRec.com or visit Facebook: [Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department](#)

Please be aware that all programs are restricted in size of enrollment due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis, so please don't delay in registering if interested as we will not be able to exceed our maximum number of participants.

• **Recreational Basketball (PK - Grade 8) Registration ends January 3**

This is a non-competitive program that begins to reinforce skills learned at the Kindergarten age group. This program will enhance and further develop the participants knowledge and skills in dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, positioning and rebounding to aid in transition to the next age group. Pre-K will meet on Saturdays. For K-8, there will be at least one practice during the week and games will be scheduled on the weekends.



• **Art-Ventures: Registration ends January 3. Program will be held at Memorial School, 310 Main Street Wilbraham.**

Pirates and Fairies ART-ventures (Grades K-1) - Tuesdays January 12 - March 9 (no class 2/16) from 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Sail the high seas on a fantastical art adventure through a world of pirates and fairies, princesses, sea monsters and talking parrots! Humorous stories are included each week, as well as surprises and laughter.

Magical Art Mystery Tour (Grades 2-3) - Thursdays January 14 - March 11 (no class 2/18) from 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Abracadabra, its magic and mystery with art as the focus! Experiment with new and mysterious mediums and discover surprising techniques to transform familiar materials into magical masterpieces. And...voila...young art magicians bring home masterpieces each week.

• **Winter/Spring Stars of Tomorrow Dance Program (Ages 2 - teen) : Registration ends January 3**

We have partnered with Mary Ann Studio of Dance for over 25 years because Mary Ann Langone, Studio owner, has offered a very professional yet affordable program where dancers at any level can learn and enjoy the art of dance in a warm and encouraging atmosphere. There will be 2 different sessions - Tuesdays or Thursdays. You may register for either session or for both.

• **Mad Science: Mondays Jan 25 - March 22 (8 weeks), no program 2/15, make-up day, if needed, 3/29. Program will be held from 4:00pm - 5:00pm at Memorial School, 310 Main Street Wilbraham.**

Join the Mad (Science) Labs program after school for a hands-on exploration of sights, sounds, nature and more! Optical illusions, the secret components of white light and hidden rainbows, and movies explore our sense of sight. Learn about cells with a microscope exploration, the unique characteristics of bugs . A science related take home activity accompanies every class. **Registration begins January 5.**

• **Creative Coding Studio with Tynker: Virtual Offering. Grades 2-5. Thursdays, 1/28 - 3/11 4:45-5:45 (no class 2/18).**

Discover programming through art, music, and math. Collaborate to plan and build amazing projects using visual programming. Start with coding sounds and music, make a band and program beatboxing gnomes. Animate dragons and learn to draw and color your computer animations. No previous coding experience required. Online courses require a modern desktop computer, laptop computer, Chromebook, or Netbook with Internet access and a Chrome (29+), Firefox (30+), Safari (7+), or Edge (20+) browser. **Registration begins January 5.**

• **Wicked Gross Science: Virtual Offering. Grades K-5. Grades K-1 - Tuesdays 1/26 - 3/9 4:45-5:45 (no class 2/16).**

Grades 2-5 - Wednesdays 1-27 - 3/10 4:45-5:45 (no class 2/17).

Gross Science is not for the easily queasy! The gross yet fascinating things in life hide many science secrets like what's hidden in a diaper. Classify some creepy crawlies and neutralize smelly smells. Make some model mucus, create alien slime, have fun with other grossly amusing science adventures. This is a virtual offering. Online courses require a modern desktop computer, laptop computer, Chromebook, or Netbook with Internet access and a Chrome (29+), Firefox (30+), Safari (7+), or Edge (20+) browser. **Registration begins January 5.**

• **Coming Attractions:** We anticipate starting registrations for Rec Baseball (K-6), Softball (K-8), Track & Field (Gr. 2-8) in February. Stay tuned for updates on Spec Pond Pavilion reservations, which will not open this year until spring.



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The Wilbraham Baseball Committee is looking for new members to fill a couple open seats. The Baseball Committee is charged with the planning and overseeing the town baseball program. The committee determines program policies and procedures, and serves the baseball program to help set its direction, clarify and interpret procedures. If interested please contact Bobby O'Neill (president of Wilbraham Baseball Committee) at bobbyo8@hotmail.com.



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