

# Pyle's Panther Program Offerings for 2009-2010

Session 1: 9/22/09-12/3/09 Session 2: 1/5/10-3/4/10 Session 3: 3/16/10-5/25/10

Course	Day Session Fee	Min Max	Contact	Description
ART: Anime	Tu ALL \$195	8 30	enrichctr@aol.com	Students learn about Anime and Manga (Japanese Animations and Comic Books). This art form combines vivid expression and meticulous design with extraordinary storylines. The class learns about the use of themes, imagery, genre and the history of Anime and Manga, from the beginnings of the Anime wave to current popular series and films being shown in Japan.
ART: Draw, Color, Paint & Collage	W ALL \$170	7 15	Sara Sennett Sara.Sennett@verizon.net	This course is open to all students even if you've never done artwork outside of school. Using pencil, charcoal, pastels, paints and papers, we'll create all sorts of art, both realistic and imaginative. Learn principles of drawing with line, and shading; explore how color can be used both true to life and fancifully using still-life set-ups, landscapes, stamping, collages, portraits, fantasy settings, animal creatures and masks. All materials provided.
Babysitting	W ALL \$115	12 16	Suburban Hospital Contact: Eleni Antzoulatos EAntzoulatos@SuburbanHospital.org	MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES. The Safe Sitter class is a nationally recognized program to teach children ages 11 to 13 years old how to be safe sitters. Includes tactics in handling emergencies and child-care skills such as rescue choking, safety for the sitter, first aid, behavior management and babysitting as a business. PLEASE NOTE: Course runs six weeks. Session 1 runs Sept 23-Oct 28; future dates available during registration.
Bridge	W II & III \$20	5 20	Washington Bridge League Anne Shields ennashields@hotmail.com	Good with numbers? Try Bridge. This course will start at the beginning so the students learn the basics of bridge bidding and play. By the end of the year, the students will be able to bid, play hands as well as incorporating some of the newer, modern conventions. Bridge is fun and this course will be, too.
Chesapeake Bay Club	Th I & III Drop-in	Drop-In	Margy Hall Margaret_Hall@mcpsmd.org	Want to earn SSL hours and help preserve the Chesapeake Bay? Come to the Chesapeake Bay Club and join in stewardship of the Bay in our own schoolyard. Beautification, trash clean-up, recycling, and garden planning are just a few ways you can help! Participants can earn up to 1 SSL hour per class. Students might also be interested in a field trip to the Karen Noonan Center hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on the weekend of Oct. 25-26. They would leave after school on Friday and return on Sunday.
Chess	Th ALL \$130	15 30	Victor Sherman vicsherman@comcast.net	Beginners learn how to play chess while more experienced students work on improving their strategy. A portion of each class is devoted to instruction and practice with individualized assistance (students are matched with those of similar ability), and the last 5 classes will consist of tournament play! Taught by Dr. A. Levin.
COOKING: Future Chefs	Tu ALL \$225	10 20	Darren Lawrence Eternal.dwl@gmail.com	Have you ever eaten an incredible dish at a restaurant and wish you could make it at home, yourself? Well, come cook with Chef Darren (formerly of Young Chefs Academy), and you'll learn how to make extraordinary foods that both taste delicious and focus on the basics of cooking. In Session One, Chef Darren will be showing you how to make gourmet style foods from around the world. This is truly a mouth-watering trip you will not want to miss! Session Two is all about recreating incredible dishes of favorite celebrity chefs and five-star restaurants. All leading up to the third and final session, an all out cook off contest! Each week, students will take what they learn in class and be able to put their own spin on very popular foods from across the country. Each child will receive a recipe binder, apron, and at the end of every class receive a copy of that days recipes so that they can recreate the dish at home again and again.

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COOKING: Gourmet Chefs	Th ALL \$230	10 20	Tiny Chefs anna@tinychefs.com	Young chefs will learn the basics of cooking using baking, boiling, pan frying, grilling, and stir frying. The class will focus on how to follow a recipe, measure ingredients and food & kitchen safety. In each class, students prepare and eat an entrée, healthy snack, or dessert. Classes are completely interactive, and each child will receive a cookbook of everything they make.
Dance: Hip Hop and more!	W ALL \$190	9 20	Dansez! Dansez! sabine@dansezdansez.com	Boys and girls can learn several different styles of dance from the popular hip hop to ballroom, jazz, modern and Latin dancing. Over nine weeks they will learn two new styles a week and perform a recital of all the dances during the last class.
Debate	Tu & Th ALL \$100	5 30	Evan Darus, Nikhil Gupta and Richard Scordato evan.darus@gmail.com	The Debate program focuses on teaching students the skills necessary to be successful in creating well thought out arguments and having disagreements in a civilized manner. The critical thinking encouraged in this program just might help students get a later bedtime (but we aren't making any promises). There are opportunities throughout the year to compete against students from around the region at local tournaments.
Fashion Design	Th ALL \$195	7 30	enrichctr@aol.com	If fashion is your passion, then Fashion Design is the thing for you! This class will focus on the principles of design and color and applying them to their very own styles. Students will design, print, render technical sketches and create their own clothing. Fashion design is a fun and creative way to merge imagination and artistic vision!
Greenhouse	Th I & III Drop-in	Drop-In	Peter Petrossian Peter_J_Petrossian@mcpmsmd.org	Learn the art of propagating plants in our outstanding botanical collection.
Homework Club	Tu ALL Drop-in	Drop-In		Drop by whenever you need assistance.
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Investing Pays Off	W II \$20	8 15	Leslie Whipkey leslie_whipkey@ml.com	Investing Pays Off is a financial literacy curriculum created by Merrill Lynch in collaboration with the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE). A non-profit organization dedicated to helping young people become economically productive members of society. IPO is designed to be an enjoyable, interactive program, which covers strategies for achieving financial success in personal and professional pursuits. Each week during the nine week session, we will cover a different topic, including budgeting; time-value of money; risk, reward and return; investing; credit, take-home pay, benefits and taxes; and the benefits of philanthropy. Students will be encouraged to share personal experiences and seek real-world examples of the topics addressed. Because each module builds on concepts presented earlier, regular attendance is strongly encouraged.
Magic Mystery Academy	Tu ALL \$180	7 20	Chris McCauley Bowers magicbymccauley@yahoo.com	The largest educational organization of magic in the United States, Mystery Academy teaches children the Art of Magic in an effort to pass on the knowledge of Magic and spread the Art in the traditional, time-honored fashion: directly from teacher to student. Learn all aspects of magic: Cards, Coins, Rope, Silks, Cups, Balls, Sleight of Hand, Mentalism, Science Tricks, Math Tricks, Manipulation, and Presentation. The last day of class in each session will be devoted to a close up gallery show where each child presents material they have mastered.

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MUSIC: Guitar	Th ALL \$220	5 10	International School of Music info@ismw.org	Enjoy the guitar? Want to learn or play the instrument better? This class is designed for guitar enthusiasts of any ability. Students will learn finger-picking styles, rhythm, notation and basic chords. Students will have a chance to select and perform from a variety of musical styles.
MUSIC: Jazz, Rock and Blues	W ALL \$245	5 15	Sal Deraffe	Your child can hone improvisation skills under the guidance of a professional musician and bassist. Sight-reading skills will be taught. Students will be challenged with music appropriate to their level. The balance of jazz, rock and blues music will be determined by class preference. Open to woodwind, brass, guitar and bass players. Students must provide instruments and manuscript book. Guitar and bass players must provide amps.
MUSIC: Percussion & Drums	W ALL \$220	5 10	International School of Music info@ismw.org	This class will introduce you to all facets of percussion. Learn to play a snare drum roll, popular rock grooves as well as proper techniques on the tambourine, triangle and even cowbell! You will also meet many famous drummers of all eras through video and recordings. No area of percussion will be left uncovered.
MUSIC: Voice	Tu ALL \$220	5 15	International School of Music info@ismw.org	Explore your love of music through song! Voice is designed for students who enjoy singing and wish to improve their vocal technique regardless of ability. Proper warm-ups, breathing, support, phrasing and diction will be covered. Students will experience improved intonation, tone production and musical interpretation. Students will have the chance to select and perform appropriate repertoire.
Photography	Th ALL \$200	8 15	Joanne Miller jmillerphoto@earthlink.net Howard.Spector@Creativemoco.com	Artist, nature photographer Joanne Miller leads students on a photographic journey. Using nature as the backdrop, students will explore the visual language of art and photography. Compelling photographs are created through understanding of light, color, line, composition, camera placement and personal vision. Hands-on instruction begins in the classroom with model ecosystems provided by the artist. Learned photographic skills are then applied through exercises outdoors on Pyle school grounds. Digital cameras and student prints are provided. To view Joanne Miller's website please visit joannemillerphoto.com.
Playwriting Club	W II \$100	8 15	Pamela McDermott Pamela_M_McDermott@mcpsmd.org	The Playwriting Club will help you explore your imagination through writing, critiquing, and performing short plays. Playwright John Morigiello, who will lead the workshop, has written for such television shows as "Guiding Light" and "Politically Incorrect." His plays have been produced internationally, and his screenplay for the film <i>Happy Hour</i> was named "Best Short Comedy" at the New York Independent Film Festival. This is your chance to work with a professional playwright.
Robotics  Please watch for Session II and III Robotics Program. Definite day and cost have not been determined.	Tu I \$70	5 21	Trish Jarrell trishjar@verizon.net	Develop a basic knowledge in designing, constructing, programming, and operating autonomous robotic devices with a Lego NXT "brick" and robotic kit. There are no remote controls; only student-created and downloaded programs control the robots. Students will be presented with introductory concepts in building and programming skills to build their knowledge base. Students will work in teams to brainstorm ideas, generate solutions, and solve a variety of open-ended problems or robotic challenges.
Scrapbooking	Th ALL \$100 (one time only)	5 10	Diana Caisse preservingphotos@verizon.net	Interested in finding new ways to preserve your favorite memories? Join us for scrapbooking, a creative way to arrange photographs of family and friends. The \$100 materials fee will only be charged once, so if you child participates for all three sessions the second two will only be \$20.

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Squash at Bethesda Sport & Health (off site – transportation not provided)	W ALL \$210	5 10	Bethesda Sport & Health Connie Barnes cbarnes@sportandhealth.com	One of the most dynamic and fastest growing sports, squash is exploding at the junior level. Top colleges place a strong emphasis on their squash programs, giving consideration to applicants who play. Note: class runs from 4-5pm. During the winter session, 3 practices will be replaced by participation in a friendly round robin with other local MS, these will be generally played on Tuesdays after school and replace the normal time for those weeks. Offsite-transportation is not provided.
Stone Carving	W ALL \$230	5 8	Create Arts Center Contact: Tamar Hendel tamar@createartscenter.org	Stone carving is an intense, fun activity. It requires hard work, but the results are well worth it. Using hand tools, drills, saws, files, rasps and various grits of sandpaper, from rough to very fine, students create small and medium sized sculptures, beads, pendants and amulets. Students will use two kinds of rocks: soapstone, a soft stone, which comes in several colors, and alabaster, which is a little harder. We will start with soapstone making small objects and move on to slightly larger ones in alabaster. Each student will finish several art objects per semester.
Tae Kwon Do	Tu ALL \$140	6 25	Gentle East Tae Kwon Do Master John Holloway Contact: Shawn McDermott shawncmc@aol.com	Tae Kwon Do is a fun and challenging activity that provides an excellent physical and mental "workout." Children develop flexibility, strength and endurance, while focusing on self-esteem, respect, concentration and discipline. The class is taught by Master John Holloway, the 2000 US Olympic Team Leader, International Referee and owner of Gentle East Tae Kwon Do in Silver Spring, MD.
Tennis Int-Adv.	Th I \$135	16 24	Montgomery County Tennis Assn. Contact: Dave Pullen mctadave@verizon.net	Improve your on-court skills through group instruction and match play in a team-oriented environment. The type of ball used is adjusted to the skill level of the players to maximize learning using a games-based approach. Depending on skill level, you may register for one or both days of the Fall session. Rackets provided to those who do not own one. All other materials provided by MCTA. NOTE: Course runs 8 weeks due to weather. Last day is 11/19.
Tennis Int.-Adv	Th III \$135	16 24	Montgomery County Tennis Assn. Contact: Dave Pullen mctadave@verizon.net	Improve your on-court skills through group instruction and match play in a team-oriented environment. The type of ball used is adjusted to the skill level of the players to maximize learning using a games-based approach. Rackets provided to those who do not own one. All other materials provided by MCTA.
Tennis Beg.-Int.	W I \$30	5 20	Rebecca Bloom Rebecca_H_Bloom@mcpsmd.org	Interested in the game of tennis? Get outside this spring and try your hand at this popular racquet sport. Beginners through intermediate level players accommodated.
Tennis Beg.-Int.	W III \$30	5 20	Rebecca Bloom Rebecca_H_Bloom@mcpsmd.org	Interested in the game of tennis? Get outside this spring and try your hand at this popular racquet sport. Beginners through intermediate level players accommodated.
THEATRE: Acting Ensemble & Character Study	Tu ALL \$170	6 16	Adventure Theatre Kathryn Hnatio khnatio@adventuretheatre.org	Continued enrichment in Drama, through ensemble work and character study. Using prose, poetry and other dramatic materials, students will work under the direction of the instructor to create a short ensemble in-class performance piece, further expanding character development, stagecraft and awareness techniques. The class will learn new and refine current acting skills through short sketches, reader's theater, individual, and small/large group exercises. The class will also learn to build characters, dramatic moods and themes through improvisation, movement, expression and vocal work. Students will use concentration, focus, adaptability, flexibility and team work skills to create and act as an ensemble. Everyone performs!
THEATRE: Comedy and Clowning	W I \$170	8 15	Imagination Stage Chad Dike cdike@imaginationstage.org	What makes us laugh? Why do jokes bomb? Utilizing training techniques from the realms of Improv, Sketch Comedy, Clown, Stand-up, Commedia dell'Arte, Vaudeville and classical theatre explore the art, scenes and silliness of comic acting! PLEASE NOTE: Course runs seven weeks beginning October 7.

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THEATRE: Improv	Th ALL \$160	8 14	Adventure Theatre Kathryn Hnatio khnatio@adventuretheatre.org	Improv is a form of theatre where actors use spontaneous acting techniques to perform in the moment. Take part in unique, highly-interactive theatre games using suggestions from the audience, classmates and the instructor to create dialogue, setting and plot for scenes such as treasure hunts, mysteries and outer space fantasies. Learn the basics of good listening skills, team playing, building confidence and performing instinctively.
THEATRE: Musical Theatre/ Audition Prep	W II \$215	8 15	Imagination Stage Chad Dike cdike@imaginationstage.org	This class focuses on the selection and preparation of appropriate songs and monologues for a musical theatre audition. Students learn to establish believable circumstances and sustainable character in monologues and songs as well as how to approach a cold-reading of a script, audition etiquette and how to walk into an audition with confidence.
THEATRE: Scene Study	W III \$215	8 15	Imagination Stage Chad Dike cdike@imaginationstage.org	This class is recommended for students with intermediate to advanced acting and stage technique. Students use scenes to further advance their acting technique, including creating relationships on stage, nuanced character development and clear lines of action.
Ultimate Frisbee	Th III \$45	5 30	John Gordon johndavidgordon@mac.com	Ultimate Frisbee is an exciting, non-contact team sport, played by thousands the world over. It mixes the best features of sports such as Soccer, Basketball and Football into an elegantly simple yet fascinating and demanding game. Join the fun and play this fast-moving sport.
Yoga	Th ALL \$170	8 15	Sandi Weinberg sandi@yogatales.com	Interested in learning more about the practice of yoga? This class helps to promote self-confidence, self-worth and a positive body image, while providing stress management techniques to help kids relax. Special activities such as journaling, aromatherapy, acupuncture, meditation and visualization, are practiced in an environment that is conducive to open and candid discussions about the subjects that matter to teens.

## **Panther Programs Policies & Procedures**

**Registration:** We only accept online registrations. You can go to [www.pyleafterschoolactivities.com](http://www.pyleafterschoolactivities.com) starting on the date listed below for each session. Registration begins at 9:00am. Any registrations that appear before that time will be deleted from the system.

Online Registration Start Dates:

Session 1: Friday, September 11

Session 2: Friday, December 11

Session 3: Friday, March 5

**Cancellation:** In order to obtain a refund, students may cancel (in writing or by email sent to [merrywrites@aol.com](mailto:merrywrites@aol.com)) no later than the following cutoff dates (these are prior to the beginning of each session). *Please note that due to the school's theatrical production schedule and interscholastic sports teams, students may experience conflicts with certain days/offerings; however, the Panther Programs cancellation cutoff dates remain the same.* Refunds cannot be issued if cancellations arrive after these deadlines.

Session 1: must cancel by Friday, September 18

Session 2: must cancel by Friday, December 18

Session 3: must cancel by Friday, March 12

**Class Minimum/Maximum:** if minimum registration is not reached, class may be cancelled at instructor's discretion. If maximum is reached, student may be placed in next available session (if offered).

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## Panther Programs 2009-2010 Session Dates

### Panther Programs: Session I

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
September 22	September 23	September 24
September 29	September 30	October 1
October 6	October 7	October 8
October 13	October 14	October 15
October 20	October 21	October 22
October 27	October 28	October 29
November 3	November 4	November 5
November 10	Nov. 11: Half Day	Nov. 12: Half Day
November 17	November 18	November 19
Nov. 24: Makeup	Nov 25: Half Day	Nov 26: No School
	December 2	December 3
	Dec. 9: Makeup	Dec. 10: Makeup

### Panther Programs: Session II

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
January 5	January 6	January 7
January 12	January 13	January 14
January 19	January 20	January 21
January 26	January 27	January 28
February 2	February 3	February 4
February 9	February 10	February 11
February 16	February 17	February 18
February 23	February 24	February 25
March 2	March 3	March 4
March 9: Makeup	March 10: Makeup	March 11: Makeup

### Panther Programs: Session III

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
March 16	March 17	March 18
March 23	March 24	March 25
March 30: No School	March 31: No School	April 1: No School
April 6: No School	April 7	April 8
April 13	April 14	April 15
April 20	April 21	April 22
April 27	April 28	April 29
May 4	May 5	May 6
May 11	May 12	May 13
May 18	May 19	May 20
May 25	May 27: Makeup	May 28: Makeup
June 1: Makeup		

### **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BUS STOPS**

Burning Tree ES  
Bannockburn ES  
Clara Barton Center  
Seven Locks & MacArthur Blvd  
Carderock ES  
Mountain Gate Drive & Eagle Ridge Drive  
MacArthur Blvd & Stable Lane  
Brickyard Road & Stable Lane  
Darmuid Green Drive & Brickyard Road  
Brickyard Road & River Falls Road  
MacArthur Blvd & Whiterim  
Bradley Hills ES  
Greentree Road/Ridge Place  
Radnor Center  
Bethesda ES  
Whittier Blvd & Lenox Road  
Wood Acres ES  
Massachussetts Ave & Mohican Place  
Washington Waldorf School  
Westbard Ave & Ridgefield  
Foxcrest Court

**Please note: Bus stops are subject to change; final routes will be posted at Pyle Middle School at the start of Session 1**

### **Other Activities That Take Place After School at Pyle (not sponsored by Panther Programs):**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Boys & Girls interscholastic teams (Softball, Basketball, Cross Country & Soccer)  
Soccer (non-interscholastic)  
Basketball (non-interscholastic)  
Volleyball (non-interscholastic)  
Weight Lifting  
Student Government Association (SGA)  
Jazz Band (by audition)  
Fall & Spring drama productions (by audition)  
Distinguished Science Speakers