

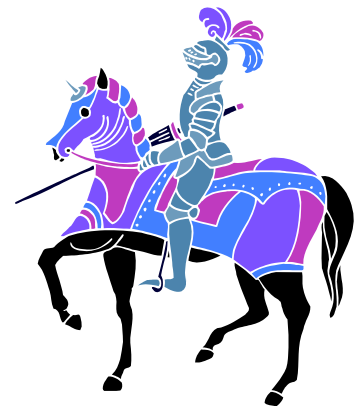
**NEELSVILLE**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**AFTER-SCHOOL**  
**ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**  
**2008 - 2009**



**The School of the Universe!**

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## General Information about the Neelsville After-School Activities Program

After-school activities are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays every week throughout the school year, except where indicated on the attached activity bus schedule. No activities are held on early release days or school holidays. The schedule of activities can be found beginning on page five of this booklet. All activities, except for interscholastic games, start at 2:45 and end at 4:10. Activity buses are available for students to ride home, but the runs are somewhat different than the regular bus routes; please check the activity bus schedule in this booklet. Activity buses leave the school at approximately 4:10 every day they run. Most activities have a relaxed participation policy: students can participate in them when they feel like participating or according to their after school schedules. However, a few of our activities do have enrollment restrictions, and some others require special equipment, so please be sure to check the requirements listed for each activity in which your child wishes to participate. Please call Mr. Summers at Neelsville if you have any questions about the after-school activities program at 301/353-8064. Mr. Summers is the After-School Activities Coordinator (ASAC) for Neelsville. The ASAC position was created by the Interagency Coordinating Board of Montgomery County and is run through cooperation between the county government and school board.

## Philosophy of the Neelsville After-School Activities Program

We believe that after-school activities are an integral part of the total education process for middle school students. After-school activities provide students with the opportunity to explore new areas of interest, cultivate and enhance existing skills, and grow both socially and cognitively in a safe and supportive environment. We offer a broad range of activities over the course of the school year in an effort to reach out to the varied interests of our student population. *Although these activities take place after the school day is over, all of our goals, rules, and expectations remain the same.* We believe that the Neelsville after-school activities program is the extracurricular program of the Universe!

## Eligibility Requirements for Participation in After-School Activities

All students interested in taking part in after school activities must meet the county eligibility requirements. Eligibility for participation in all after-school activities is based on two criteria: payment of the county activity fee and academic success.\* **The student is responsible for becoming eligible to participate in after-school activities, and it is his/her responsibility to maintain that eligibility.**

The academic requirements and activity fee schedule are outlined below.

All students participating in after-school activities must maintain a **2.0 grade point average on the 4.0 scale with no more than one "E" per quarter.** Participation is based on the previous quarter's results. If a student is ineligible for participation based on academic performance or becomes ineligible during the year, he/she will remain ineligible until the next report card.

**If you are participating in afterschool athletics/sports (ie cross country, softball, basketball, etc.), you must pay the extracurricular activities (ECA) fee of \$30.00, please use the form below to send in the money. If you have not paid the fee, you will not be allowed to participate!**

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY FEE REMITTANCE FORM

The Montgomery County Board of Education requires payment of an Extracurricular Activity (ECA) fee for your middle or high school student to participate in extracurricular activities for the 2008-2009 school year.

### What is the ECA fee?

The \$30.00 annual fee supports adult-supervised extracurricular activities, such as sports and clubs, for middle and high school students. Students who pay the fee are entitled to participate in one or more programs during the year. Although the Board of Education strongly believes students benefit from participation in extracurricular activities, these activities are voluntary.

### Who pays the ECA fee?

All middle and high school students who voluntarily participate in sports or clubs pay the ECA fee. Check with your school administration to determine what other activities require the ECA fee.

**NOTE:** Students may try out for sports teams before paying the fee. However, once they have been selected for a team or activity, the fee must be paid or their selection will be revoked. Paying the fee does not guarantee that a student will be selected for a team or activity, nor does it supersede academic eligibility requirements.

### Who is exempt from the ECA fee?

Students who do not participate in extracurricular activities do not pay the fee. Students who take a course that requires participation in an extracurricular activity, such as a concert performance as a class requirement, do not pay the fee. Check with your school administration if you are unsure if an activity is exempt from the fee.

### Am I eligible to pay a reduced ECA fee?

You may be eligible to pay a reduced fee of \$15.00 if your gross family income is less than \$35,000. If you are eligible to pay a reduced fee, you **MUST** send written proof of income with your payment, such as a recent tax form, current pay statement, or letter from a family assistance agency. MCPS will **NOT** accept reduced fees without documentation. Do not send original documents, as we do not return them.

### How do I pay the ECA fee?

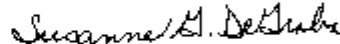
**DO NOT SEND PAYMENT TO YOUR SCHOOL.**

**Credit Card**—Payments are accepted online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/) (navigate to the Resources section, then click Pay Activity Fee Online). **Reduced ECA fees are not eligible for online credit card processing.** If you do not have internet access, please complete and submit the form below.

**Check**—Make payment to MCPS and write student ID# on check or money order. Send payment directly to MCPS, ECA, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rm. 154, Rockville, MD 20850. Returned checks are subject to a \$25 fee.

**Cash**—PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN PERSON. If you have any questions, please call 301-517-5000.

Sincerely,



Susanne G. DeGraba  
Chief Financial Officer

**DETACH form and send payment to the address below. Do not pay the school directly.**  
For your convenience, pay online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents)

### 2008-2009 Extracurricular Activity Fee Remittance Form

Return directly to MCPS, ECA, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rm. 154, Rockville, MD 20850

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCPS. DO NOT FOLD OR STAPLE FORM.**

**\$30**  Gross family income above \$35,000

**\$15**  Gross family income less than \$35,000 (You must enclose proof of income.)

**When paying by Visa/MC, please include the correct credit card billing address.**

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MC Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**\* Students do not need to pay the county activity fee to attend homework club, nor do they have to maintain the minimum grade point average. This activity is the only exception to the eligibility rules as it is an extension of the regular academic program.**

# Activities List

## Clubs & Student Groups

**TBA = To Be Announced**

Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	SIXTH GRADE HOMEWORK CLUB Ms. Domi September - June Tuesday Media Center Sixth grade students only. Students may come voluntarily or be assigned by teachers or parents.
Activity Description:	A time, a place, and the resources of the media center at your fingertips to help you reach your academic goals!
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	SEVENTH GRADE HOMEWORK CLUB 7 <sup>th</sup> grade teachers September - June Wednesday Media Center Seventh grade students only. Students may come voluntarily or be assigned by teachers or parents.
Activity Description:	A time, a place, and the resources of the media center at your fingertips to help you reach your academic goals!
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	EIGHTH GRADE HOMEWORK CLUB Ms. Atkinson September - June Thursday Media Center Eighth graders only. Students may attend voluntarily or be assigned by staff or parents. Please bring work to do, students are not allowed to go back to their lockers once HW club has started.
Activity Description:	Students are welcome to come any Thursday to the Media Center to get help on homework, have a place to do homework, work on the computers to do research and Edline, and read silently. Students must be in the Media Center by 2:50 if they want to stay.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) Ms. Hill and Ms. Hagler September – June Tuesdays Room 249 Must be eligible

Activity Description:	SGA is a club that allows students to have a say in what goes on in their school. They are able to hold student government positions as well as help in the county wide election. Students will be expected to show respect and responsibility as leaders in their school. The SGA will also run dances and help with fundraising.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	CHESS CLUB Mr. Davis September-June Tuesdays Room 219 2.0 GPA
Activity Description:	Students will learn the basics of Chess and be able to compete against one another in friendly competitions.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	FINAL FRONTIERS Ms. Wolfinger November-June Some Wednesday beginning in November. May include some weekend competitions. Room 231 2.0 GPA
Activity Description:	Academically eligible students interested in working with a small group to solve engineering style problems.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	POMS Ms. Hill & Ms. Lynch September-April Wednesday Aux Gym Must be eligible, have a physical form and tryout for the team.
Activity Description:	Poms is a mix between dance, cheerleading and gymnastics. Students who belong to the poms team will perform during the half time of the basketball games. Students will be expected to show respect and responsibility as leaders in their school. Everyone on the team is also expected to show up regularly to Wednesday practices
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	DRAMA CLUB Mr. Davis September-June Thursday Main Gym Must have 2.0 GPA. Open to all students.
Activity Description:	Students will learn the fundamentals of performance, including performance games and improv games. Basic acting skills will be introduced, as well as technical aspects of theatre.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s:	MATH TEAM Ms. Wolfinger November –March Wednesdays

Meeting Place: Requirements:	Room 231 Students interested in attempting challenging math problems individually and with a team. Willingness to teach other team members problem solving techniques.
Activity Description:	Math team attends four competitions; participants must have a ride home at 5:15 from the four competitions.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	GREEN TEAM ECOLOGY CLUB Ms. Jackson and Mrs. Doerrler September – May Tuesdays and Thursdays after school Room 237 Must be trustworthy, responsible, and able to work well with others.
Activity Description:	The Green Team is the group of kids that empties the recycling containers found throughout the school. This year we hope to become the top recycler among the middle schools of MCPS by increasing student and staff awareness of our recycling program through public service announcements and posters. Students earn 1.5 SSL hours for each day they work for the Green Team.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	PEER MEDIATORS Mrs. Dharia-Zaks and Dr. Morgan September-June Selected Wednesdays Office Conference Room None
Activity Description:	Peer Mediators is a group of students interested in helping others. Peer mediators assist students in resolving conflict peacefully. They attend basic or advanced training and lead meditations during the school day. Peer Mediators also organize volunteer opportunities such as visiting the elderly, collecting videos for sick children in the hospital, volunteering at Special Olympics events, organizing dances and promoting peaceful conflict resolution at elementary schools.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	GOOD KNIGHTS Ms. Nachlas and Ms. Lynch September-June 1-2 Tuesdays a month Room 211 Must be a current Good Knight (they were selected the previous year by their teachers and the former Good Knights).
Activity Description:	The Good Knights is a group that was designed to recognize and reward students who demonstrate great initiative, effort, sportsmanship, achievement, improvement, attendance, citizenship, and respect in school and community activities. Students are recommended by teachers and elected by their peers to serve as role models and positive representatives of Neelsville. The Good Knight members participate in a number of activities designed to recognize achievement and help the community.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s:	YEARBOOK CLUB Ms. Wolfinger November –March Thursdays

Meeting Place: Requirements:  Activity Description:	Room 231 Students must be committed to producing the best yearbook Neelsville has ever seen, and they must be prepared to participate from start to finish. Open to all grades. How would you like to put your mark on the 2009 Neelsville yearbook? The yearbook club is responsible for putting together the whole yearbook, from pictures and captions to the graphics and layout! This is an opportunity to express your creativity!
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:  Activity Description:	WEBMASTERS CLUB Ms. Beck September –June Thursdays Room 206/Computer Lab Experience with computers and working with the internet required. Strong interest in creative web design and a commitment to weekly meetings required. Students accepted in this limited enrollment club will research and explore new features and designs for NMS’s website, and assist with updating content and photos (from teachers, coaches and advisors) on a weekly basis. Students must submit an application for acceptance into the Webmasters Club. Please see Ms. Beck for more information.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:  Activity Description:	TECH CREW Mr. Seiger September - June As needed Mr. Seiger’s room. Open to all students. Neelsville’s Tech Crew exists in order to support the many musical, dramatic, and special events where technical expertise is required. Tech Crew members will receive instruction and practice in the use of the following: video equipment, stage lighting equipment and design, professional sound reinforcement and its application, set design, and special effects. Being a member of the Tech Crew is not a commitment to or guarantee of participation in any school production. Instead, Tech Crew provides students with the technical skills that are required for those activities.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:  Activity Description:	VARIETY SHOW TBA January – April TBA TBA Students must audition and attend <u>all</u> rehearsals to perform in the variety show. The variety show is a showcase of the many talents that NMS students possess. Students who wish to demonstrate their talents will audition for a place in the show. Prior to the show, participants will fine tune their skills and become familiar with the program at mandatory rehearsals.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time:	ALPHA DELTA PSI Mr. Dawkins and Dr. Morgan November-June

Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	Thursdays TBD Demonstration of leadership, responsibility, and integrity as well as a 2.0 gpa.
Activity Description:	Alpha Delta Psi is a group that will be involved in positive activities that help the community as a whole. Activities include Walk for the Homeless, making sandwiches for a homeless shelter, helping out at the Infant and Toddlers Program, and "Read-Alouds" at local elementary schools.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	CARVER SOCIETY Mrs. Cherry September-June Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> , Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Nov 20, Dec 18, Jan 22, <b>Feb 12</b> Room 226 Open to all students
Activity Description:	The Carver Society is an African American History Club. We focus on humanitarian needs of the local community by collecting and distributing clothes and food; show appreciation for our teachers and staff and for one another, learn about African Americans in history both past and present, and enjoy fellowship with one another. The culminating event ( <b>Feb 12</b> ) is a traditional Soul Food Dinner where parents, teachers and fellow students are invited to attend.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY Mrs. Brown and Ms. Beckerman September-June Wednesday Room 114 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher; students are invited to apply during second semester
Activity Description:	Members of Neelsville National Junior Honor Society perform service to the school and community and partake in monthly meetings and leadership activities.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:	HISPANIC SCHOLARS SOCIETY (HSS) Mrs. Walker October-June Every other Thursday Room 229 BY INVITATION ONLY- OF HISPANIC ORIGIN, 3.0 GPA
Activity Description:	The HSS group was created to provide an outlet for outstanding students of Hispanic descent to have an opportunity to show through their good example and scholarship that not all Hispanics are gangsters. Through their success, we hope they can be a leader among their peers, encouraging positive behavior and academic achievement. The group also celebrates its heritage with fiestas where foods and music of different countries are shared and enjoyed. The HSS also attempts to help in various school events as their way of serving their community.
Name of Club: Sponsor: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place:	ANIME CLUB Dr. Secke September - June Wednesdays Room 227

Requirements:	Students are required to show interest in drawing and the design of cartoons
Activity Description:	Students will compete drawing and writing cartoon characters, they will also watch movies and cartoons

# Sports

## **Intramurals and Special Events**

Sport:	TENNIS
Sponsor:	Ms. Willie
Meeting Time:	March – May
Meeting Day/s:	Tuesdays and Thursdays (starting in March)
Meeting Place:	Tennis courts
Requirements:	desire to learn and play tennis, tennis shoes
Activity Description:	Those interested in learning and practicing tennis are invited to join the Tennis Club. Build and improve your skills on the tennis court through games and friendly competition with your friends!!
Sport:	TRACK CHALLENGE
Sponsor:	Mr. Mantzouranis
Meeting Time:	March
Meeting Day/s:	TBA
Meeting Place:	Athletic fields
Requirements:	Must be Eligible.
Activity Description:	Students compete in four events: 100 meter, 800 meter, long jump, and overhand throw. Winners will complete in a regional meet and final competition.
Sport:	BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT
Sponsor:	Mr. Mantzouranis
Meeting Time:	September-October
Meeting Day/s:	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Meeting Place:	Main Gym
Requirements:	Must be eligible.
Activity Description:	Students compete in three events: 30-second shooting, free throws, and hot shot. School winners will compete at the regional competition. Winners of that will compete in the county finals.

**Interscholastic Sports**

<p>Sport: Coaches: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:</p>	<p>BOYS AND GIRLS SOFTBALL Mr. Yeisley and Ms. Wolfinger respectively. September – November Tuesday – Thursday Athletic Fields 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only. Students must be eligible to try out and remain eligible throughout the season. Appropriate equipment as indicated by coaches.</p>
<p>Activity Description:</p>	<p>There will be six games for each team.</p>
<p>Sport: Coaches: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:</p>	<p>BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL Mr. Yeisley and Mr. Blessing respectively. November – March Tuesday – Thursday Main gym. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only. Students must be eligible to try out and remain eligible throughout the season. Appropriate equipment as indicated by coaches</p>
<p>Activity Description:</p>	<p>There will be eight games for each team.</p>
<p>Sport: Coaches: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:</p>	<p>BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER TBA March - May Tuesday – Thursday Soccer fields 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only. Students must be eligible to try out and remain eligible throughout the season. Appropriate equipment as indicated by coaches</p>
<p>Activity Description:</p>	<p>There will be six games for each team.</p>
<p>Sport: Coach: Meeting Time: Meeting Day/s: Meeting Place: Requirements:</p>	<p>CROSS COUNTRY Mr. Blessing September – November Tuesday – Thursday Atrium, then the woods and field GPA eligibility, up-to-date physical, parent permission, transportation form, medical card, ECA fee</p>
<p>Activity Description:</p>	<p>Runners will train to run a 1.5 mile course by doing speed and long distance training, then compete in 4-5 competitions, 2 here and 2+ away. They will practice by playing games, fun runs, drills, etc. Students will learn and apply understanding of teamwork, stretching, nutrition, &amp; hydration to learn about their strengths as athletes.</p>

# Neelsville Middle School

## Activity Bus System & Numbered Stops

### 2008-2009

Activity buses run every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the school year except where indicated on the attached calendar. Activity buses leave Neelsville at 4:15 p.m., but because there are only three routes, it may take students longer to get home than on the regular bus. Additionally, students may be dropped off at a point further from their home than the regular bus. School bus rules apply to activity buses. Remember: Activity Bus usage is a privilege, not a right.

Please review the activity bus stops below to ensure that you are aware of the stop that is near your home.

#### **Stop locations Activity Bus #1 – Route # 4308**

Watkins Meadow Dr and Wayfarer Rd  
Watkins Meadow Dr Near Path  
Watkins Meadow Dr and Sandsfield Ter  
Apple Ridge Rd and Torrey Pond Rd  
Shadow Oak Dr and Forest View Pl  
Montgomery Village Ave and Sparrow Valley Dr  
Pleasant Ridge Dr and Highland Hall Dr  
Chadburn Place and Aspenwood Rd  
Aspenwood Rd and Capeheart Way  
Aspenwood Rd and Montgomery Village Ave  
Montgomery Village Ave. and Lake Shore Dr  
Odend Hal and Royal Bonnet Ter  
South Lake ES

#### **Stop locations Activity Bus #2 – Route # 4316**

Wheatfield Dr and Plummer Dr  
Wheatfield Dr and Wheatfield Terrace  
Route 355 and High Point Dr  
Staleybridge Rd and St. Johnsbury Lane  
Fox Chapel Elementary School  
Gunners Branch Rd and Archdale Rd  
Oak Mill Apts  
19901 Frederick Rd (@ the Boys and Girls Club)  
Cider Mill Apts.

#### **Stop locations Activity Bus #3 – Route # 4312**

Cross Laurel Dr and Valley Dr  
Blunt Rd and Cross Laurel Dr  
Blunt Rd and Red Buckeye Ct  
Scenery Dr and Cedarbluff Dr  
Frederick Rd (@Trailer Park Entrance)  
Middlebrook Rd and Minstrel Tune Way  
Scenery Dr and Sibley Ter  
Scenery Dr and Brandermill Dr –Daly Elem  
Brandermill Dr and Applegarth Way  
Brandermill Dr and Hawks Ridge Ter

## PROGRAM CONTACTS

If you have any questions about a specific activity, please contact the sponsor of that activity. If you have any general questions about the after-school program, please feel free to contact Mr. Summers. If you have any questions about the Interscholastic Sports Teams please contact Mr. Foster. All the sponsors, as well Mr. Summers, Mr. Foster and Mr. Mantzouranis, can be reached at Neelsville at 301/353-8064.

Mr. Summers: After School Activities Coordinator

Mr. Foster: Athletic Coordinator

Mr. Mantzouranis: Intramural Director

