



Clubs & Activities 2018-19

Princeton Montessori School offers many choices for enriching activities in addition to the daily curriculum. Choose from Clubs, Music Lessons, or On-Site Activities. All of these offerings provide an enriching experience for children and are in line with the key tenets of Montessori education. Detailed descriptions club and activity of each, as well as cost information, can be found in this flyer.

→ **Clubs** provide creative, age-appropriate enrichment opportunities for students enrolled in Elementary through Middle School programs. Most clubs meet weekly from September through May. BookEnds meets six times per year, and Middle School Social Club meets seven times during the year.

→ **Music Lessons** Weekly music lessons are offered in Piano, Suzuki Violin, and Guitar. Lesson length is either 30, 45 or 60 minutes. The time and day of lessons are scheduled according to availability. Violin and piano lessons are offered to students in Primary through Middle School. Guitar lessons are offered to students in Upper Elementary and Middle School.

→ **On-Site Activities** are hosted by outside organizations and classes are held at Princeton Montessori School. Reference the links below for more information and registration details.

Firefly Tennis Program provides high-quality, personalized tennis experiences for children ages 3-10 years that also teaches social skills. All classes are 45 minutes long. (Classes are held indoors.)

Ages Clubs, music instruction and on-site lessons are developmentally appropriate for the following age groupings:

- Primary
- LE-1st Grade
- LE-2nd Grade
- UE-3rd/4th Grade
- UE-5th Grade
- Middle School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS	PM 3:00-4:00	STEAM Makerspace - UE ● ● Dance and Movement ● ●	French Language & Culture ● ● ● ● Tae Kwon Do ● ●	STEAM Makerspace - LE ● ● Ukulele ● ●	Logic Games ● ● Art Explorations ● ● ● ●	Chinese Language ● ● ● ● Sports Club ● ●
	PM 4:00-5:00		Rock Band ●		Debate ●	Middle School Social Club 4:00-7:00 PM ●
	PM 5:00-6:30				BookEnds 5:00-6:30 PM ● ●	Fun with STEM 5:00-6:00 PM ● ●

MUSIC LESSONS	Piano	Lessons may be scheduled between 12:00 - 6:00 PM Mon - Fri ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●				
	Violin	Lessons may be scheduled between 12:00 - 6:00 PM Mon - Fri (Thursday is a required group lesson.) ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●				
	Guitar			Lessons may be scheduled between 4:00 - 6:00 PM on Wed or Thu ● ● ●		

ON-SITE ACTIVITIES	Firefly Tennis	Lessons may be scheduled between 2:30 - 6:00 PM Mon - Fri ● ● ● ● ●

Music Lessons

Research has found that learning music facilitates learning in other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas. Making music involves more than the voice or fingers playing an instrument; a child learning about music has to tap into multiple skill sets, often simultaneously. In addition to a robust music curriculum within each program, Princeton Montessori School offers weekly lessons in violin, piano, and guitar for either 30, 45 or 60-minute sessions throughout the year. Violin and piano lessons are offered to students in Primary through Middle School. Guitar lessons are offered to students in Upper Elementary and Middle School. There are annual recitals as well as various performance opportunities throughout the year.

Violin Lessons

Violin lessons are offered for students beginning in Primary and continuing through Middle School, using the popular and effective Suzuki method. Dr. Suzuki taught that every child has the innate capacity to become a talented musician in a process analogous to language acquisition.

Students are mentored through the Suzuki repertoire in a weekly individual lesson and a group lesson. Parents of Primary and beginner Elementary students are expected to attend the last five minutes of their child's individual violin lesson. Group lessons are required for all violin students and are held weekly on Thursdays. Students will practice starting and stopping together, playing in tempo, and performing solos for each other.

More information will be available during the orientation meeting held on October 18, 2018, for families who are new to the violin program. Suzuki violin lessons are taught by Toyoko Kitade.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are offered to students beginning in Primary and continuing through Middle School. Piano instruction is based on the idea that every child has musical potential and all children can learn to express themselves musically. Piano students begin by learning basic skills and progress to learning scales, music theory, and performance techniques. Lessons are designed around the individual child's readiness and are supplemented when necessary, which provides a learning track of success for each student. Piano lessons are taught by Sue Ellen Miller.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons are offered to students in Upper Elementary through Middle School and focus on the basic building blocks of guitar instruction including proper playing technique, basic chord progressions, familiar beginner melodies and reading music. As students begin to master the basics, there will be an increased emphasis on listening, keeping a steady rhythm, playing with others and learning how to make the guitar a practical instrument for everyday playing. Guitar lessons are taught by Alex Mitnick.

Scheduling: Fall music lessons begin the week of September 10, 2018, and include 30 lessons. Music lessons are only scheduled for regular school days, not Additional Days.

Time and day of lessons are scheduled according to availability. All other registrations will be considered based on availability. Primary students may begin their lesson from 12:00 onwards; Elementary may begin their lesson from 2:30 onwards; Middle School may begin their lesson from 4:00 onwards. First consideration for schedule confirmation will be determined in late August.

Fees: 30-minute lesson \$1,530; 45-minute lesson \$2,040; 60-minute lesson \$2,290. Violin weekly group lesson \$500 (required). Music fees are billed to your TADs account.

Students who are not enrolled in the after-school program may enroll for the one day in which they need to stay for their lesson. The yearly fee is \$150 for 30 min or less, \$225 for 60 min or less, and \$300 for over 60 minutes. Parents also have the option to enroll siblings in the after-school program on those days where music lessons occur. For siblings, the after-school yearly fee is \$500 per day for each child. You may sign up for after-school sibling care on the music registration form.

REGISTER FOR MUSIC LESSONS

On-Site Activities

The lessons below are hosted by outside organizations and classes are held here at Princeton Montessori School. Please reference their links provided below to access more information and registration details.



[Firefly Tennis - Click Here!](#)

Tennis experience for children ages 3-10 enabling children to play to learn, rather than learning to play. All equipment is child-sized and provided. Small-group lessons are offered after school and are held in one of our two spacious gyms. Private or semi-private lessons are also available.

Club Details

Clubs provide creative, age-appropriate enrichment opportunities for students enrolled in Elementary through Middle School. Each club is designed to offer an engaging experience and provide opportunities for growth outside the classroom, and is taught within the framework of Montessori philosophy.

Clubs begin the week of September 17, 2018 and run through the week of May 13, 2019. Note that the age range varies for each club and is noted in the descriptions below.

Weekly participation is expected for the entire session and students are excused for illness only. The club instructors request that parents schedule all appointments and activities after the club time or on another day of the week. Students enrolled in the after-school program will join the after-school program following their club activity.

A minimum enrollment of five students is required by the enrollment deadline to run the club. Clubs will close once the maximum number of students for each club is reached.

Fees: Club fees vary. Refer to each club's detail below for fees.

Families enrolled in the after-school program have the club fees waived for participation in up to two clubs per week (exceptions apply - see details in club descriptions below). Parents may enroll siblings who are not in a club in the after-school program until 4:00 PM on club days. For siblings, the after-school yearly fee is \$500 per club day for each child. You may sign up for sibling care on the club registration form. The club fees will be billed to your family's TADs account, except where noted. Club fees are non-refundable.

MONDAY

Science Seeds for UE - S.T.E.A.M. Makerspace

Mondays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Upper Elem (Grades 3-5)

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math...STEAM education combines all of these major themes to get children thinking and learning on all levels. Join us for a year of STEAM explorations as students learn about different scientific disciplines. Students will learn how to think like an engineer, investigate like a scientist, and try their hand at some cool technology (3D printing, laser cutting, electronics). Activities include learning fun (and amazing) math tricks, discovering the world of robotics, and of course, using the students' own creative and artistic touch to personalize the projects. Instructors provided by Science Seeds, Inc.

Cost: \$750 for the year. All materials are included in the fees.

Dance and Movement

Mondays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Upper Elem (Grades 3-5)

This club will allow students to explore expression through movement. Students will stretch, decipher musicality, discover basic and complex rhythms, as well as learn the fundamentals of techniques and styles such as ballet, jazz, modern, hip hop, folk and other social dances. Opportunities for further exploration will be provided through the use of improvisational exercises and chances for the students to choreograph their own dances. The instructor will guide and encourage each student to build confidence, full body coordination, and a basic vocabulary of the different dance styles. This club is an excellent outlet for creativity and a fun way to overcome having "two left feet"! Instructors provided by BalletCNJ

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after school program.)

TUESDAY

French Language & Culture

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Lower & Upper Elem (Grades 1-5)

Comment allez-vous? Students will learn French through games, songs, stories, and cuisine in a child-friendly, immersion-based environment, taught by Ms. Sabuhi, Primary teacher. The goals of the program are to accustom children to the sounds and rhythm of the French language, introduce basic vocabulary for everyday conversation and motivate the children to communicate in French and explore French culture. Lessons will be tailored to the experience of the group. Instructor: Shazah Sabuhi

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after-school program.)

Tae Kwon Do

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Upper Elem (Grades 3-5)

Ahn's Taekwondo Academy is an authentic Korean World Taekwondo Federation-style school that has been a feature of the Montgomery Shopping Center for over 10 years. This year, they will offer this after-school club where experienced masters and instructors will teach students of all ages respect, confidence, listening skills, discipline, physical fitness, and self-defense. Emphasis is not on competition against other people; rather, students are challenged to improve their own skills at their own pace. Instructor: Ahn's Taekwondo Academy

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after-school program.) There is an additional \$25 fee for uniform, which is waived if your child already has a uniform from last year.

Rock Band

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM, Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Students are welcome to bring their musical talents of all kinds to the band, or to try something new. Designed for enthusiastic rock band performers, this program is an opportunity for students to explore the entire process of staging a full rock show: selecting material, creating transcriptions, arranging charts, rehearsing with a band and performing on stage. Instructor: Alex Mitnick

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after-school program.)

WEDNESDAY

Science Seeds for LE - S.T.E.A.M. Makerspace

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Lower Elem (Grades 1-2)

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math...STEAM education combines all of these major themes to get children thinking and learning on all levels. Join us for a year of STEAM explorations as students learn about different scientific disciplines. Students will learn how to think like an engineer, investigate like a scientist, and try their hand at some cool technology (3D printing, laser cutting, electronics). Activities include learning fun (and amazing) math tricks, discovering the world of robotics, and of course, using the students' own creative and artistic touch to personalize the projects. Instructors provided by Science Seeds, Inc.

Cost: \$750 for the year. All materials are included in the fees.

Ukulele Club

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Upper Elem (Grades 3-5)

In this fun and musical club, students will learn the fundamentals of playing the ukulele, a fun and easy instrument to learn! Playing the ukulele is not only fun, but it helps develop hand and eye coordination

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Club Details

and improves fine motor skills. In this club, children will learn how to independently move their fingers, coordinate rhythm, and read ukulele tabs. Instructor: Alex Mitnick

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after school program.) Parents will be required to purchase a ukulele and book for home practice; approximate cost \$75. Details will be provided at the first class.

THURSDAY

Logic Games

Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Upper Elem (Grades 3-5)

Games that allow children to develop concentration, critical thinking skills, abstract reasoning, problem-solving, pattern recognition, and creative thinking aid in promoting the attributes needed for 21st century success! Logic Games allows children to learn that HOW you solve a problem is more important than the solution. Once students grasp basic logic concepts, they are able to apply the same thinking to more advanced applications such as coding and programming. Please bring your willingness to learn and try new things! Instructor: TBD

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after school program.)

Art Explorations

Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Lower and Upper Elem (Grades 1-5)

Students will use their imagination and develop artistic and creative skills in Art Explorations. We will explore two dimensional and three dimensional art forms from origami to sculpture made from recyclables. Nature will be our teacher and students can look forward to outside activities! Art is for everyone, come join the fun! Instructor: Barbara Houze

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after-school program.)

Debate Club

Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 PM, Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Debate is a sport truly worthy of the Olympics – it trains students in analytical, critical, and quick thinking; persuasive speaking, note-taking, speed reading, and in-depth research. Debate not only teaches a person how to win an argument, but promotes essential life skills such as public speaking, confidence, organization, and critical thinking. These are qualities that help children to succeed in high school and beyond. In this club, students will learn the fundamentals of debate and have the possibility of association with the Garden State Debate Society, where students would have the opportunity to participate in their local debates throughout the year. Instructor TBD.

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after-school program.)

BookEnds

Thursdays, 5:00-6:30 PM (Six monthly gatherings - Oct 4, Nov 15, Feb 7, Mar 14, Apr 4, May 9); Upper Elem (Grades 3-5) with parent

BookEnds is a Parent/Child reading club which meets monthly. By reading books and discussing them together, parents share a special time with their child while helping to develop a love of reading and important language and literacy skills. BookEnds is recommended for parents and students who enjoy reading as well as those who need a little incentive. Everyone reads the book selected for the month, either

together or separately, and comes to BookEnds ready to participate in a discussion followed by a fun activity and a light dinner. Instructors vary month to month and include Elem/MS Faculty and HOS

Cost: \$200 per family (includes 6 books per family and light dinner for each session)

FRIDAY

Chinese Language & Culture

Fridays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Lower and Upper Elem (Grades 1-5)

Learning another language has multiple benefits for cognitive and social development, as well as cultivating students' interests in a foreign culture and their understanding and acceptance of differences. Beginning foreign language students want to feel, touch, smell, and see the culture and not just hear the language. Chinese culture will be incorporated into the foreign language learning and students will learn through hands-on activities. Instructor: Xiaoxi Zhang

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after-school program.)

Sports Club

Fridays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Upper Elem (Grades 3-5)

Join TGA PREMIER SPORTS for a fun-filled sports sampler! Each week, students will get exposure to and experience with a different sport including but not limited to: lacrosse, flag football, golf, ultimate frisbee, floor hockey and volleyball—one sport per week—using their time-tested joy-filled teaching style. Students will learn each sport's essentials, while enjoying individual and group-based activities. TGA's high-energy nurturing environment is sure to keep those young bodies moving, while encouraging sportsmanship and strategic thinking. All equipment is provided. Instructor: TGA Premier Sports

Cost: \$300 per child. (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after-school program.)

Fun with S.T.E.M.

Fridays, 5:00-6:00 PM, Upper Elem and Middle School (Grades 5-8)*

Promote creativity and interest in Science, Physics, Math and Coding through fun-filled exercises and hands-on experiments. The program is planned to focus on the basic philosophy of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) through skills building, problem-solving and critical thinking. Students will work in a hands-on, practical, and fun learning environment. Experiments in Physics, Electricity, Mathematical Games, Chess, programming, and coding may be included. Instructor: Debashis Sarkar. (*this club will NOT meet on Middle School Social Club dates)

Cost: \$200 (Club fee is waived for up to two clubs if enrolled in after school program.)

Middle School Social Club

Monthly gatherings on Fridays, 4:00-7:00 PM (Oct 12, Nov 2, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, April 5, May 3), Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Have fun on one Friday each month with Middle School Social Club! For each gathering, the students will suggest and vote on a destination. Possible choices may include bowling, corn maze, ice skating, roller skating, movie, laser tag, archery or some other creative destinations! Each outing will include transportation to and from school, as well as dinner. Instructor: Chris Scheid

Cost: \$200 per child

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