

Forrestdale Extra-Curricular Clubs 2018-2019

Clubs will begin the week of Monday, October 1st unless noted in description.

Please note that Forrestdale clubs operate differently from Deane-Porter clubs. Unless you are notified otherwise, it is safe to assume your children are in the club(s) they sign up for as long they choose correctly based on their grade levels. You will not need a confirmation in order to participate, but you do need to submit the club selection form and any necessary payment. Please always check the Forrestdale Club Calendar for club dates and changes. **All clubs will begin the week of October 1st.**

Chess Club

Open to students in all Forrestdale grades 4-8, chess club members will learn to use higher-level thinking skills as well as gain strategies to become competitive chess players. Students have the opportunity to play students from all grade levels. Advisor: Mr. Joe Novellino. ***Meets Monday mornings in the cafeteria at 7:45 am.***

Senior Choir

The Forrestdale Senior Choir is open to students in grades 6-8. Performances include the holiday concert, spring concert and the Tri-District Festival. Some years the choir competes at the Music in the Parks Festival at Six Flags Great Adventure. Advisor: Mrs. Barbara Leutz. ***Meets Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7:45 am in Room 113.***

Junior Choir

The Forrestdale Junior Choir is open to students in grades 4-5 who love to sing. Emphasis will be placed on vocal technique, reading vocal scores, and musicianship. The choir will perform at the "Evening of Fine Arts" in the spring. Advisor: Mrs. Barbara Leutz. ***Meets Tuesday mornings at 7:45 am in Room 113***

Debate Club

The Debate Club is open to students in grades 7-8. Students will learn public speaking, argument, and debate strategies and prepare for four competitions throughout the year at different locations in Monmouth County. . Advisor: Ms. Sullivan. ***Meets Wednesdays during Period 6: Lunch and Recess in Room 505. Additional morning meetings will take place around tournament dates.***

Drama Club

The Drama Club is open to students in grades 6-8. All students will participate in the spring musical in February. Auditions and rehearsals begin in October. Advisor: Mrs. Barbara Leutz. ***Rehearsals are after school on days and dates to be announced to participants, with evening and weekend rehearsals near the opening of the show.***

Environmental Club

Open to students in grades 6-8. Students will be able to participate in the environmental issue they feel passionate about: clean beaches, clean water, clean air, recycling, and more! Activities involve making posters or games to educate the community about the issues; participating in beach sweeps, park cleanups, or dune planting; teaching younger students about the issues...lots of ways to get involved. ***Club will meet Thursdays after school in Mrs. Crow's room.*** Calendar of specific meetings and events will be posted on Google classroom. Starts October 11. **Community Service hours given for outside event participation.**

The Forrestdale School Band Program

Open to students in grades 5-8, the Forrestdale band program is an excellent way for students to learn a new instrument and have fun making music with their peers. Students are introduced to the program at the end of their fourth grade year, with instruction beginning the following September. In addition to a weekly small group instrumental music lesson, students play in one of three concert bands and may also audition to play in the Forrestdale Jazz Ensemble. The bands have a proud tradition and have received top awards at Music in the Parks festivals. Band members give a variety of performances, including school concerts, pep rallies, parades, festivals, and the eighth grade graduation ceremony. Advisor: Mr. John Lebitsch. Bands are currently scheduled to meet in the band room at the following times:

Beginning Band – *Friday mornings 7:45*

Intermediate Band – *Monday & Wednesday mornings 7:45*

Advanced Band – *Tuesday & Thursday mornings 7:45*

Jazz Ensemble – *Tuesday afternoons 3:15-4:30*

Math Club

Students in Algebra 1 or Geometry can volunteer to join the MathCounts Math Club! Those students who join the Math Club will have the opportunity to tryout to compete in the National MathCounts Competition. The competition team consists of 10 eighth graders or 8th grade level students. The purpose of the club is to enrich/challenge those students who are gifted in mathematics. If no more than 10 students are interested, no tryouts will need to be held for the actual competition team. The Middlesex/Monmouth County Chapter Competition will be in February, 2018. Advisor: Mrs. Lisa Jacobowitz. ***Meeting times and days will be determined based on student schedules and will be announced by the advisor.***

BCB

The BCB (Student Announcements Club) is a great opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to develop and use their talents for the benefit of Forrestdale School. Students can improve their public speaking skills and also participate in hands-on activities in creating an actual TV production that airs for the entire student population of Forrestdale as the student announcements. Advisor: Mr. Chris Macioch. ***Meets every morning from 7:45-8:25 am in the Innovation Lab.***

Paw Print Press

The Paw Print Press, Forrestdale's student newspaper, is open to students in all Forrestdale grades 4-8. The *Paw Print Press* focuses on informative articles in each issue and looking at current events for inspiration in writing. Participating students will make local, national, and international news a regular part of their lives, reporting on events that affect the Rumson community. Advisor: Mrs. Jamie Burns and Ms. Nancy Kegelman. All members are expected to attend all meetings. ***Meets Friday mornings in Mrs Burns room at 7:45.***

Spirit Club

The Forrestdale Spirit Club is open to all students in grades 6-8 who want to help promote enthusiasm for Forrestdale in all kinds of ways, including cheering on our basketball teams and creating fun ways to bring Bulldog supporters together. Spirit Club is responsible for promoting Spirit Week and the annual Holy Cross basketball game. Advisor: Ms. Meghan Kain. ***Meets in Ms. Kain's classroom, in Room 200 on Wednesday mornings at 8AM, starting December 1st and ending March 1st.***

STEM Club

Grade 4 - 8

The STEM, or STEAM Club, is open to students in grades 4 - 8. Students will participate in inquiry-based projects that will ignite their intellectual potential and curiosity in science, technology, engineering, and math related fields. In a team with peers, students will collaborate and follow the steps of the engineering design process in order to try and meet the challenges presented. Students will be intrigued, inspired, and challenged.

Advisors: Miss Brittaney Flynn *Meets on every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:45 am in Miss Flynn's science room.*

Yearbook

Open to students in grade 8, the yearbook staff are responsible for designing/selecting the cover, taking pictures, creating pages, and organizing the Forrestdale yearbook. The meeting schedule will vary according to publication deadlines. Advisors: Ms. Kain and Ms. Bagnell. *Meets every other Monday afternoon in Ms. Bagnell's classroom.*

Yoga Club

Open to grades 4-6. Yoga club will run for three, six-week sessions throughout the school year. Yoga will engage all students physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. Students will learn poses to increase flexibility, strength, coordination, body awareness, and self esteem in a non competitive way. Yoga will also allow students to develop self relaxation, and stress management techniques useful in our busy society and school year. *Meets Tuesday mornings at 7:45 in the health room 413. Feel free to bring your own mat and comfortable clothing. Mats will be provided if you need one! Club starts on October 23rd.*

Forrestdale Club Selection Form 2018-2019

Name of Student _____ Grade _____ HR _____

I have already paid \$75 for a sports registration _____

\$75 club registration Fee enclosed: _____

of clubs I will be participating in _____ @\$25 Each _____ total \$ _____

Total amount enclosed _____

Using the extra-curricular activities description information as a guide, please check off the club(s) in which you plan to participate this year. Please note that all clubs are not guaranteed to run as this will be based on enrollment. This form and a check for your total amount, should be returned by Friday, September 28th. All checks should be made payable to **Rumson Board of Education**. Clubs are scheduled to begin the week of October 1st. **Remember, if you have already paid for the \$75 fee for a fall sport at Forrestdale, your club fee was already included. Bring this form and payment to the main office, there will be a collection box on the main counter.** Keep the club descriptions so you know the meeting times. **You can also access the club calendar on the Forrestdale page of the website for live updates on clubs.**

I plan to participate in the following club(s):

- Chess Club: For grades 4-8
- Senior Choir: For grades 6-8
- Junior Choir: For grades 4-5
- Debate Club: For grades 7-8
- Drama Club: For grades 6-8
- Forrestdale Band Program: For grades 5-8. Please circle group(s) that apply to you.
Beginning Band , Intermediate Band, Advanced Band, Jazz Ensemble
- Math League: For Algebra 1 and Geometry students.
- STEM: For grades 4-8
- BCB: For grades 6-8
- Paw Print Press Newspaper: For grades 4-8
- Spirit Club: For grades 6-8
- Environmental Club: For grades 6-8
- Yearbook: For grade 8
- Yoga: For grades 4-6

