



FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents or Guardian,

Great news! Fernandina Beach Middle School has an after-school enrichment program that provides our students with homework help, tutoring and exciting teams/clubs. This program is called Middle Mania, and our focus is in meeting students' needs for a well-rounded education, safe and healthy schools and effective use of technology. Students who participate will need to provide their own snack. Students will have the opportunity to participate in tutoring/homework help as well as extracurricular teams/clubs based on their interests. We will be offering the following teams/clubs: ELL Team, Fitness and Health Team, Beyond Books Team, International Team, Science/Stem Team, and Homework Help Team for all grades. This is a brief description of each Team.

International Team-(Thursday) Club members will learn basic facts about a featured country: realize where in the world it is located, discuss its unique customs and traditions, practice saying several greeting words in the official language, listen to its folk music, try its food, and when possible- listen to a guest speaker who comes from that country. Club members will then document their journey and what they learned about the featured country in a "passport" type of journal that they use each time the club meets. Together, we celebrate the home cultures of our student body and the school community while learning about cultures and places we hope to visit one day. Hosted by **Mrs. Szirmai**.

Civics Club-(Monday) The eighth-grade social studies curriculum consists of the following content area strands: Civics, Geography, and Economics. The primary content for the course pertains to the principles, functions, and organization of government; the origins of the American political system; the roles, rights, responsibilities of United States citizens; and methods of active participation in our political system.

The course is embedded with strong geographic and economic components to support civic education instruction. Civics Course Curriculum: Explanation of Civics, Forms of Government, Roots of American Democracy, The Constitution, Constitutional Amendments, The Bill of Rights, Supreme Court Cases, Political Parties, Voting, Elections, Influencing the government, Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, The Legal System State, and Local Governments. Host by **Mrs. Janzen**

Fitness and Health Team-(8th grade boys Monday, 6th & 7th grade boys Tuesday and All Girls Thursday)
Participants must have a current **PHYSICAL** on file! Fitness and health are fundamental to the overall well-

being of a person. Too often youth overlook a healthy lifestyle for the more sedentary, playing video games or wasting their time on social media. I want to teach students the foundations for long term health through weight training and exercise. By teaching basic weightlifting techniques and movements, students will both strengthen their bodies and minds as they learn good habits that can last a lifetime. My ultimate goal is to create a school climate that promotes health and strength to empower our student body. Hosted by **Mr. Green**.

Beyond the Books-(Tuesday) Join **Ms. Bushnell**-our 7th & 8th grade ELA teacher for the "Beyond the Books" club. Members will choose which book to explore over a 4-week period. What's more, we will create crafts and sample foods that mirror themes, setting, and characters within the novel.

Garden Team- (Every other Thursday) The purpose of the Garden Club is to enrich the science curriculum through hands-on education. The students will learn about native species to Florida and their importance in our ecosystem's sustainability. They will learn how to care for a garden through watering, weeding, pruning, and watching for invasive plants and insects. The majority of our garden beds are pollinator gardens so we will also focus on the pollinators in our area. In the spring we will learn about the native butterflies and watch their metamorphosis. Students will also have the opportunity to teach the group about an area of gardening that they are passionate about. **Hosted by Mrs. Haynes**.

Sign-Language Club-(Tuesday) Ever want to learn another language? Have you ever wanted to know how to communicate with a person who uses sign language?

Join the teacher of the Deaf/hard of hearing and our certified interpreter to learn this amazing language. You probably know some signs already. Sign language is not only about how to use your hands but includes body and facial movements to express information.

What do I need to join or have any prior knowledge of sign language?

Some prior knowledge of sign language will be helpful, but not necessary. We will cover the basics of sign language during this time. We will explore the handshapes of letters, numbers, ASL grammar, and interactive activities to improve both receptive and expressive sign language skills. You will learn the 5 parameters of sign language. You will understand a non-manual marker. We will teach you how to use basic sign phrases and sentences while building your sign language vocabulary. We will play games and other concepts in music with information unique to the culture of the Deaf communicator. **Hosted by Mr. Loomis**

ELL/Spanish Team-(Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday)The ELL/Spanish Team will engage in activities that will help them become more fluent in the English language. They will interact with other students and teachers, re-enforcing their self-esteem and be able to practice their conversational communication daily. This program gives them a well-rounded educational opportunity and use of technology to help them improve their English, become better readers and more comfortable in a different culture. **Hosted by Mrs. Rodriguez**,

Homework Help Team- (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) Homework help Team is a safe, supportive, and productive environment that assists students in completing their homework. Homework help team is a great opportunity for students who are struggling to finish assignments in class. They will get the extra support they need to stay on track. All students will be provided with highly trained tutors. **Hosted by Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Bushnell, Mrs. Miranda**

Our anticipated start date for Middle Mania will be **Monday, November 1, 2021** and will conclude services on Thursday, April 28, 2022. The following dates are the dates that Middle Mania will not Meet: **Nov. 11, 23, 24 Dec.16-Jan.3, Jan.3,17 Feb. 21, March 14-18.**

Students' spots in Middle Mania will be reserved on a first come first-served basis, so please return your application for this wonderful opportunity at your earliest convenience if you are interested in having your child(ren) participate in this program. Attendance for this program is essential to your child's success, so it will be monitored closely. Students with numerous absences may be replaced with students on the waiting list.

Application forms for this program are enclosed. Please complete the attached page and return to the front office of the school. Students who are selected to participate in this program will be notified. Once the program begins on November 21, 2021, students are to report to the cafeteria right after school to sign in, eat their snack, and listen to announcements prior to being dismissed into their Teams.

We hope that you will take advantage of this exciting program that will allow your child the opportunity to receive homework help or extracurricular teams that promote physical activity and technological prowess while building a strong sense of community and camaraderie with peers in interest-based team activities.

We will meet from 3:30-5:00pm on either: Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays. Students need to be picked up at 5:00pm sharp, after three failures to pick up on time will result immediate dismissal from the program.

Please keep this form throughout the school year to remain aware of the dates of the program.

Sincerely,

Ashley Morris

Middle Mania Coordinator

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Please place an X next to your student's selected Team(s) and corresponding day(s) that your student will be participating:

ELL/Spanish Team -Monday_____ Tuesday_____ Thursday_____

International Team-Thursday_____

Garden Team-Every other Thursday_____

Civics Team-Monday_____

Beyond the Book Team-Tuesday_____

Sing-Language Team-Tuesday_____

Fitness and Health Team-Mon _____ Tues _____ Thursday _____

Homework Help Team-Monday_____ Tuesday_____ Thursday_____

*This form must be returned with your student's permission form, for your child to be able to participate. If your child is taking part in Fitness and Health Team, they MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE!



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Middle Mania

Parent Permission Form -Please Print-

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Relationship to Student _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

- Child Allergies? Yes _____ No _____ To What? _____

Treatment? _____

- Is your child on any medication? What? _____

- Medical condition? _____

- Who will be pick up at 5:00pm? _____

Name

Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Signature (signifies that I will abide by Rules and Regulations) _____ Date _____