

Samuel Mickle Clubs and Instrumental Program 2017-2018



Samuel Mickle School is proud to offer a variety of clubs and instrumental music programs which target the various interests and pursuits of our students. Our students will be afforded the opportunity to participate in a club or activity, and have fun in the process! It is important to note that all clubs meet at specific times and days with specific attention to grade levels. Additionally, you can view the meeting schedule for any of these offerings by accessing the district website (<http://www.eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us/sms>). If you have any specific questions about a particular club, please contact the club advisor.

Buzz Buddies Mentor Club

Meeting Times: Thursdays 3:20-4:15

Grade Levels: 3-6

MEETS ALL YEAR

"Buzz Buddies" Mentor Club provides Clark and Mickle students with the opportunity to work collaboratively on a variety of projects throughout the year. The club will focus on building social skills, providing team-building opportunities, and fostering positive friendships between younger and older students.

Mentors may be asked to do the following:

- Be a peer buddy for a new student or a student that could use a friend.
- Give new students a tour around the school to help them become comfortable in their new environment.
- Speak to 2nd graders about transitioning to Samuel Mickle.
- Assist with 2nd grade building tours at the end of the year.
- Help set up equipment for Field Day.
- Be a reading buddy to a younger student.
- Meet to discuss strategies for being a mentor to their peers.

Advisors: Ms. Kuhen (kuhens@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us);

Mrs. Lombardo (lombardok@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

Chorus Club

Meeting Times: Grade 4: Mondays 3:20-4:15pm (Start Date: 9/25)

Grade 5: Thursdays 3:20-4:15pm (Start Date: 9/28)

Grade 6: Tuesdays 3:20-4:15pm (Start Date: 9/26)

Grade Levels: 4-6

Winter Season (Sept-Dec)

Spring Season (Jan-May)

Chorus Club is open to any student in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Students do not need to know how to sing in order to join. Chorus Club is a great opportunity for students to develop their singing skills, explore a variety of music from different styles and cultures, and get an experience to perform live on stage. During rehearsals students learn proper vocal techniques, musical literacy, diction, performance etiquette, and musicianship. As a group, we will prepare for two formal school concerts (winter and spring), and 6th grade will have the opportunity to perform in additional community performances throughout the year.

Advisor: Mrs. Zimmerman (zimmermana@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

Drama Club

Meeting Times: Wednesdays and Fridays 3:20-4:15

Grade Level: 5

SPRING ONLY

Theater is a wonderful way for children to learn how to act, sing and be creative. It also helps create a special bond with other children who have the same interests. By the end of this program, your child will have learned about different aspects of theater, become a better speaker, and most importantly, participate in a great show for their friends and family!

Advisors: Mr. Hammell (hammellg@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us); **Mrs. Messina** (messinam@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

Drawing and Painting

Meeting Times: Grade 4: Wednesdays 3:20-4:00p
Grade 5: Tuesdays 3:20-4:00p

**Grade Levels: 4-5
FALL AND SPRING**

Students will receive teacher-led formal instruction on technical skills and then students will draw from life, photos and imagination. They will build and then draw still life. Students will keep a sketchbook of their work and by the end of the session will complete 1-2 canvas paintings.

Advisor: Mrs. Benedetto (benedettod@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

Lunch Bunch

Meeting Times: 3rd Grade: Bi-weekly during Lunch and Recess
4th Grade: Bi-weekly during Lunch and Recess
5th Grade: Bi-weekly during Lunch and Recess
6th Grade: Once a week during Lunch and Recess

**Grade Levels: 3-6
MEETS ALL YEAR**

Lunch Bunch is an organization that provides students with the opportunity to be leaders and role models within their school community. The organization encourages students to develop, plan, and coordinate spirit activities, service projects, and fundraisers that will support both local and national communities. This year Lunch Bunch will also be highlighting our Character Education program through the development of monthly activities and assemblies. We want our students to have a sense of pride and ownership in all that we plan throughout the year. In addition, 3rd/4th grade Lunch Bunch will be focusing on enhancing our school community through the implementation of the Learning Garden, which will be a creative outdoor space for students and teachers to enjoy. Lunch Bunch is also a stepping stone for middle school, high school, and future endeavors.

Advisors: 3rd Grade: Mrs. Douie, Ms. Graham, Ms. Minniti

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4th Grade: Ms. Connor, Mrs. Lerch, Mrs. Lombardo

(connork@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us), (lerchj@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us), (lombardok@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

5th Grade: Mrs. Phillips, Ms. DeLuca

(phillipst@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us), (delucab@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

6th Grade: Mrs. Cavanaugh, Ms. Marghilano

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Lunch Bunch Coordinator: Ms. Kuhen (kuhens@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

Mural Arts

Meeting Times: Mondays 3:20-4:00p

**Grade Level: 6
FALL AND SPRING**

Students will break into groups and address school mural needs (including Clark). They will then divide the assignments into teams and plan the discussed subject and location of the murals. They will then take their plans and put them into action. Students will use the walls of Mickle and Clark buildings as their canvases and create murals that will include themes of character, world peace, citizenship and sustainability.

Advisor: Mrs. Benedetto (benedettod@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

News Crew

Meeting Times: Monday and Tuesday 8:00-8:30a
Monday and Tuesday Lunch

Grade Level: 5-6
MEETS ALL YEAR

Our mission is to collaborate in writing, revising, and editing the morning announcements and daily news for the students of Samuel Mickle School. Students will use technology to type scripts, share docs, research events, and record the daily news shows. Students are encouraged to manipulate new technology and practice their public speaking skills.

Advisor: Ms. Macaluso (macaluson@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

STEAM Club

Meeting Times: Tuesdays 3:20-4:15p

Grade Levels: 4-5
Grade 5: FALL; Grade 4: SPRING

Are you interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math? Would you love the opportunity to further explore Science? The S.T.E.A.M Club is for you! Students will engage in fun, hands-on activities that combine science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

Advisors: Mrs. Phillips (phillipst@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us);

Miss DeLuca (delucab@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

Yearbook Club

Meeting Times: Thursdays 3:20-4:00p

Grade Level: 6
MEETS ALL YEAR

The yearbook club is responsible for producing the annual 6th Grade Yearbook. Sixth Grade students have the opportunity to learn basic photography, the interview process, layout and design, and distribution. We are looking for students who are self-motivated, cooperative, and responsible. Students need to be comfortable using computers. Creativity is a plus! This club meets all year.

Advisors: Ms. Marghilano (marghilanof@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us);

Mrs. Cavanaugh (cavanaughk@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

Instrumental Music Program

Strings Club

Meeting Times: Day 3 - 7:50-8:20am

Grade Level: 3-6

MEETS ALL YEAR

The Strings students who have had previous periods of instrumental training are invited into this string orchestra, as well as their lesson during the week. In this ensemble we are focusing on performance skills and other musical ideas such as theory, instrumental technique, ensemble blending, understanding roles in an ensemble and various aspects of being a string musician.

String students will be pulled from class once a week for lessons. The string club will perform twice a year. Once in December and again in the spring with all strings students. This club will help prepare students for the middle school ensemble and future musical experiences!

String Teacher: Kate Wyatt (wyattk@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

Fourth Grade Choir Chimes

Meeting Times: Tuesdays 3:20-4:00

Grade Level: 4

MEETS ALL YEAR

Each year a group of 15 fourth graders have the opportunity to participate in a performing after-school music enrichment group called Choir Chimes on an audition basis. There is no cost to the parents and no prior experience playing an instrument, or reading music is necessary to participate or to try out.

Choir Chimes are similar to hand bells. Each student is responsible for one note (sometimes two) and it requires the whole group to perform together to hear a complete composition. Rehearsal, therefore, is not done at home, but occurs at school as a complete group. The group meets once weekly in Mr. Stocker's classroom in preparation for performance in Winter and Spring Concerts. At the audition, the children will be given a mini-lesson on the techniques involved in playing choir chimes and then will be given the chance to play. Fifteen participants will be selected based on Grip, Rhythmic Accuracy, Confidence, and Behavior.

Director: Mr. Stocker (stockerg@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

Fifth Grade Band

Meeting Times: Mondays and Thursdays 3:20-4:00

Grade Level: 5

MEETS ALL YEAR

AFTER-SCHOOL PRACTICE STARTS AFTER THANKSGIVING

In September, a group of professional musicians are brought in to perform an assembly for the entire 5th Grade to demonstrate the band instruments. Included are the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, as well as drums and percussion. There are try-outs for participation in the drums/percussion section prior to registration. No prior experience necessary.

Interested children choose a first and second choice of instrument, and then are registered to play. Those who try out for drums and are not selected to play drums may still join band and study their second choice of instrument chosen on the registration forms that will be provided to all 5th graders in September.

Band members begin by meeting once weekly, all year, in a small group instrumental lesson with Mr. Stocker which takes place during school in place of another class. It is the student's responsibility to make up any work missed while at the weekly lesson. Our teachers are very supportive of our instrumentalists and work with every band member to ensure success is achieved both in learning their instrument, and making up any missed work.

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Sixth Grade Band

Meeting Times: Wednesdays and Fridays 3:20-4:00

Grade Level: 6**MEETS ALL YEAR**

Upon promotion from 5th to 6th grade, the former 5th grade band members as second year players, form the 6th Grade Band and prepare for performances in both Winter and Spring. Students who have no playing experience may join the sixth grade band by first arranging private instrumental music instruction in an effort to bring their development on their instrument in line to the same level of ability as the second year players which make up the 6th Grade Band.

Band members participate all year in a weekly small group instrumental lesson which takes place during another class. It is the student's responsibility to make up any work missed. Our teachers are very supportive of our instrumentalists and work with every band member to ensure success is achieved both in learning their instrument, and making up any missed work.

The children perform at a high level of musicianship and have opportunities to perform in outside groups such as the South Jersey Elementary Honors Band. Students who excel can prepare to audition to perform as a member of the South Jersey Jr. HS Band.

Over the years our Band has performed out of District in many venues including: The Educational Expo at the Deptford Mall, The Mt. Zion Church, The Wells Fargo Center Harlem Globetrotters Game, Kingsway HS, Superintendent's Roundtable Luncheon at Scotland Run Country Club, and various festivals and competitions.

Students entering Kingsway will have the opportunity to join the Jazz, concert or the award winning Marching band who this year earned the rank of National Champions in competition!

Director: Mr. Stocker (stockerg@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)