



Needham Community Education

NCE

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT OPTIONS

FALL 2019

Session Dates:

October 15th to December 16th

Needham Community Education is pleased to offer high quality after school enrichment opportunities for High Rock and Pollard Middle School students. **NCE Middle School** classes are taught by Needham Public School staff, community members, as well as other qualified professionals, and are designed to give students a chance to connect and learn beyond the classroom in a fun, engaging, and relaxed environment. Classes will be held at POLLARD Middle School. Have a sixth grader attending High Rock Middle School? No problem! NCE offers transportation to Pollard. Come join the fun!

REGISTRATION opens October 2nd at 7am.

Go to <http://www.schoolpay.com/link/NCEMidFall2019>

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Needham Community Education

Needham Community Education (NCE) is an office of the Needham Public Schools and combines a number of out-of-school time programs into one administrative office. Programs are self-sustaining and include elementary and middle school after school programs, Adult Education, Summer Explorations and other summer programs, Kindergarten Enrichment (KASE) and more.

Through **NCE MIDDLE SCHOOL** we hope to provide quality lifelong learning experiences that are accessible to middle school students. We seek to offer interesting educational, cultural, and skill-building classes at a reasonable cost. To view this catalog online, please visit our website at www.needham.k12.ma.us (click on Community Ed). Call us at 781-455-0400 x235 for more information, or to offer suggestions for courses or teachers.

Contact Information: School Administration Building, 1st Floor
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Needham, MA 02492
Telephone: 781-455-0400 x11235
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Website: http://www.needham.k12.ma.us/community_ed/nce___middle
Office Hours: 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday

NEEDHAM NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Needham Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability, and ensure that all students and employees have equal rights of access and equal enjoyment of the opportunities, advantages, privileges and courses of study.

Fall 2019

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**Please note the start and end dates for some classes differ as noted in the class descriptions.*

CLASS DETAILS *(in alphabetical order)*

BATTLEBOTS

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

iCode Instructor

This course is designed to introduce the basics of Robotics and Design of Combat Robots to students. Using the Lego EV3 Mindstorms students will build a combat Robot. At the end of the course, the teams will compete against each other in the robot arena!

POLLARD

WEDNESDAYS: 8 weeks, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Dates: 10/16– 12/11

Class held on early release dates.

Fee: \$279

BLAST: BABYSITTING LESSONS & SAFETY TRAINING

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

Natick Visiting Nurse Association Instructor

The **BLAST (Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training)** program provides training in pediatric first aid, household safety, and the fundamentals of childcare. In addition, this course helps prepare children to interview for a babysitting job, select safe and suitable games and activities, prevent accidents, and begin babysitting safely and competently. Topics covered include: feeding, burping a baby, spoon-feeding, crying, and preparing for bed, behavioral problems, and discipline.

POLLARD

SATURDAY: 10am-1pm

Date: October 19th

Fee: \$79

CHESS

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

Mr. Krasik

Taught by chess masters, the NCE chess class will prepare you for competitive play. Whether you have only recently learned how to play, or you're already a competent competitor, your skills will be further advanced and your love for the game will blossom.

POLLARD

MONDAYS: 7 weeks, 3:00pm–4:00pm

Dates: 10/21 – 12/9 *(No class 11/11)*

Fee: \$179

CROSSFIT KIDS

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

ONE Nation Fitness Staff Member

Using a combination of calisthenics, running, rowing, jumping, throwing, carrying, pushing, pulling, climbing and lifting (the stuff we used to call 'playing') we encourage kids to LOVE exercise. Some of our favorite games, American Ninja, relay races, obstacle courses, dodge ball, and capture the flag are blended with traditional fitness movements to make class fun for the kids!

POLLARD

WEDNESDAYS: 6 weeks, 2:50pm-3:50pm

Dates: 10/16 – 12/18

(No class 10/23, 11/6, 11/27, & 12/11)

Fee: \$99

HIGH ROCK

FRIDAYS: 8 weeks, 2:45pm-3:45pm

Dates: 10/18 – 12/13

(No class 11/29)

Fee: \$139

ENGINEERING DESIGN WOODSHOP: BEGINNERS AND ADV BEGINNERS

Grades: 7-8

Dan Courmoyer, Engineering Design Teacher & Instructional Technology Specialist, and Chuck Dome, Pollard Special Education Teaching Assistant

If you enjoy creating things, using tools, and working with wood, join us for this woodworking and design class to develop your skills and work on projects of your own choosing. You will gain basic woodworking skills as well as engineering design skills as you tap into your creativity to design and build unique projects in this fully hands-on class. Each student will learn tool and shop safety as they gain confidence in handling first hand tools and then power tools. To ensure safety, students must be able to follow directions carefully, and handle tools as instructed. As you work on your projects, you will learn about various building materials, and use math, science and engineering processes to aid your work. Join us to build, create, and learn! Limited to 10 students.

POLLARD

TUESDAYS: 8 weeks, 2:50-4:50pm

Dates: 10/15 – 12/10

(No class 11/26)

Fee: \$229

FLAG FOOTBALL

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

Jack Baker, Pollard Teacher

Brought back by popular demand! Flag football is non-stop action. Running, throwing, catching, and dodging opponents is an awesome way for students to interact with peers, remain active, and stay warm throughout the fall! Warm clothes recommended!

POLLARD

TUESDAYS: 6 weeks, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Dates: 10/15 – 11/19

Fee: \$79

FOOD SCIENCE & MOLECULAR GASTRONOMY

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

The Culinary Arts Experience Instructor

Molecular Gastronomy is a modern take on cooking that breaks many of the traditional food rules. Come and explore the science of cooking using creative techniques, ingredients, and hacks. Learn how to prepare common foods using uncommon methods. See how we can unlock the potential of simple ingredients!

Allergy Alert: Children will be eating and working with food products during this course. Please alert us to any food allergies when registering.

POLLARD

FRIDAYS: 6 weeks, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Dates: 10/18 – 11/22

Fee: \$209

HIGH ROCK ART CLUB

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

Ms. Krantz, High Rock Art Instructor

Do you love to draw and create? Join the High Rock Art Club! Students will construct their own sketch books, construct and glaze a clay piece, paint, and explore some mixed media crafts like paper assemblage and collage.

HIGH ROCK

THURSDAYS: 6 weeks, 2:45pm-3:45pm

Dates: 10/17 – 11/21

Fee: \$99

MAGIC: THE GATHERING

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

Mr. Sanders, Pollard Instructor

Come be a part of the original trading card game phenomenon! Become a Planeswalker, build your deck of creatures, equipment, and spells, and battle others for control of the plane and ultimate bragging rights. Don't know how to play? No problem. We'll teach you. Don't have cards of your own? Use some of ours and build your own deck. Have fun, learn a new skill, and meet some cool new gamer friends!

POLLARD

TUESDAYS: 6 weeks, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Dates: 10/15 – 11/19

Fee: \$39

PHOTOGRAPHY

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

Ms. Sartori, NHS Arts Instructor

This introductory course will change the way students see the world through visual imagery. Students will learn how to photograph through specific techniques used by professional photographers all around the world. They will learn how to upload and edit their images to look more visually appealing. From using cell phone cameras to DSLR's students will use creative problem solving to develop a product they can be proud of.

POLLARD

THURSDAYS: 6 weeks, 3:30pm-4:30pm

Dates: 10/17 – 11/21

Fee: \$99

VIDEO GAME DESIGN

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

Empow Studios Instructor

Kids love playing video games, but they have even more fun playing games designed by them and their friends! Video Game Design encompasses storytelling, pixel art, and object-oriented programming, all through a user-friendly, 2D game design platform. Our non-violence policy keeps the games cringe-free!

POLLARD

THURSDAYS: 8 weeks, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Dates: 10/17 – 12/12 (No class 11/28)

Fee: \$209

WRESTLING CLINIC

Grades: 6, 7, & 8

Jonathan Boliviar, Former NHS wrestler

Whether you are a new or experienced wrestler, Mr. Boliviar, will introduce you to the fundamentals of folk style wrestling and develop your skills. A proven balance of group work and one-on-one attention will allow you to learn and improve during this program. The coach will create an environment that fosters hard work and competition, with an emphasis on fun and sportsmanship. Please wear a t-shirt and shorts, and bring a water bottle. The coaches recommend that you bring wrestling shoes, headgear, and a mouth guard (for any wrestler with braces).

NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

(Wrestling Room)

WEDNESDAYS: 6 weeks, 6:15-7:30pm

Dates: 10/16 – 11/20

Class will be held on early release days.

Fee: \$139

YOGA

Grades: 6, 7 & 8

One Nation Fitness Instructor

Yoga provides this age group with essential life tools: fosters body awareness; gives them a sense of achievement and empowerment; helps them to discover themselves, bolsters self-belief; provides them with connections/relationships, communication and trust; boosts their self-esteem and self-confidence. This class is alive with creativity, partner and group poses, ending with relaxation and massage. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

POLLARD

MONDAYS: 8 weeks, 2:50pm-3:50pm

Dates: 10/21 – 12/16

(No class 11/11)

Fee: \$139

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Registration opens on October 2nd at 7am. All registrations (with the exception of scholarship registrations) must be made online through School Pay: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/NCEMidFall2019> Please note that some classes fill quickly. Registrations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register early to avoid being closed out. **No refunds will be made once a registration is processed.** Classes may be cancelled by NCE due to low enrollment, so please register early. Classes cancelled by NCE will be refunded in full. Refunds will be made by check and may take up to three weeks.

Scholarship assistance is available to students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch (one class per student each session). To request a scholarship, please contact NCE at 781-455-0400 x11235.

Wait Lists: If you would like to add your child to a wait list for a full class, please email Alyssa Handler, at Alyssa_Handler@needham.k12.ma.us. Include the class name, location, your child's name, and your best daytime phone number(s).

Please note that no nurse will be on duty during NCE Middle School programs, and staff members have no access to medications, including EpiPens and inhalers. If your child requires an EpiPen, please deliver an EpiPen and a copy of your child's Allergy Action Plan to the NCE Middle School On-Site Coordinator on the first day of the program. If these items are not provided, staff will call 911 in the event of an apparent allergic reaction. If your child will be bringing his/her inhaler, please provide the On-Site Coordinator with a note indicating 1) that your child can self-administer and 2) that you have provided the school nurse with a copy of the medical order for the inhaler.

If the Needham Public Schools are closed or released early due to inclement weather, after-school classes will be cancelled. Make-up classes will be scheduled if possible.

All school policies outlined in the school Student Handbook apply to NCE Middle School classes.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL INFORMATION

High Rock students attending NCE Middle School Enrichment Programs are eligible for bus transportation to Pollard. If a student possesses a bus pass, he/she should ride his/her assigned bus to Pollard. If a student does not possess a bus pass, he/she will be advised (at dismissal time) as to which bus to board.

Supervision will be provided for High Rock and Pollard students from 2:20-2:50pm. Students will be met in the lobby area and brought to the cafeteria to have a snack (brought from home), relax, and start homework if they choose. Students should NOT be wandering the halls before the NCE classes!

An on-site coordinator will be available each day of classes to provide support for the classes, and to ensure an orderly dismissal. Students may walk home or get picked up after their after-school class.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please feel free to contact:
Needham Community Education Office, 781-455-0400 x11235 or x11222

e-mail: Alyssa_Handler@needham.k12.ma.us

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

ATTENTION: If you speak a language other than English, language assistance services are available to you free of charge. Contact Student Support Services at 781-455-0400 x213 or penny_belezos@needham.k12.ma.us for assistance.

ATENCIÓN: Si usted habla un idioma que no sea el inglés, hay servicios de asistencia lingüística disponibles gratis. Contacte Servicios de Apoyo para Estudiantes al 781-455-0400 x213 o penny_belezos@needham.k12.ma.us para que le ayudemos.

ATENÇÃO: Se fala um idioma diferente do Inglês, os serviços de assistência linguística estão disponíveis gratuitamente para si. Entre em contato com os Serviços de Apoio ao Aluno através do número 781-455-0400 x213 ou penny_belezos@needham.k12.ma.us para obter assistência.

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы не говорите на английском языке, для вас доступны бесплатные сервисы на вашем языке. Обратитесь в службу поддержки студентов по телефону 781-455-0400 x213 или по email penny_belezos@needham.k12.ma.us.