

Sam Hughes Community School

2019-2020 3RD QUARTER COURSE CATALOG

Art

1st-2nd, 2nd-5th

Art Exploration will offer a comprehensive survey of art using real artist materials and techniques and drawing from contemporary and historical art. Students will begin with two-dimensional materials, working on drawing and painting. Later they will progress to three-dimensional formats with ceramics, sculpture and more.

Instructor **Andrew Tegarden** is a PhD student in Art and Visual Culture Education at U of A, where he studies art of the borderlands. He teaches art education to undergraduates studying to be teachers.



Capoeira

2nd-5th



Capoeira, pronounced kah-poh-AIR-uh, is a Brazilian martial art created by African slaves in the 1500s. To be able to practice openly, they disguised the fighting elements with dance, music and acrobatics. Today capoeira is the national sport of Brazil. Students will learn

basic techniques while improving body strength, flexibility, and coordination. Instructor **Bryan Castle** has been practicing capoeira for nearly 20 years.

Capoeira Juniors

K-1st

This class is capoeira geared specifically toward kindergarteners and first graders, with an emphasis on tumbling and floor gymnastics, safe sparring with a pool noodle and elements of yoga. No big kids here to dominate the class. This class is fully focused on developing agility, flexibility and confidence in younger kids. Instructor **Bryan Castle** has been practicing capoeira for nearly 20 years.

Ceramics

2nd-4th

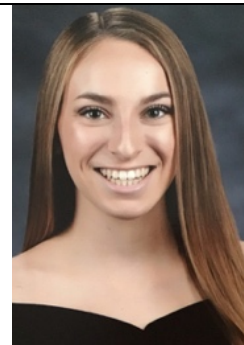
The school has a new state-of-the-art kiln. This class aims to make good use of it. Instructor **Geraldine Young** holds a masters degree in art education and has advanced training in sculpture and printmaking. She has taught art in both Texas and Arizona and currently teaches ceramics for Tucson Parks and Rec and the JCC. Ms. Gerrie is excited to explore all the possibilities our new kiln and equipment have to offer.



Choir

K-2nd

This choir is for students in grades K through 2nd (as opposed to Ms. Gascho's morning choir for 3rd to 5th graders). Students will warm up their voices with fun music-related games, encouraging them to express themselves through music. They will then learn a variety of songs, vocal techniques, styles of singing and even elements of music theory. Instructor **Olivia Bustos** is studying music education at U of A. She recently served as vocal director for a production of "Frozen Jr."



Classic Playground Games

1st-3rd



This energy-filled class will explore the classic playground games of childhood, from Red Light Green Light to Freeze Tag and more. Instructor **Darren Santos** has a background in music and elementary education but these days he works at Raytheon. His inclusive approach will allow everyone to develop and expand their knowledge of playground games, whether they are "it" or not.

Cooking

3rd-5th

Learn from the pros. This cooking class will be team-taught by executive chef **Elizabeth Mikesell**, who has been a chef instructor at Pima Community College for nearly two decades, and **Janet Taylor**, author of three cookbooks on southwestern cuisine. Mikesell and Taylor are returning to Sam Hughes; they previously taught this very popular cooking class for six years.



Drama

K-5th

From Drama Kids International: Enthusiastic students who learn to speak out clearly and relate confidently with others will have an inside track to lifetime success. Drama Kids develops all kids. We're a place where all children, from the shy to the outgoing can develop at their own pace. Our specialty is using unique drama activities to focus the bold child and to draw out the quiet child and help them reach into themselves to discover their full potential. At Drama Kids International of Tucson, we use a progressive curriculum that allows students to have some serious fun, while also enabling them to develop acting, public speaking, creative thinking, leadership, team building, networking and social skills, spontaneity, self-confidence and a positive approach to life.

Folklorico

K-3rd

Folklorico is Mexican folk dancing, a distinctive form of dance recognizable by the women's voluminous and colorful skirts. Students will practice and perform a folklorico dance routine, while also learning the stories behind the dancing. Instructor **Carmen Rocha** has been teaching folklorico at Second Street Children's School for the past four years.



Kinder Art

K

An art class for our youngest artists, geared specifically toward their abilities and sensibilities. Did you know that due to budget constraints, Sam Hughes is unable to offer art classes to kindergarteners during the school day? This class fills that void. Kindergarten is instructor **Geraldine Young's** favorite age to teach because of the wonder and joy that these young learners bring to their artwork. For more on Ms. Gerrie, see "Ceramics."

Lego Mania

K-5th

This popular class lets you go wild with all the Legos you can imagine. The only limits here are your imagination and the hour time limit. A stately mansion, a retro spaceship, a headquarters for your superheroes, a paddock for your ponies - what will your Lego creation be? Instructor **Geraldine Young** has brought new life and imagination to this class, offering a theme for each week, from Harry Potter Lego creations to explorations of flexible Legos.

Magic

3rd-5th

This class will teach the fundamentals of magic with a focus on cards, coins, and other close-up sleights and illusions. Students will develop dexterity, communication skills, confidence speaking in front of an audience and an



understanding of the psychology of performing. Instructor **C. Topher Younggren** (a.k.a. Mr. Awesome) has more than 30 years experience performing for special events from Los Angeles to New York City. "Magic is an amazing way to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds," says Mr. Awesome. "It truly is the universal language and a skill that children may carry through a lifetime."

Music Theory

K-2nd

This class will introduce students to piano-based music theory, exploring note tones and lengths, locations on the keyboard, and musical terms and concepts. Along with the theory, students will engage in a variety of fun games and activities and play simple instruments in ensembles. This is a great class for the student wishing to study a musical instrument or for the student who

wants a deeper dive into the OMA concepts that Ms. Gascho explores with them once a week. Instructor **Olivia Bustos** is studying music education at U of A.

Panda Club

3rd-5th



Back by popular demand, Panda Club will explore the language and culture of China through arts and crafts, songs, traditional food and a celebration of Chinese New Year with food and games. This class aims to help students grow in love for the culture of China. Instructor **Shoumei Fu** is a

Chinese language interpreter for TUSD. She previously taught Panda Club at Sam Hughes for five years.

Recycle Squad

K-2nd

Join the Recycle Squad to repurpose everyday recyclables into fun craft projects. Accept the challenge to find materials out of stuff you already have! Projects may include milk carton robots, bottle top musical instruments, plastic bottle birdfeeders, self-portraits recycle-style and more! Instructor **Jennifer Soule-Hill** is experienced in needle crafts, fiber arts and creating upcycled crafts. She has organized children's crafting events and sold her creations at art fairs.



Robotics and Coding

3rd-5th



This 16-week course (Jan. 21 - May 12) will introduce students to computer programming (coding) through the Edison robots curriculum. Students will program their own robots and learn about algorithms, conditionals, loops and debugging. They will have the opportunity to learn the Scratch or Python

programming languages. Instructor **Amanda Stunes** is the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) teacher at Sam Hughes.

Sewing

2nd-5th

Unlock a world of fun by learning to hand sew! Express your creativity and improve your fine motor skills as you develop this practical and life-long skill. Together we will learn how to use a variety of sewing tools, practice basic sewing and embroidery stitches, and make a few take-home projects. Projects may include designing your own knee patches, making your own character felt softie, sewing your own pillow, purse or keychain and more. For more on instructor **Jennifer Soule-Hill**, see "Recycle Squad."

Spanish

K-2nd, 2nd-5th

Learn conversational Spanish through songs, stories and games. Open doors to new peoples and cultures with your newfound language skills. Students in this class will learn common vocabulary, basic grammar and useful phrases. K-2nd instructor **Sra. Perla Aviles** is a native Spanish speaker and is the leader of Girl Scout Troop 51 based at Sam Hughes. She holds a master's in counseling and works as a family therapist. 2nd-5th instructor **Sra. Carmen Jimenez** is a native Spanish speaker, a reading tutor at Sam Hughes, and holds a master's degree in language, reading and culture. She previously taught bilingual kindergarten in Phoenix.



Yoga

K-3rd

Learn monkey pose, cat pose, bridge pose, child's pose, downward-facing dog and the many other poses that form the basis of the ancient practice of yoga. Students will develop flexibility, strength and mindfulness while having fun! Instructor **Jennifer Soule-Hill** is a certified kids yoga teacher, having completed 60 hours of kids yoga training in addition to the 200 hours required to become a certified yoga instructor. She has taught kids yoga in Colorado and Arizona.