

**MURPHY CREEK P – 8
MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIALS CHOICES
FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

In the 2017-2018 school year, students will be required to take one section of Art, Music, PE, and Technology. Below is the link that will allow you to choose your top three classes for each quarter. As you look through the specials classes offered, select classes that interest you the most in EACH subject area. Because of the unique scheduling strategies that accompany these new specials classes, students will remain in their classes of their choice for the entire 2017-18 school year. We will not conduct class changes. Please choose wisely.

You can also find this link on the front page of the Murphy Creek website.

<http://tinyurl.com/MCJetsSpecials>

Your class choices are due on Wednesday, May 3rd.

1st Quarter

Keyboard: A Day

This instructional keyboard class will teach students the theory, technique, sight-reading, listening skills, and confidence to be able to play keyboard, whether they are a beginner or ready to be a student leader in this class! Although a keyboard or piano at home is not required, students who do have a way to practice outside of the class will be able to progress faster.

Drum Set: B Day

Students in this class will get an opportunity to learn how to play the drum kit. We will begin by practicing on other drums, but everyone will get chances to try our beats on the drum set.

Drawing: A Day

Students will work on a variety of drawing based projects such as Zentangles, Japanese Manga Drawing, and Graffiti Art. Students will complete drawings in black/white and color using a variety of materials.

Photography: B Day

Photography is a form of art. In photography class students will learn how to take pictures using digital cameras, editing software, and printing. Students will be learning techniques for taking professional quality pictures. Smile!!

Ultimate Frisbee: A Day

Do you love the game of football? Are you looking for a fast-paced, very active team game to play? Become part of a team, learn how to work cooperatively with others, and develop your cardiovascular endurance too! In Ultimate Frisbee students will learn how to throw and catch a Frisbee in various ways, learn strategies to helping their team achieve success, and rules for gameplay in a fun atmosphere.

Soccer: B Day

Do you have a desire to learn and play the game of soccer? Are you looking to further your soccer skills with the hopes of playing for Murphy Creek's Soccer team? It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or the next Beckham; all players are welcome to learn positions, strategies, and soccer fundamentals.

Minecraft Edu and Code: A Day (Survival)

Minecraft Edu is a program designed specifically for schools. It is limited in capability, but the class will design a community and create specific structures. The collaborative effort of the class will result in a creative environment that we can publish. Code.org is a program that allows students to learn coding to create games. All students have participated to a certain level, this class will continue the puzzles until we are creating our own games.

World Language: B Day

Get acquainted with a different language learning the basics. Study the culture of a country that uses the language. The course projects include instructing K-2 students in basic phrases, counting and the ABC's. The course culminates in a food extravaganza during which we share a dish from the country whose language we are studying. Languages include but are not limited to: French, German, Spanish, Italian, American Sign Language, Japanese and Nepalese.

2nd Quarter

Keyboard: A Day

This instructional keyboard class will teach students the theory, technique, sight-reading, listening skills, and confidence to be able to play keyboard, whether they are a beginner or ready to be a student leader in this class! Although a keyboard or piano at home is not required, students who do have a way to practice outside of the class will be able to progress faster.

Drum Set: B Day

Students in this class will get an opportunity to learn how to play the drum kit. We will begin by practicing on other drums, but everyone will get chances to try our beats on the drum set.

Clay: A Day

Gargoyles, Dragons and Monsters! Students will hand build these mythical creatures as well as learning how to throw pot's on the pottery wheel. Several methods of glazing and decorating will also be addressed. Emphasis will be placed on individual creativity and originality.

Mask Making: B Day

In this class, students will learn about the multi-cultural art form of mask making. Students will study and learn about masks from all around the world. They will use a variety of materials to

create their very own masks. Masks will be made out of clay, paper-mache, cardboard, or fibers. Emphasis will be on individual creativity and invention.

Volleyball: A Day

Whether you play for the volleyball team here at MC or are here to have a good time, anyone is welcome. Here we will learn the basic skills needed to play, the strategies involved, and the rules to adhere to. Students will compete as teams and will also officiate games to demonstrate understanding of the rules and gameplay. Teams will play a mini season, compete in playoffs and one team will get their picture taken for the Wall of Fame!

Pickleball: B Day

If you enjoy ping-pong, you'll definitely have fun playing the life-size version called, Pickleball. It doesn't matter what your age or skill level is, this game can be played and enjoyed by all! Students will gain experience playing 1 and 2 player matches against random opponents during class. Towards the end of the quarter, a tournament will be held in class and 1 & 2 player champions will be crowned!

Movie Making: A Day

Explore movie making with Windows Movie Maker. Take your own pictures and movie clips to create an interesting project. Animations will be a part of this class, also. Working collaboratively, students will create projects that will include but is not limited to one of the following of your choice; storytelling, documentary, public service announcement, instructional, and advertisement.

Minecraft Edu and Code: B Day (Creative)

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Launchpad: A or B

Ever feel overwhelmed when you get assigned a big project, and you don't know where to start? Is your backpack full of papers and disorganized? Do you wish you had more confidence to be more of a leader, participate more in class, or give a class presentation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Launchpad is for you! We will explore study skills and executive functioning skills, including planning, organization, metacognition, perseverance, task initiation, and time management. Students will also be in charge of school wide projects to help practice their new skills, like organizing a toy drive for the school.

Some students will be recommended for this program by their teachers and Mrs. Pierce to help grow their academic independence and leadership roles at Murphy Creek.

Guitar: A Day

This class will teach students the skills involved with playing guitar. Students will learn a variety of techniques and how to read music for guitar.

The Beat: B Day

This class will teach students how to play the hand drums, steel drums, and other percussion instruments. We will work on reading rhythms, understanding music theory, creating percussion compositions, and performing everything from snare cadences to 'pencil beats'! Students in this class can practice the rhythms on their own by purchasing a pair of drumsticks to have at home, but this is not required. The only thing that is required is that positive mentality, believing you can do it, and that ambition will fuel the rhythm of this class!

Painting: A Day

Painting class will include several different types of painting. Students will use a variety of different paints, brushes, painting tools, and materials to create some unique and creative paintings. Students will use acrylic paint, tempera, and multi-media materials.

Wood working: B Day

Have you ever wanted to learn how to create art out of wood? Well, now is your chance! Students will learn how to cut, file, sand, sculpt, and stain their masterpiece from a block of wood. A very fun and rewarding art form.

Basketball: A Day

Whether you play for the basketball team here at Murphy Creek or not, anyone is welcome. Learn basic skills, techniques, and strategies to help make you and your team both better! Students will not only play games but will also officiate them to demonstrate their understandings of rules and gameplay. Teams will play a mini season, complete with playoffs and one team will be able to call themselves, Champs!

Rock Climbing: B Day

Have you looked at the vertical wall in the gym and said "I really want to climb to the top of that!" This class will teach you to tie climbing knots, understand safety commands and rules of climbing. Whether you have climbed mountains or you climb into bed, this class will challenge you and help you overcome obstacles. From belaying, to climbing, to bouldering and more, come climb your way to the top.

Robotics and Coding: A Day

Using computers and robots learn the basics of programming robots and the hands on science behind renewable energy through kits designed for exciting learning opportunities. Discovery Education provides lessons that teach the basics of robotics through interactive programs.

Digital Art: B Day

This class explores programs that help create art projects on the computer such as graffiti creator, comic creations, and animations.

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4th Quarter

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Music in the Movies: B Day

When we go see a movie, we might not pay attention to how music is being used in so many different ways, to introduce a character into the scene, or to tell a poignant piece of the story. Music and sound effects have been used in different ways throughout the history of cinema. We will explore some of these literary concepts, listening to instrumental pieces, experimenting with sound, and studying some of the most popular songs of movies, past and present!

Multi-Cultural Art: A Day

Learn to make art from different countries around the world. Some of the countries that will be included are South America, Africa, Mexico and North America. Projects will include paper crafts, multi-cultural painting, fabric art, and jewelry making.

Sculpture: B Day

Sculpture is all about creating 3-D art out of various materials. Sculptures can be based on real life objects, shapes, or abstract. Materials that will be used in sculpture class will include wire, paper mache, cardboard, wood, and recycled materials.

Flag Football: A Day

Are you ready for some FOOTBALL? Do you want to improve your fundamentals of passing, running, kicking and throwing? In this class we will learn basic rules, fundamentals, and strategies to compete in flag football games. Students will not only compete individually but as a team and even officiate games. A mini season will be played with playoffs and one team will take their place in the M.C. PE Wall of Fame!

Kickball: B Day

Are you looking for a great way to end the school year? Do you want to improve your skills of kicking, fielding, and catching? Consider playing kickball, it doesn't matter who you are or what your skill level, everyone is welcome! Students will learning the rules of the game, positions on the field, fundamentals, and even how to umpire a game. A mini season will be played with playoffs and one team will take their place in the M.C. PE Wall of Fame!

Scalable Designs: A Day

Learn the basics of game design and publish your first Frogger game to the web. Designed for implementation for Middle School students, CU Boulder describes the course, "By scaffolding through [game design patterns](#), students progress from simple arcade games to games and computational science applications that require sophisticated Artificial Intelligence."

Money-Money-Money: B Day

What is money? Why do we need it? How much do we need? How do we get it? What does it mean in the world setting? How do we save money? Where do we put our money to save it? Explore the world of \$\$\$\$.

STUDENT ASSISTANT

Student Assistant

Students will assist in various ways in the front office and various classrooms. Students will be trained to distribute mail, organize JETS tickets, run messages, etc. In the classroom, students will be trained to tutor, grade, create bulletin boards, etc.