

MURPHY CREEK P – 8
MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIALS CHOICES
FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

In the 2018-2019 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 2018-19 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 2nd.

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.

Spotlight on Your Favorite Artists and Composers: B Day

We will be doing individual and group projects researching the biographies of some of students' favorite artists, as well as famous composers throughout history. Students will then present their research, as the artists and composers, themselves!

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.

Digital Art: A Day

This class explores the basics of photoshop, using a program called Pixlr. Pick from a list of project ideas or create your own. Merge backgrounds, objects, people, and animals. Or, take a scene and use filter options to change it slightly or completely. Ignite your creativity while learning a new computer program.

Minecraft Edu and Code (Creative): B Day

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. You will screenshot and turn in your creations to compile points towards your overall grade.

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.

Billboard 100: B Day

The Billboard Hot 100 Chart has been our nation's indication of what music is hot and what's not since 1955. In this class, we will be learning some of these various pop songs through the ages, what made them popular, and discussing the direction of pop music to come!

Pottery: A Day

Hand built pottery using methods of coiling, pinch, and slab building. Students will also be learning how to throw pots 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!

Virtual Reality Career Exploration:A Day

Using virtual reality headsets and the Google Expeditions app, we will explore various careers and begin to think about our own career paths. Careers will include veterinarian, airline pilot, restaurant owner, civil engineer, coder/entrepreneur, dean of engineering, cryo facilities manager, handmade goods designer, metal artist, microbiome scientist, museum photographer, paleontologist, park ranger, pharmacist, defense attorney, radio producer, social worker, TV news anchor, and more!!

Robotics and Coding: B Day

Use Sphero robots to learn the basics of programming. Sphero has LED lights and its motors can make it spin at various speeds and directions, using Android, iOS or Amazon Fire tablets and phones to remote-control it. Design and navigate a series of challenges while having fun with coding!

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.

3rd Quarter

'TOTE'-ality: A Day

We will be turning ordinary plastic tubs into multi-tonal percussion instruments! We will perform our beats with different sections playing complimentary rhythms, making sure to add interesting effects to engage the audience! Join this group if you are ready to ROCK!!

The Blues: B Day

In this class, we will be exploring 'the Blues' as a genre. We will be creating our own music - writing lyrics, and learning the 12 Bar Blues on guitar, keyboard, and melodic percussion instruments!

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.

Design and 3D Printing: A Day

Using design software, you will create various 3D objects and bring them to life with our new 3D printer. Each week you will be presented with a different design challenge to conquer. Due to the price of filament, there is a \$10 fee for this course (per student).

Game Design: B Day

Learn the basics of game design and publish your first Frogger, PacMan, or Journey game to the web. This course involves advanced coding. Through trial and error, you will code your “agents” to move when you hit certain keys, absorb and erase itself when it “sees” a certain object, and re-emerge from a 3rd object according to specific parameters that you set. If you love coding and you like playing video games, this course is for you!

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The Remix: B Day

Students will get to choose a popular song, first together as a class, and then in small groups. We will be learning about the different aspects of each song, such as Melody, Rhythm, Form, and Instrumentation. After learning some basics of keyboard, guitar, and drums, students will choose which aspects of the song they would like to ‘Remix’ as they compose their own musical creations!

Fiber Arts and Jewelry: A Day

Fiber arts will include working with fabric, yarn, cloth, stitching, and sewing. Projects may include weaving, embroidery, and tie-dye. In jewelry making we will use wire, beads, and metals to make some cool, interesting jewelry.

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!

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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.