

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Unified Arts Electives

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION: 1 Unit**

A wide variety of individual and team sports

## **LIFELONG FITNESS AND ACTIVITIES: 1 Unit**

The Fitness For Life class is geared towards promoting a healthy and physically fit lifestyle. At the conclusion of this class, the students will be able to put together an individual exercise plan.

## **HEALTH: 1 Unit**

The Health class will explore topics such as eating disorders, peer-pressure, self-esteem, stress, decision - making and other current events that relate to the mental, emotional and social well-being.

## **ART electives**

### **DRAWING (recommended for High School Art 1): 1 Unit**

LINE, TEXTURE, VALUE, SHAPE AND SPACE!

Experiment with a diversity of two dimensional media that could include pencil, charcoal, pastel, acrylic, watercolor, collage materials, and computer technology. Selected artists and cultures will serve as our inspiration as we complete our own works of art. Learn how they have had an influence on many diverse styles from Abstract to Realistic Art.

### **SCULPTURE/3D MEDIA: 1 Unit**

BEND, WRAP, MODEL, PINCH, PUSH AND PULL!

Use a variety of techniques to manipulate clay, plaster, and other materials to turn two dimensional sketches into forms with depth. As you create, you will discover artists and cultures that have creatively and successfully worked with sculpture.

### **PAINTING: 1 Unit**

BRUSH, PALETTE, PAPER, GLUE AND KEYBOARD!

Experiment with diverse media that could include acrylic, watercolor, collage materials, and computer technology. Selected artists and cultures will serve as our inspiration as we complete our own works of art.

## **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES electives**

### **GLOBAL GOURMET I: 1 Unit**

Take an ethnic tour around the world. We will begin our journey learning the basics to cooking. During this time we will focus on measuring techniques, kitchen equipment, and safety & sanitation in the kitchens. After learning the basics, we will begin exploring the following countries China, Mexico, and Italy.

### **GLOBAL GOURMET II: 1 Unit**

If you enjoyed the art of cooking in Global Gourmet I, then you will love Global Gourmet II. We will continue our ethnic tour around the world, extending our pallet and plate, to learn where foods come from. We will be researching and exploring the following cultures: France, Scandinavian, Japan, America, and Caribbean Cuisines.

Global Gourmet I is required for Global Gourmet II

### **MANAGE YOUR FUTURE: 1 Unit**

This course is design to prepare you for the FUTURE! Why wait until you get to high school to learn basic money management when you can learn it in middle school. We will be learning about careers, budgeting, investments, checking accounts, credit and entrepreneurships. Get a head start on your future!

## **TECHNOLOGY electives**

### **PRODUCTIVITY SKILLS: 1 Unit**

In this six-week elective class students will learn several advanced technology skills that are not taught in the core middle school curriculum. Advanced features of word, excel, publisher and powerpoint will be the major emphasis of the course

### **WARRIOR NEWS: 1 Unit**

In this six-week elective class students will learn all applications needed to produce a weekly news program. Students will be trained in news reporting skills, storyboarding, videography, video editing and final production skills.

### **DIGITAL MEDIA: 1 Unit**

In this six-week elective class students will learn how to use the digital camera, upload their pictures and edit them using the Paint Shop Pro software. Students will also create a short claymation video. They will write a short script, sketch out their backgrounds and characters and storyboard their production. Next they will create the background and clay characters. Finally the still digital pictures are taken, uploaded and using Windows Movie Maker Software, the claymation video is created.

### **WEB DESIGN: 1 UNIT**

In this six-week elective class students will learn the basics of how the web works and what makes up a web page. Students will create a web page from scratch using HTML. They will also learn how to edit and add graphics to a web site.

### **MODULAR TECHNOLOGY I: 1UNIT**

Principals of engineering, design and construction will be explored through hands on investigations, such as a double-stage model rocket and additional technology projects.

### **MODULAR TECHNOLOGY 2: 1 UNIT**

Students will make wood projects for the purpose of learning about different types of manufacturing and to develop some basic woodworking skills.

## **WORLD LANGUAGE electives**

### **LEVEL 1: French, German or Spanish: 6 Units**

**A year long** accelerated course with optional high school credit. Students are encouraged to take this course based on certain criteria. Level I introduces grammatical structures, vocabulary, and cultural topics of immediate interest and use. Listening, speaking, reading and writing are integral parts of this course. Upon successful completion of this course students may take level II in the ninth grade. It also gives the students an opportunity to complete a five-year language sequence before graduating.

## **MUSIC electives**

### **BAND: 6 Units**

Band is an all-inclusive term for a variety of activities. As a member of the band, a student is given the opportunity to improve his basic musicianship through participation in small ensembles, sectional and full band rehearsals, and concert performances. Concert band consists of performing technique studies and scales for continued technical growth as well as sight-reading, rehearsing, and performance of standard band literature of the classic to contemporary composers. Membership is open to all students who have previously played in band or by audition with the band director..

### **ORCHESTRA: 6 Units**

This group is a continuation of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra. We continue learning more advanced scales, shifting, vibrato and rhythms. This is a full year class that meets every day.

### **CHOIR: 6 Units**

Students will sing a variety of 3-4 part literature throughout the year. They will have many performance opportunities. Also, they will learn the advanced sight-reading and singing skills used in a chorus.