

# Before & After School Programs

## Extended Day • Clubs & Enrichment



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# A Place to Grow:

*Where learning continues beyond the school day*

Our Before & After School Programs offer students enriching opportunities for discovery and exploration before and after the normal school day hours. These programs provide numerous options for fun while also reinforcing the essential lessons and values taught throughout the school day.



## Extended Day

Our Extended Day program allows busy working families the flexibility to drop-off before the school day starts and pick-up after the normal dismissal time. Our program is organized into five subject areas that are designed to provide your child with opportunities to learn valuable life skills, and to reinforce the skills they're learning during the school day, while providing plenty of time for fun with friends.

### Program Details:

- Preschool: AM 7-8:15, PM 3:45-6pm
- Elementary: AM 7-8, PM 3:30-6pm  
Dedicated staff members with experience in working with older children.
- Schedule:  
3:15 - 3:45: Snack and Recess  
3:45 - 4:30/45: Homework Time  
4:30/45 - 6:00: Sports, Games, Crafts, Library

## Clubs & Enrichment

Our Clubs and Enrichment Programs are great ways for your child to expand on their interests or pursue new passions. These can be added in conjunction with our Extended Day Program or independently. These programs offer families an opportunity to enroll their child in one or more days of after school activities without leaving the convenience of our campus.

### Program Details:

- Hours: Vary by Club & Enrichment
- Dedicated and specially trained staff members in specialty area.
- Trusted Third Party providers in subject specific areas.





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Students explore the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) through building projects, experiments, and design challenges. Sharing ideas, asking questions, and making predictions are encouraged!



Robust outdoor free play and structured games help students learn sportsmanship and develop their physical strength and endurance. Students learn critical thinking and problem solving by participating in board games and team challenges with their peers.



Students express themselves by participating in hands-on visual arts, including photography, videography, drawing, and painting. Students develop planning skills by working on long-term projects with their peers and can participate in group performances or discussions.



Social and emotional growth is nurtured through student and teacher led activities that promote a feeling of community and belonging. Students learn through open-ended activities that give them a chance to apply problem-solving skills and collaborate with friends.



Some students appreciate the chance for independent activities or study after a long day at school. We provide a quiet place to work on homework, read, journal, or seek academic support from peers and teachers. Students can also work on various projects in this small group setting.



# **Elementary Clubs & Enrichments**





## Advanced Math & Logic Exploration (Levels 1-5)

Founded by a Stanford alumna and developed in collaboration with a Stanford math professor and a former coach of the Chinese International Mathematical Olympiad Team, Descartes Learning Club offers a nurturing yet rigorous math enrichment experience. Our small-group classes (limited to just 2–6 students) and expertly trained instructors ensure highly personalized instruction and a supportive environment where students are challenged and inspired. The curriculum blends Beast Academy and Art of Problem Solving with tailored lessons, Math Circle–style activities, Math Kangaroo contest topics, and original materials designed to build logical reasoning, creative problem-solving, and abstract thinking. What sets us apart: 1) Tiny class sizes (2–6 students) for individualized attention, 2) expertly trained instructors with strong math backgrounds and teaching experience, and 3) a rich, engaging curriculum that sparks curiosity and mathematical confidence.

**IMPORTANT:** To determine your child's math level so that we teach your children appropriately challenging topics, please follow the assessment guidelines at <https://bit.ly/DLC-assessment> or email [info@descarteslearningclub.com](mailto:info@descarteslearningclub.com) to request a free assessment.

**Grades: K-5**

**Day Offered & Time: Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30 PM**

**Day Offered & Time: Tuesday 4:35 - 5:55 PM**

**Start Date & End Date: 9/9/25 - 12/9/25**

**Sessions: 12**

**Cost: Level 1: \$720, Level 2-5: \$960**

**Instructor: Descartes Learning Club**

## Geography

This club will ignite students' love of geography, and imbue them with a sense of pride about knowing important facts about our world. Study games will be inspired by the popular 90's kids' game show "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego." Each week we will do a deep dive on a country or region of the world, a city, a body of water, a topographical feature and/or flag identification (vexillology). Each subject will be studied more deeply through comparing and contrasting its counterparts on the globe (e.g. Lake Tahoe and Lake Baikal; Paris and Buenos Aires, etc.) Students will receive take-home study materials and resources. There will be several major milestones for this club: Students will prepare for, and take an online qualifying exam. (A passing score will make them eligible to participate in a Regional Geography Competition.) We will hold two in-house geography competitions at Stratford (Winter and Spring). Depending on scheduling and resources, students who pass the qualifying exam may have an opportunity to represent Stratford 14th Ave in an IAC Regional Geography Competition. This opportunity will be discussed and organized directly with parents.

Geography Club is now in its second year. Last year many of our students had tremendous success, reaching the Regional finals, and even qualifying for National and International competitions!

**Grades: 2G – 5G**

**Day Offered & Time: Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30pm**

**Start Date & End Date: 9/9/25 – 5/19/26**

**Sessions: 29**

**Cost: \$729**

**Instructor: Sasha Yevelev**



# Drama & Music

## Performing Arts

Using improvisational theater skills as a foundation, this course will prepare kids for the stage! Over the first month of classes, students will engage in improv games, musical exercises, and begin to develop their stage presence. These will lay the groundwork and get the students into a performance state of mind. In the following weeks, they will begin to develop a performance based on classic children's fairy tales. To prepare, kids will work on memorization, enunciation, emotion, body language, confidence, and stage presence. This course will culminate in a Spring Performance. There is a year-long commitment required for this program.

**Grades: 2G – 5G**

**Day Offered & Time: Thursday 3:30 – 4:30PM**

**Start Date & End Date: 9/11/25-5/21/26**

**Sessions: 29**

**Cost: \$800**

**Instructor: Sasha Yevelev**

## Choir

Are you ready to let your voice shine while also being part of a larger ensemble? Our Choir Club is the perfect place for young singers to discover their musical talents, make new friends, and have tons of fun! Join us as we develop a working knowledge of music theory, gain coordination through simple choreography, and utilize instruments to complement our voices. The Choir Club will aim to perform at special school events during the first term and throughout the school year.

**Grades: 2G – 5G**

**Weeks Offered & Time: Friday 3:30p – 4:30PM**

**Start Date & End Date: 9/12/25-12/12/25**

**Sessions: 10**

**Cost: \$270**

**Instructor: Anthony Mayor**



## Basketball

This course will instill a love for the game, and build the key pillars of basketball for young athletes: fundamentals (dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, footwork, rules); the history of the game; sportsmanship; teamwork; strategic elements of the game (thinking analytically, spacing, basic defensive and offensive schemes); strength and conditioning.

The development they receive in this course will equip students with a strong foundation should they choose to pursue competitive basketball in the future.

**Grades: 1G – 5G**

**Day Offered & Time: Thursday 4:30p – 5:30PM**

**Start Date and End Date: 9/11/25-12/4/25**

**Sessions: 12**

**Cost: \$270**

**Instructor: Sasha Yevelev**

## Soccer

Designed for children of all skill ability, each class starts with a dynamic skill building activity followed by small-sided games to help children develop team skills and spatial awareness. Emphasis is placed on awareness of teammates. These scrimmage skill classes are fun, non-competitive futsal-style soccer games. The futsal-style games enhance decision-making, increase ball touches, and improve reaction time. Soccer Stars coaches focus on developing game awareness and proper technique.

**Grades: KG – 2G**

**Day Offered & Time: Wednesday 3:30p – 4:30PM**

**Start Date and End Date: 9/10/25-12/3/25**

**Sessions: 12**

**Cost: \$360**

**Staff Name: Soccer Stars SF**





# Technology & Engineering

## Junior Robotics

In this program, students will start their adventure in robotics! We will use different robotics kits to explore and learn the main concepts of robotics and programming, including design and building, algorithms, testing, and troubleshooting. We will also talk about and explore the nature of sound, electricity, magnetism, basic math and geometry concepts, and many more. We will work with Coding Mouse, Botley Robot, Dash and Dot Robots and building blocks. All lessons are project-based, hands-on, using age-appropriate materials. We will explore algorithms with the Coding Mouse robot, resolve challenges and obstacles with the Botley robot, play bowling, play xylophone, and much more with the Dash and Dot robots. .

**Grades: 1G-2G**

**Day Offered & Time: Monday 3:30 – 4:30PM**

**Start Date & End Date: 9/8/25-12/1/25**

**Sessions: 12**

**Cost: \$432**

**Instructor: Robotics Tech Club**

## Robotics Explorers: Fundamentals of AI and Robotics

This program introduces kids to the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and robotics through interactive, hands-on learning. The curriculum builds progressively from basic robotics to AI-enhanced robots, focusing on creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. Students will understand how AI enhances robot capabilities, gain beginner coding and machine learning experience, and build robots that interact intelligently with their environment. In our classes we will use Lego Mindstorms robotics kits, Microbit and other tools.

**Grades: 3G – 5G**

**Day Offered & Time: Monday 3:30p– 4:30PM**

**Start Date & End Date: 9/8/25-12/1/25**

**Sessions: 12**

**Cost: \$432**

**Instructor: Robotics Tech Club**



## **Mandarin Exploration**

Mandarin Exploration was developed to meet the needs of our community by providing Mandarin learning experience to students through a blend of academics and a play-based learning approach. Students will have the opportunity to develop their second language skills and explore Chinese culture in a natural and engaging small group setting on a weekly basis. Our curriculum structure is designed through the themes aligned with art, music, games, and science. This program is offered for the full school year.

**Grades: KG – 5G**

**Days Offered & Time: Tuesday & Thursday**

**3:30 –4:30PM**

**Start Date & End Date: 9/9/25-5/21/26**

**Sessions: 29**

**Cost: \$1,218**

**Instructor: Wanhua He**





# Strategy

## Yes for Chess - Kindergarten

Yes For Chess has been teaching chess since 2008! The Kinder Chess Class has a special curriculum tailored just for Kindergarteners. With many fun chess puzzles and clear learning goals, students will learn how to play chess step-by-step and make new friends.

**Grades: KG**

**Weeks Offered & Time: Friday 3:30p – 4:30pPM**

**Start Date & End Date: 9/12/25-12/12/25**

**Sessions: 10**

**Cost: \$270**

**Instructor: Yes For Chess**

## Yes for Chess

Join our chess class, open to all skill levels! Whether you're new to the game or have some experience, our sessions cover everything from the basic rules, fun tactical puzzles, check mating patterns and end games. Plus, every fourth week, we spice things up with a fun chess variant to keep the learning experience fresh and exciting! Returning students are always welcome to join in on the fun. We're all about keeping chess enjoyable and sharing our love for this ancient game. Come and discover the world of chess with us!

**Grades: 1G-5G**

**Day Offered & Time: Friday 3:30 – 4:30PM**

**Start Date & End Date: 9/12/25-12/12/25**

**Sessions: 10**

**Cost: \$270**

**Instructor: Yes for Chess**



**PS/Pre-K Clubs &  
Enrichment**





## Music Together

Students explore rhythm and melody by playing with music from around the world with a focus on the Orff-Schulwerk methodology. Orff-trained teachers lead dynamic classroom activities designed especially for children ages 3-5. As they drum, sing, move to different rhythms, and play music-centered games, children naturally build musicality that helps them prepare for formal music lessons. The focus of our classes is on keeping an accurate beat, singing in key, and managing social situations (taking turns, listening to others). Opportunities to solo, work in ensembles, and improvise support social and listening skills, self-expression, and self-confidence. Besides our emphasis on fun, our program is an excellent preparation for ANY other instrument lessons!

**Grades: PS - PK**  
**Day Offered & Time: Tuesday 4:00– 4:45PM**  
**Start Date and End Date: 9/9/25-12/9/25**  
**Sessions: 12**  
**Cost: \$300**  
**Instructor: Music Together SF**



## Cooking for Beginners

Join us for an exciting cooking adventure! Ms. Taylor will lead young chefs as they explore ingredients with all five senses, discovering new flavors and textures in each session. Together, they'll taste flavors from around the world, engage in hands-on ingredient exploration, and create colorful dough and fruit art. Through fun food science activities, little chefs will experience the magic of cooking while developing a love for culinary creativity. .

**Grades: PS - PK**  
**Day Offered & Time: Monday or Wednesday**  
**4:00- 4:45PM**  
**Monday Session Start Date and End Date:**  
**9/8/25-12/1/25**  
**Wednesday Session Start Date and End Date:**  
**9/10/25-12/3/25**  
**(Students may only register for one session.)**  
**Sessions: 12**  
**Cost: \$384**  
**Instructor: Taylor Li**

# Before & After School Planning

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## Extended Day

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## Clubs & Enrichment

	Title	Grades	Day	Time	Cost
	Advanced Math and Logic (Levels 1A & 1B)	K-1G	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Advanced Math and Logic (Levels 2A, 3A, & 4A)	2G-5	Tuesday	4:30 - 5:30	
	Geography	1-5	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Performing Arts	2-5	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Choir	2-5	Friday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Basketball	1-5	Thursday	4:30 - 5:30	
	Soccer	K-2	Wednesday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Junior Robotics	1G-2	Monday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Robotics Explorers	3-5	Monday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Mandarin	K-5	Tuesday/Thursday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Kinder Yes for Chess	K	Friday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Yes for Chess	1-5	Friday	3:30 - 4:30	
	Cooking for Beginners	PS/PK	Monday	4:00 - 4:45	
	Music Together	PS/PK	Tuesday	4:00 - 4:45	
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