

# **Willets Road Club Descriptions 2013-14**

## **Audio/Visual Club – Wednesday 7:30-8:12 a.m. – Mr. Pokrywka**

The purpose of the A/V Club is to provide technical support for all performances and assembly activities at Willets Road School. The A/V Club assists with the management of the light and sound systems, operation of microphones, and other duties related to activities in the Gymnasium. The members receive basic instruction in the operation of the equipment and connection and testing procedures.

## **Art Club – Monday 3:00-3:45 p.m.- Mr. King**

The Willets Road Art Club is offered to students of all grade levels who love to create. Art Club will provide an opportunity for students who are seeking a creative outlet in addition to their daily schedule. Students will work individually and collaboratively using a wide variety of art mediums creating artwork to be displayed throughout the school.

## **Chess Club – Tuesday 3:00-3:45 p.m.- Mrs. Kuchcicki**

The goal of the Willets Road Chess Club is to develop discipline and critical thinking skills in Middle School students. By developing strategies and engaging in competition students will continue to enhance these skills. Participation is open to all students. Prior knowledge of chess is not necessary to participate.

## **Drama Club – Tuesday and Wednesday 3:00-3:45 p.m.- Mr. Meyers**

The Drama Club members learn various techniques involving stage presence, acting, movement, and improvisation. Each year students rehearse for a performance that takes place in the spring. The performance is a musical and requires a combination of acting, singing, and movement. No prior experience is necessary.

*\*Please keep in mind that Drama club is a 2 day commitment. If you are planning on participating in a sports activity please let Mr. Meyers know at the first club meeting.*

## **After School/School Study Center**

### **Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 3:00-3:45p.m. – Mrs. Ilkiw, Mrs. Stein, Ms. Diane M. Viola**

The After School study Center is open to all students Grades 5, 6, and 7. The students meet in the Media Center to do their homework, work on projects and study for tests and quizzes. A staff member is available to assist students while using the reference materials, as well as answer questions. The students are free to return to their classrooms to check blackboards or to pick up a forgotten book or handout. Upon completion of their work, students put their homework in their lockers for the next school day. If time permits, the students enjoy challenging each other to chess and checker games.

## **Math Olympiad - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tuesday 7:30-8:12a.m. - Mrs. DL Viola**

In the Math Olympiads Club, students work on developing and honing problem solving skills so that they will be prepared for the monthly mathematics competitions. Only students who are members of the club can participate in the Math Olympiad competition. Students work in small groups as well as individually to discuss the strategies used. Please note: These problems are challenging. Therefore, this club is NOT for math remediation.

*Special Requirement: 5<sup>th</sup> Graders only*

## **Math Olympiad- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Monday 7:30-8:12a.m. – Mrs. DL Viola**

In the Math Olympiads Club, students work on developing and honing problem solving skills so that they will be prepared for the monthly mathematics competitions. Only students who are members of the club can participate in the Math Olympiad competition. In addition, students participate in the Sigma Competition which is also held once a month. Please note: These problems are challenging. Therefore, this club is NOT for math remediation.

*Special Requirements: 6<sup>th</sup> Graders only*

### **Newspaper Club – Monday 3:00-3:45 p.m. – Mrs. Kandel and Mr. Pokrywka**

The Newspaper Club is open to ALL students, grades 5, 6, and 7. We meet in the computer lab so that students can easily edit and revise their articles. Ideas for articles are discussed at our meetings. Students are encouraged to write about current events happening in our school as well as national and world events that are of interest to the middle school student. Writing pieces created by students may be submitted by classroom teachers to be included for publication. In addition to publishing the print version of the school paper, members of the *Roadrunner* staff may contribute to the page on our school website to share some of their more creative pieces, such as short stories and cartoons.

### **Photography Club– Thursday- 3:00-3:45 p.m.- Mr. Pokrywka**

Say cheese! Learn how to tell a story through the art of photography. Photography club is open to all students at Willets Road. Students learn many concepts such as, photo composition, foreground, background, lighting, and perspective. Students work with digital cameras and learn how to download, transfer, save, and edit digital photographs. They work on many enjoyable projects throughout the year. Some projects are used in the school yearbook.

### **Science Club – Thursday 3:00-3:45 p.m. - Mrs. Lennon**

An exciting club that encourages inquiry in the fields of science! Students will be using the scientific method to test and analyze common scientific theories/hypotheses while also having the opportunity to conduct their own individual research on topics they are interested in. Students in this club will also have the opportunity to dissect owl pellets, observe specimens using microscopes, identify rocks and minerals using their properties, determine pH levels of common substances, test the effects of common environmental pollutants on plant growth, test the theories of physics such as Newton's laws of motion, and many other laboratory exercises. All that is needed to join is an interest in science.

### **Science Olympiad – Wednesday 3:00-3:45 p.m. - Mr. Gottlieb**

***Come on board in 2013-14 and help Willets Road improve on last year's "Highest Performing New School" award!***

Science Olympiad is a fun, competitive way for students to enrich their Willets Road science experience. Students on the team begin the year by identifying their interest in some of this year's 20+ Science Olympiad events and topics. Events may involve engineering (designing and building a specific device), carrying out chemical tests, studying a particular topic in science, or problem solving analysis. Our team meetings (practices) consist of hands-on preparation for the events in which we will be participating. Depending on enrollment, students may need to attend club on an alternating schedule (*i.e.*: every other week) so that more individualized coaching can be offered. Our club culminates in the 2014 Western Long Island Science Olympiad competition to be held on February 8th, 2014 at C.P. Weber Middle School in Port Washington.

### **Scrabble –Monday 7:30-8:12am – Mrs. Amira**

Scrabble is open to fifth, sixth and seventh graders who have an interest in playing the game of Scrabble. No previous experience is necessary and all members in the club will be taught various strategies to improve their game. Several tournaments are held within the club. In addition, there is the possibility that the top winners of our in-club tournament will participate in competitions with other Long Island schools.

### **Stock Market Club – Tuesday 7:30- 8:12 a.m. – Mr. Stander**

The Stock Market Club is open to students in all grades. Members learn about stocks, trading and researching companies, etc. Students participate in a "Global Stock Market" with virtual money. They keep track of a fantasy portfolio which they access online. The Stock Market Club is an exciting and enjoyable way to learn about economics and the real world of finance!

**Student Government – Thursday 7:30- 8:12 a.m. – Mrs. Griswold and Mrs. Lennon**

Student Government is a student run service organization dedicated to helping others. School events contribute to raising money for various charities. Other activities encourage school spirit, such as SPARK Week. This organization is broken down into committees, where students have the opportunity to organize fundraisers, snack sales, SPARK activities, and the seventh grade dance.

**\*\*Please note:** In the past, students were elected to this organization. This year, all members of The Willets Road School are welcome to participate.

**Yearbook Club Monday 3:00-3:45 – Mrs. Hardy and Ms. Brew**

The Yearbook Club is only open to 7th grade students. The students work together throughout the year to create an all color yearbook filled with 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7th grade memories of the entire school year. The yearbook is created entirely on-line, on the yearbook company website, and students will be using MacBooks during club meetings. They are responsible for the design of the book, page layouts, proofing, taking digital photos, and meeting production deadlines.

**Music Club/Activities Overview****Jazz Band- Tuesday 7:30 – 8:12 a.m. – Mr. Hoefling**

The Jazz Band is a club that students audition for in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The Jazz Band plays Jazz (blues) and Rock/Pop music.

Special Requirements: Students need to audition for this club and must be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. (Some sixth graders may be asked to join).

**Wind Ensemble – Friday 7:30-8:12am – Mr. Hoefling**

Wind Ensemble is a select band comprised of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The Ensemble performs a holiday concert in December and at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade graduation as well as at other district and town events.

*Special Requirements: Students audition and are selected by the teacher.*

**Chamber Orchestra – Wednesday 7:30 – 8:12 a.m. – Mrs. Guiliano**

Chamber Orchestra is a select orchestra determined by audition only. Grade 6 or 7 orchestra students may be selected for this group to perform in the Fall Chamber Orchestra and/or the Spring Chamber Orchestra. Auditions are held in September. The students perform for the holidays, school concert. This is a one year commitment.

*Special Requirements: Grade 6 & 7 orchestra members only.*