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Spring A 2017 Session

February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 2017

Class Brochure

Classes: 9:00AM-12:00PM

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****January 25th, 2017 – DEADLINE FOR Spring A 2017 REGISTRATION**



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Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders

ABOUT SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR SCHOLARS & LEADERS

Saturday is not your usual day for school, and the participants in Saturday School program are not usual students. Our wide variety of enrichment classes are designed to challenge participants, K-8th grade. All classes are held on the downtown main campus under the supervision of the Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education. The diverse curriculum is structured to offer educational opportunities emphasizing leadership, scholarship and cultural awareness.

Application Process

Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders is designed to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented children. Students may either receive Provisional or Full admission.

Provisional Admission is offered to all students for 1 year. Students receiving provisional admission may register for classes, but have one year from the date of initial application to provide evidence of meeting the admission criteria. Students who do not provide this evidence within the year time limit will not be allowed to remain in the program.

Full Admission to the program requires meeting the specific criteria for admission at the time of first application. In order to receive full admission, all students must have:

- Test Scores indicating a 90th percentile or above on a nationally normed ability or achievement test, or an IQ of 120 or above.
- A recommendation by school personnel or the testing psychologist.
- The recommendation and test scores must be submitted with the application and fee payment. All four components must be received before applicants can be admitted.

Students who have attended previous Saturday School sessions do not have to resubmit test scores and recommendations. Applications will only be accepted by online submission at <http://education.gsu.edu/saturdayschool>

Tuition Fee

The cost for the session is \$195 (5 Saturdays). Please note that a 15% discount is available to Faculty, Alumni and Students of GSU. Only one discount may be applied per class. The Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program is no longer accepting checks as a form of payment for our classes. Class tuition must now be paid by credit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please visit our online application and register there.

Registration/Cancellation Deadline

All applications must be received by January 25th, 2017. You are encouraged to submit applications before the deadline. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Cancellations must be received in writing before the registration deadline, January 25th, 2017, in order to receive a full refund, (minus a \$30 processing fee). There will be no partial refunds after the deadline or for missed classes.

Acceptance Confirmation

Confirmation letters will be e-mailed about 10 days prior to the beginning of the session. Please feel free to call us if you wish to confirm earlier. Late registrations may not receive a confirmation letter and parents should call for a confirmation.

Photo Release

By completing the registration form, parents give permission to the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program, to take photos and videos of their child for use in the program's promotional activities and on the program's website.

Spring A 2017 REGISTRATION CALENDAR

December 5th 2017 – Registration Opens for Spring A 2017 Session

January 25th 2017 – Registration Deadline for Spring A 2017Session

February 4th – Spring A 2017 Begins

Classes have been divided according to grade level on the next page.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS FOR SPRING A 2017

Primary I (K-1)

Bienvenidos! (PI) This is an exciting Intensive Beginner's Spanish course! This is not your typical Spanish class. We will be learning the Spanish language while having loads of fun! Ready to learn conjugations, sentence structure, and conversational Spanish techniques? Come aboard and join the class! You're guaranteed to enjoy yourself each class session and take home tons of knowledge. At the end of this class, you'll be singing Spanish songs, ordering your food in Spanish, dancing the Bachata, writing poems in Spanish, and countless other stuff! Hope to see you there! Hasta la vista!

Instructor: Daisy Chapman

Critical Thinking (PI) Critical thinking means making reasoned judgments that are logical and well thought out. It is a way of thinking in which you don't simply accept all arguments and conclusions you are exposed to but rather have an attitude involving questioning such arguments and conclusions.

Instructor: Teresa Kimbrough (PhD) Gifted Professor, Primary I (K & 1)

Primary II (2-3)

Pokémon Go Done Write! (PII) Do you love Pokémon Go?! Come join me this session for an amazing adventure in the world of Pokémon. Students will learn about individual Pokémon, catch Pokémon, and create their own work products centered on this cool concept. Students will be enriched through reading, writing, and viewing activities utilizing technology, the Pokémon Go game, as well as traditional Pokémon card gaming strategies. Learn to strategize while increasing educational skills such as reading and writing. Learning has never been this cool or fun! Got to catch them all!

Instructor: Brandyce Colon, Educational Leadership Team Member, Primary II (2 & 3)

Shark Frenzy!! (PII) Let's dissect a real shark! Biology will come alive as we find out about the anatomy, habits, characteristics and legends of sharks. We will also explore the importance of sharks to our environment. Come and get into a frenzy about sharks! **Instructor: Gail Boynton, Retired Gifted Teacher, Primary II (2 & 3)**

Super Scientists (PII) Participate in STEM activities. Experience creativity with materials that encourage critical thinking. Build bridges and towers that require real world thinking. Learn how to work in groups in order to complete science projects. Make experiments that teach about the human body! **Instructor: Pamela R Smith, Gifted Teacher, Primary II (2 & 3)**

Willie Wonka's Gobstoppers!! (PII) Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has been given the task of designing a new candy for his company. After reviewing the movie, you will be charged with going through the STEM design process to structure and create an everlasting gobstopper that all the stores will want to buy. This engineering process will incorporate literature, real-world problem solving, collaboration, exploration, and down-right exciting musical fun. Join us! **Instructor: Nicole Trimble, Gifted Teacher, Primary II (2 & 3)**

Youth Entrepreneur Club (PII) Students will learn basic real world business concepts such as; what is business, starting a business, brainstorming ideas, different types of business, marketing, cost, expenses and profit. We will discuss pros, cons of online business. Students will create their own business logo and business cards. They will participate in a business networking and marketplace at the end of this class, and much more. **Instructor: Karrimah Muhammad, Gifted Teacher, Primary II (2 & 3)**

Middle (4-5)

A Travel in the World of Science (M) During this hands-on activity based course, students will have fun with science experiments, problem based learning activities and critical thinking skills. Students will explore topics ranging from DNA, sustainability, genetics to forensic science (topics change per session). Each activity or experiment will provide them with a deeper understanding about the world of the science including a concluding multimedia presentation by the students. They will enjoy this course by completing an original experiment by using the scientific method, extracting DNA, learning the biography of famous scientists and having in depth scientific discussion using the Socratic Method. **Instructor: Marcia Pecot, Science Instructor, Middle (4 & 5)**

Around the World: Math, Writing, and Science gone Global (M) How does five Saturdays of traveling the world sound? Imagine exploring the complexities of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France one day only to be rummaging through the Amazon rain forest in Brazil the next day. Experience the various wonders of our world through writing, mathematics, and science at your fingertips. Sharpen your academics while expanding your view of the world around you. Each day, be prepared for interactive math tasks, exciting & relevant writing exercises, and science centers that will leave you wanting more. Who says learning must stay in the classroom?! Journey with me as we become explorers and students of the world. **Instructor: Jessica Harden, Middle (4 & 5)**

Music Appreciation (M) A course learning the history of Music from its early beginnings to its current state in today's format. Students will learn different eras and genres and how music comes in many different types and styles ranging from traditional rock music to world pop, easy listening and hip-hop. Many genres have a rich history or geographical significance, a cult following or music roots that go far beyond the 20th century. We will examine the contributions of nearly every major composer, including Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Stravinsky, and more. Go deep inside the most magnificent pieces of Western concert music with the aid of digitally recorded musical passages. Gain an outstanding grasp of musical forms, techniques, and terms - and finally become fluent in the language of music. **Instructor: Jermaine Fitzpatrick, Music Instructor, Middle (4 & 5)**

Scratch Coding (M) Coding is part of literacy for students in the 21st Century. Scratch, a coding (programming) language and an online community where children can program and share, was designed at the MIT Media Lab. As students create with Scratch, they learn to think critically and creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically. Students will be introduced to Scratch while learning the basics of computer science through activities including creating a personal vector drawn sprite and coding versions of games such as Pong and Snake to gain an appreciation of the work behind apps and games in the digit world. **Instructor: Patrick Edmondson, (Gifted certification and 32 years' experience in DeKalb Co. Schools and at The Children's School), Middle (4 & 5)**

Upper (6-8)

From Problem to Solution, Build Non-Profit of Help (U) Students discover their passion for helping in the community by not just focusing on the problem as we will build the solution. Students identify problems they want to solve, examples might include: homelessness, or cyber bullying, or food deserts and will learn planning with logic modeling to define goals, sustainable fundraising and the importance of evaluation. For the last class, students will present their innovative ideas for leaders from the non-profit industry. **Instructor: Michele Henry, Upper (6, 7 & 8)**

Clues from the First 48 (U): Did you watch Blue's Clues or Scooby-Doo as a kid; and you always solved the mystery first? "CLUES FROM THE FIRST 48" will explore several cases by using forensic science techniques and learning how cases work. Students will learn more about their rights and become aware of laws which are frequently broken. This interactive class will include scenarios in which students complete a modified version of: finger print lifting, teeth marking, and foot print mud casting. Each student is given a hypothetical crime and possible suspects. They will use the tools learned and knowledge gained to figure out who committed the crime. The crimes vary from moderate to advance based on the curious level of the student. This is a hands-on class and the students are the Star Detectives! **Instructor: Amelia L. Bozeman Investigator for Felony Cases Upper (6, 7 & 8)**

Registration for the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program is now completely online. We will no longer be accepting paper applications. In addition, we are no longer accepting checks as a form of payment for any of our classes. Class tuition must now be paid by credit card only. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please visit our online application link given below for registration:

<http://saturdayschool.education.gsu.edu/>

You can now donate all or a portion of the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program tuition to enable a child whose family is struggling financially to participate. For more information and to donate, click on the link below:

<https://netcommunity.gsu.edu/give-to-coe?fid=Ud5zLe5HEEY%3d&fdesc=3XhkLtQeWq9XaKIQvsuteZY0idZZeE5bUWPDU%2fAs9oE%3d>

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