

Below are club descriptions, supervisor name and contact, as well as, dates and locations of meetings. ALL CLUB DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE...

Logistics:

Most clubs run after school. Parents should arrange pick up for their children at the designated time. If a parent will be late picking up a student from an afterschool activity, please contact the main office and supervisor of the club. If clubs are cancelled we will do the best we can to notify the parents. Students are able to call home from the main office to arrange a pick up with parents if a club is cancelled.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Supervisor: Not Running

Dates/Time/Location:

The ASL Club provides grade 4-6 students with the opportunity to learn more about American Sign Language, the Deaf Community, and Deaf Culture. Our goal is to create more unity between cultures and to promote an awareness and respect for the Deaf Community. Students will learn basic vocabulary and conversational skills used in the proper ASL word order by practicing with their peers and playing games. Throughout each session, students will be provided with resources to help them practice both in class and at home. Come to the ASL Club to learn how to sign the alphabet, Pledge of Allegiance, colors, animals, numbers, food, and so much more!

ART CLUB:

Supervisor: Ms. P. Mulligan (pmulligan@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 11/2, 11/21, 12/5, 12/19, 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/27, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18 – 2:50pm – 3:30pm - Cafeteria

The Art Club meets every other week from the end of the school day until 3:45. It is open to all Highland School students in Grades 3 through 6.

The students have access to the art room materials and are allowed to choose their own projects/activities. Some things need more supervision, such as pouring paint, making slime, or stitching, while other activities, such as modeling clay or drawing, both on the computer and traditionally, are usually more independent. The students come in motivated to work and usually come in with an idea of what they wish to do.

BALL ROOM DANCING CLUB

Supervisor: Ms. T. Audino (taudino@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/26, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/7, 3/21, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23 – 2:50pm – 3:40pm - Cafeteria

Students in grades 4-6 will be taught the ins and outs of ballroom dancing in a simple and age appropriate format. Students will learn the different types of ballroom dances; i.e. Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Swing. Students will follow simple step moves and patterns as well as learn the posture that is synonymous with standard dancing. The Club will meet two times per month for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

BAND

Supervisor: Mr. J. Peters (jpeters@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Times/Location: Posted and emailed to students

The Highland School Band Program consists of two ensembles, the 4th Grade Band and the 5th & 6th Grade Band. Students receive weekly lessons during the school day and there are two "Morning Band" rehearsals per week before school for each ensemble. In addition, we also have a Jazz Band, which is available to 5th & 6th Grade Band members and requires one extra Morning Band rehearsal per week. These ensembles perform at the Midland Park Marching Band's Music in the Park Competition, the Midland Park Tree Lighting, the Highland Winter Concert, the Highland Spring Concert, and attend a clinic at the High School each year.

BRAIN GAMES CLUB

Supervisor: Mr. M. Winters (mwinters@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/22, 1/17, 1/31, 2/7, 2/28, 3/6, 3/20, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/7, 6/12 – 2:50pm – 3:30pm – Room 312

The Brain Games Club affords students in grades 4, 5, and 6 the opportunity to develop their skills associated with critical thinking, visual-spatial awareness, problem-solving, and perseverance. Students will attempt to solve puzzles, riddles, logic problems, and brain teasers in a safe and fun environment with their peers. The Brain Games Club will meet twice per month.

CHESS CLUB

Supervisor: Mr. M. Kilgallen (mkilgallen@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/11, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 12/20, 1/3, 1/24, 2/7, 2/28, 3/6, 3/20, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/15, 6/5, 6/12 – 7:45am – 8:15am – Room 309

Grades 5-6 students who enjoy chess and want to play it competitively against their peers should join this Club. Chess Clubs meet in the morning.

COMPUTER CLUB:

Supervisor: Mr. D. Hershberger (dhershberger@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/17, 10/24, 11/11, 11/21, 12/5, 12/19, 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/27, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/11 – 2:50pm – 3:30pm – Room 316

The Computer Club is geared towards students interested in digging deeper into Computer Science and Robotics topics. Students will be able to use programs available in the Computer Lab such as Photoshop, Code.org, and Scratch. Club members will also get lessons on using Spheros, Code and Go, and Botley robot kits. This Club will allow students to explore their computer based interests in more depth than in their regular computer class.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Supervisor: Ms. A. Biagi (abiagi@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/11, 10/25, 11/7, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20, 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 – 2:50pm – 3:30pm – Room 309

The Digital Photography Club is a great way to get involved in Highland School. It is a way for 5th-6th grade students to share their creativity, knowledge, and passion for photography. We meet monthly to improve skills and the ability to use photography in a meaningful way. Members work together with the Yearbook Club to help with school event coverage. They also photograph school assemblies, field trips, and landscape to represent Highland School.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

Supervisor: Not Running

Date/Times/Location:

This Club serves grades 3-6 students and will give an opportunity for students to interact with each other over the game Dungeons and Dragons. Students will be participating in the game, while also learning different social skills. The Club will bring together students who don't normally interact with each other because they are in different grade levels. This Club will meet 2 times per month for at least 45 minutes.

EARLY BIRD CLUB

Supervisor: Not Running

Dates/Time/Location:

Grades 3-6 students who want a quiet place to work before school. This Club will allow for students to come into school prior to the first bell to get work done or simply read, draw, etc. Students will be given an opportunity to work in a quiet setting to read, catch up on assignments or do work once a week before school. This Club is open to everyone grades 3-6. This Club will meet one time per week at 8:00am.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Supervisor: Mr. D. Hershberger (dhershberger@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/18, 10/25, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/20, 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/28, 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12 – 2:50pm – 3:30pm – Room 316

Environmental Club is designed for 5th and 6th grade students with a passion for the environment and nature. We monitor and assist with our school wide recycling program. The Club members are also integral in the composting program we started a few years ago. They educate their peers and take the compost out to the compost tumbler daily. At our meetings, we discuss environmental issues on school, local, and global levels. We are constantly looking for ways to educate the Highland community on how to be more environmentally responsible.

INTRAMURALS

Supervisor: Mr. S. Gang (sgang@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location- Grades 3/4; 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/1: Grades 5/6; 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 – 7:30am – 8:15am – Gymnasium

Highland School's intramurals program is for any student, grades 3-6, who would like to participate. A Physical Education/Health teacher, would like to offer this program in order to afford our students the opportunity for physical exercise, team building, and skill development outside of our traditional gym classes. We consider this a great opportunity for the students and are excited about the new intramural season. Our intramurals program is divided into two sessions to accommodate the four grade levels. 3rd and 4th grade students participate together as do the 5th and 6th grade students. This Club is offered during the Fall and Spring. Please wait for more information as announcements will be made for sign-ups for each season.

LITERARY MAGAZINE

Supervisor: Ms. A. Edwards (aedwards@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/12, 1/9, 1/23, 2/27, 3/12, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7 – 2:50pm – 3:30pm – Room 310

The Highland School literary magazine is a bimonthly club aimed at students who enjoy the creative world of art and writing for grade 3-6 students. This experience will increase their knowledge of different forms of expression and encourage them to share their ideas with the world through publication. Everyone has something to offer and this is a forum where creative expression will thrive.

MATH CLUB

Supervisor: Mr. S. Savage (ssavage@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/12, 10/26, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 1/11, 1/25, 2/1, 2/29, 3/14, 3/28, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 6/6 – 7:45am – 8:15am – Room 314

Math Club is held two (2) Thursday mornings a month during zero period in Room 314 for 6th graders. Math Club takes many different forms. It can be used to explore higher level concepts like probability or Algebra. It can also be used for extra help for that week's topic in class. It can be used to play math related games or solve puzzles. The goal of the Math Club, simply, is to have some fun (and maybe learn a little something) in the world of Math.

MUSICAL STAGE CREW (Highland Musical)

Supervisor: This musical will be advertised separately. This is a big commitment.

The Stage Crew is open to students in Grades 5 and 6. They don't have to have a part in the play, although performers are also welcome. Their main job is to prime the five (5) double sided flats before they draw the new scenery and paint it using acrylic paints. They also help make props and costume parts as needed for the performance. Every show is different and needs vary.

NEWSPAPER CLUB

Supervisor: Ms. A. Edwards (aedwards@mpsnj.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/17, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28, 12/19, 1/16, 1/30, 2/13, 3/5, 3/19, 4/16, 4/30, 5/14 – 2:50pm – 3:30pm – Room 310

The school newspaper consists of grades 5-6 students. The students work on articles that reflect the interests of the Highland community. Cartoons are also welcome. The students enjoy interviewing students and teachers for various articles as well as taking pictures of events and activities. They use Adobe Photoshop Elements for editing their pictures as well as other online programs to produce an online and also a printed newspaper.

PEN PAL CLUB

Supervisor: Mr. T. Hamilton (timhamilton@mpsny.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/26, 11/21, 11/29, 12/4, 12/13, 1/4, 1/22, 2/6, 2/28, 3/13, 3/27, 4/17, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5 – 2:55pm – 3:30pm – Media Center

The Pen Pal Club is a twice monthly opportunity for students who show an interest in corresponding with individuals through the mail. These students will write letters to individuals, in hopes of gaining an on-going correspondence with the individual(s). The Club will also allow students the opportunity to write to their favorite athlete, actor, singer, celebrity, etc. in hopes of attaining their autograph or a written letter back. The students will be able to share their successes with the group during the meetings. No personal addresses will be shared (All mailings go out from and come to Highland School) and no last names will be used.

SCIENCE CLUB

Supervisor: Mr. M. Winters (mwinters@mpsny.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 3/1, 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/19 – 2:50pm – 3:30pm – Room 312

Science Club is held twice a month in Room 312 for 6th graders. Students work with K'NEX sets which are educational; connecting science, technology, engineering, arts, and math within each rod and connector building set.

There four key educational benefits students receive from building with K'NEX!

- 1. Sharpen Focus and Patience**
- 2. Build Fine Motor Skills and Strength**
- 3. Encourage Mind Usage**
- 4. Develop Problem-Solving Skills**

STUDENT COUNCIL

Supervisor: Mrs. D. Lelinho (dlelinho@mpsny.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/17, 10/26, 11/7, 11/30, 12/19, 1/4, 1/23, 2/13, 2/29, 3/7, 3/19, 4/9, 4/25, 5/7, 5/16, - 2:50pm – 3:30pm – Room 208

The Student Council is comprised of representatives from each homeroom in Grades 4-6. These students volunteer their time after school to attend meetings and make a difference in our school and community. Elected members of the Student Council help to collect food to donate to local food pantries, visit a homeless shelter, and collect items to send to our troops, read the morning announcements on the loud speaker, and help plan fun activities for the school. The members also sell pizza to raise money to purchase materials for our school. In past years, Student Council members have donated two mural paintings, a new water fountain, and sponsor the 6th Grade Pi Day. Student Council members make an impact on our school and community.

TRACK CLUB

Supervisor: Mr. S. Savage (ssavage@mpsny.org)

Dates/Time/Location:

Grades 5-6 students who want to promote a health-active lifestyle and learn how to run and be part of a group of similarly minded peers. The Club will meet in the Spring after school hours to be determined.

YEARBOOK CLUB

Supervisor: Ms. A. Biagi (abiagi@mpsny.org)

Dates/Time/Location: 10/11, 10/25, 11/7, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20, 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 – 2:50pm – 3:30pm – Room 309

The Yearbook Club's main goal is to produce the 6th grade Highland School Yearbook. The Yearbook Club meets every other Thursday after school, and also has lunch meetings throughout the year. Members are trained in how to use the Jostens Yearbook Program, and complete their own spreads from various events throughout the year. Members are taught basic lessons in surveying, editing, writing, and creating electronic layouts. It is a great experience for 6th graders to get involved in making memories.