

EKAPS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK AT EKAPS

2/11 - 2/14/25

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/12 - Dress for Success Dress up Day

2/14 - Friendship Day Dress Up

(Match with your Friends)

2/25 - ACT Testing - **All students EXCEPT
11th grade work from home.**

2/28 - Western Day

3/5 & 3/6 - Elementary Breakfast with Books

Yellow & Pink Zone - March 5th

Blue Zone - March 6th

SAVE THE DATE

NO SCHOOL

2/18 - 2/21/25

February Break

Fun Food Wednesdays

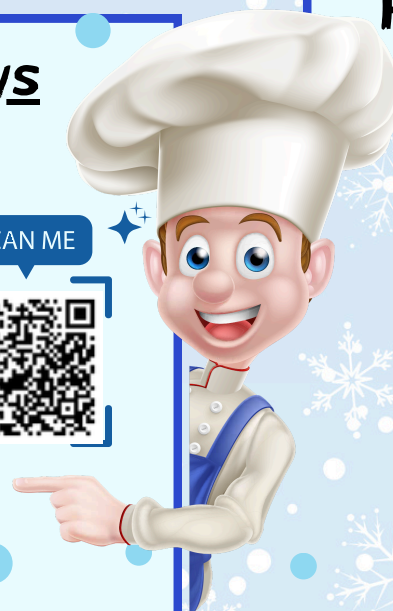
2/26/25 - Little Caesars

Last day to order 2/21/25

3/12/25 - Chicken Shack

Last day to order 3/7/25

SCAN ME



Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Families,

EKAPS is having its spring Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences on Monday, March 10, 2025, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You have until the end of the day, Thursday the 6th of March, at 3 p.m., to schedule a conference with our teaching staff. All conferences will be held virtually using Google Meet. The Google Meet link will be sent to you from one of your student's teachers. You will have the option to meet with one teacher, or you can choose to meet with up to four teachers simultaneously for each student.

Conferences will be scheduled in 15-minute blocks. If you are unable to meet with our teachers on this day or within these times, please reach out individually to the teachers you want to meet with to set up your own conference date/time. Please use the link below to schedule your conference.

Complete all information in this link to ensure that your request can be fulfilled:

https://exploreknowledgeacademy.formstack.com/form/s/parent_teacher_conferences_2425

If you need assistance scheduling your conference, please contact us at parentportal@ekacademy.org.

EKAPS is now offering ...

Explore More Mondays

Not sure what to do with your elementary EKAPS student on a Monday? Could your child use some extra help working on their math facts or reading fluency? Give Explore More Mondays a try. The first time attending is free for all EKAPS students. At Explore More Mondays, students spend their Mondays (available from 8:00 am - 6 pm) with EKAPS staff who help reinforce learning concepts, give students a creative outlet through art, and lots of fun and activities to make and do. It is always a great day at EKAPS, especially on Mondays!



Explore More Mondays

at EKAPS

LIMITED SPOTS ENROLL TODAY

Beginning January 13, 2025

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Explore More Mondays Program provides a safe environment with academic enrichment, social skills and **FUN** to K-5 students!

FEES PER STUDENT / PER MONDAY

THE 1ST MONDAY ATTENDANCE WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE

AFTER 1ST ATTENDANCE - \$40 - PER STUDENT

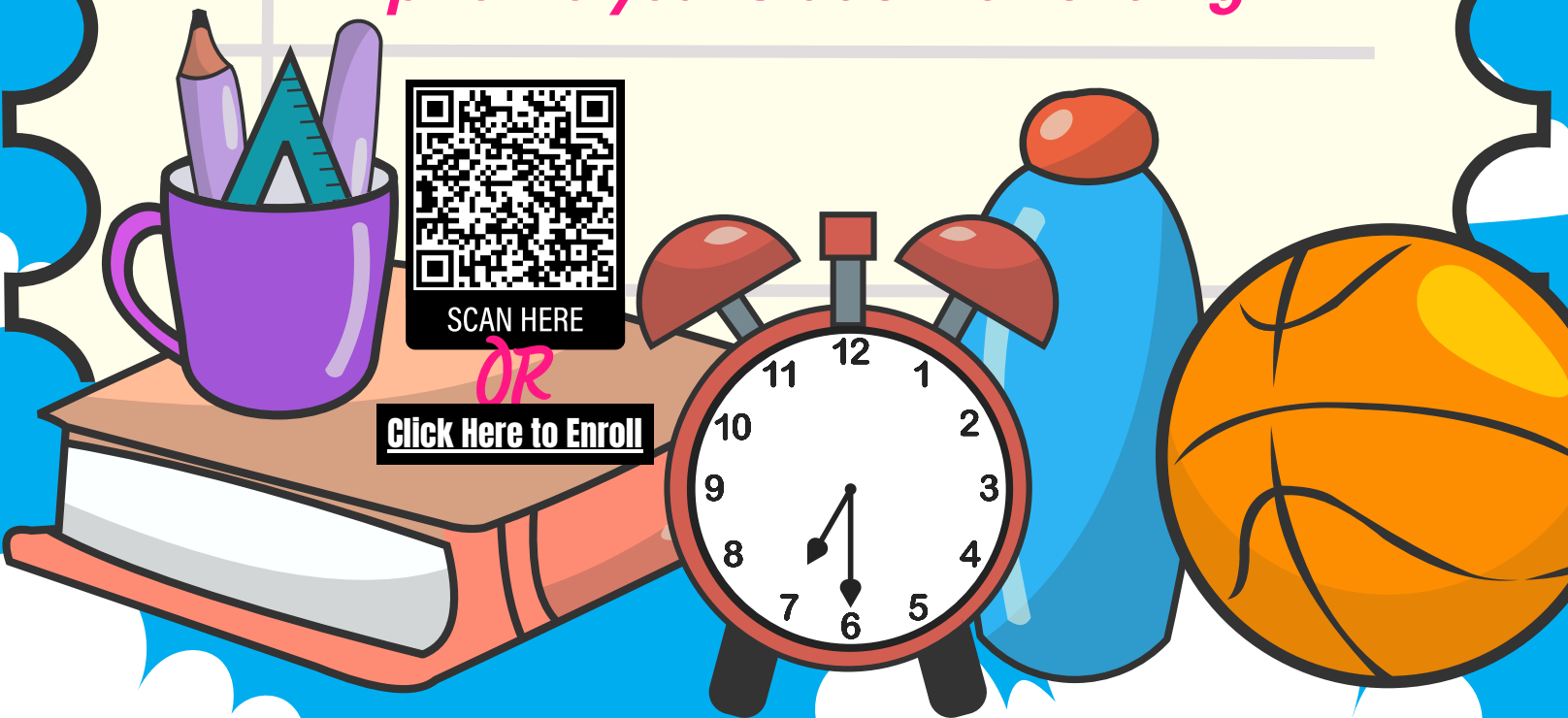
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prior to your student attending***



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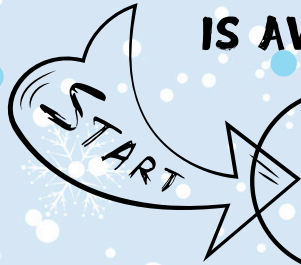
OR

Click Here to Enroll



BREAKING NEWS

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
IS AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.**



EKAPS 2025- 2026 ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

***All current EKAPS students must complete the application (re-enroll) to secure their space for the upcoming school year.**

Once the charter school reaches capacity, students seeking admission will be placed on a waiting list with vacancies filled through a lottery.

New incoming siblings may be enrolled at the same time by choosing First-Time Enrollment. Once the online enrollment form is complete for new students, our Registrar will contact you with the required documents you will need to submit to complete the enrollment process.

A once-a-year school fee of \$120 per student, is expected to be paid per student at the time of enrollment acceptance. The fee for each additional student in the same family is \$100. All fees are Non-Refundable. *No additional fee for use of Credit/Debit Card for payments. You can pay the 2025-2026 school fee online by visiting our website. School Fees 2025-2026 SY

In order to assist our families, we are offering a Financial Payment Plan. If you wish to set up a financial agreement please visit the link provided and make your first payment (a minimum of \$25). https://exploreknowledgeacademy.formstack.com/forms/school_fee_payment_plan

For questions about enrollment or if your student does not plan on returning to EKAPS in the fall (August) of 2025, please contact our Registrar at rwalls@ekacademy.org.

***Please note: CCSD Online Registration must also be completed in April of 2025. EKAPS will let you know once this process is available to complete. In an effort to receive the most updated information, additional enrollment paperwork will be required to be completed in the summer months of 2025.**

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to a great 2025-2026 school year!

UPCOMING FIELDTRIPS

PLEASE NOTE: FIELD TRIPS MAY FILL PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE AS SEATS ARE LIMITED.



2/27/25

HOOVER DAM

5th GRADE STUDENTS

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 21ST

3/06/2025

STEP AFRIKA!

GRADES 6TH, 7TH & SECONDARY

DANCE TEAM

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28TH

PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENT AND PERMISSION SLIP MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER FOR STUDENT(S) TO ATTEND THE FIELD TRIP.

HOOVER DAM 5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

\$35 PER STUDENT

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

DEADLINE IS NOON ON FEB. 21, 2025
NO EXCEPTIONS

*Click
Here*

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

STEP AFRiKA!

Smith Center Field Trip
Thursday, March 6, 2025

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Grades 6 & 7 &

Secondary Dance Team are invited
to attend

**\$25
PER
STUDENT**

[CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT FORM](#)

PERMISSION SLIPS AND PAYMENT DUE BY NOON ON FEB 28, 2025

Leap 4 Fun

Let your child shine in the Spotlight ...
Recitals and Exhibitions are almost here!!!



Classes taught here at your child's school!

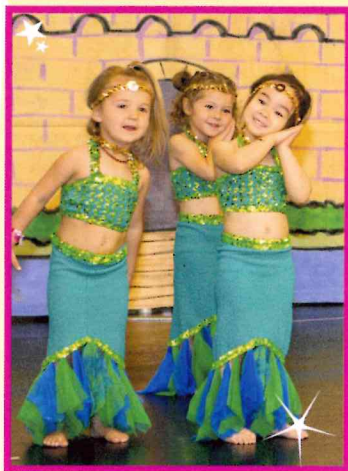
Explore Knowledge Academy of Public Speaking

Cheer/Gymnastics

Wed. at 3:30-4:15 (K-2nd) or Thurs. at 3:30-4:15 (3-5)

Karate/Gymnastics - Tues. at 3:30-4:15 (K-3rd)

\$65 monthly (plus a 1 time \$10 belt fee for karate)



REGISTER ONLINE AT LEAP4FUN.COM
702-433-5404





**CALLING ALL
EKAPS
FAMILIES!**

WHAT IS WATCH D.O.G.S.?

WatchDOGS are fathers, mothers, grandfathers, uncles, aunts and other parental-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. ® school. During the day, WatchDOGS may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a WatchDOG dramatically reduces reports of bullying.

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PURCHASE YOUR WATCHDOG UNIFORM



Explore Knowledge Academy of Public Speaking

2024-2025 YEARBOOK

Order Early for Lower Prices!



Order on or before

Price

Purchase from

January 31st

\$25

Buytheyearbook.com

February 28th

\$30

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March 31st

\$40

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Once delivered in May

\$45

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Add a personalization
on the cover before
January 31st

Additional
\$10

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Add PROM supplement
pages before March 31st

Additional
\$5

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School Code: 722359



EKAPS Secondary Only

Spirit Week

FEBRUARY 11-14



TUESDAY

*Wear comfy clothes
to show your love for comfort*

WEDNESDAY

*Dress to Impress day,
wear fancy clothes*



THURSDAY

*Bring anything but a
backpack day*

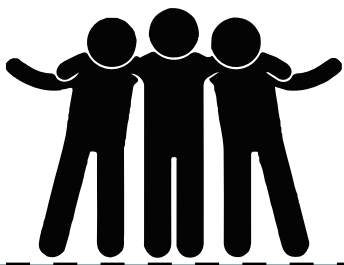
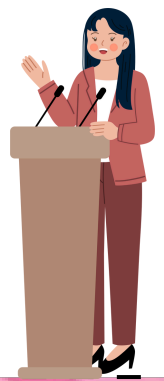
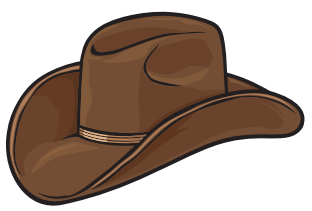


FRIDAY

*Friendship day,
match clothes with your friends*

***The SEL with the most participation will get a
special spot in the yearbook!***

FEBRUARY 2025

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 Love Grams for Sale Yearbooks For Sale \$30  	5 Love Grams for Sale Class and Spring Photos  	6 Love Grams for Sale  	7 NFL Super Bowl Dress Up Day Secondary Spring Dance @5 Love Grams for Sale  
11	12 Dress for Success Dress Up Day Chicken Shack Lunch  	13	14 Friendship Day Friends Matching Dress Up  
18	19	20	21
NO SCHOOL!			
25  ACT Testing  Work from Home Day - Google Classroom Assignments 11th GRADE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS ONLY 	26 Little Caesars Lunch 	27 Secondary Speech Competition 	28 End of 3rd Quarter Western Dress Up Day Yearbook Prices go up to \$40 tomorrow  



EXPLORE KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY'S K-5

BREAKFAST WITH BOOKS

YELLOW ZONE MARCH 4
PINK ZONE MARCH 5
BLUE ZONE MARCH 6

MP ROOM
BUILDING C
8:15AM-9:15AM

**JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME OF EATING SNACKS AND
READING BOOKS! THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR ALL K-5.
ALL K-5 PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME. MP ROOM
DOORS WILL NOT OPEN TO PARENTS UNTIL 8:15 AM.
CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT KNOW YOUR
COLOR DISMISSAL ZONE.**





**WE ARE EXCITED TO HOLD BREAKFAST WITH BOOKS
WITH OUR FAMILIES AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH.
TO HELP THIS EVENT BE A SUCCESS WE ARE
LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY
WRAPPED SNACKS AND JUICE BOXES. TREATS MUST
BE NUT-FREE. PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE
FRONT OFFICE OF BUILDING A OR B.
DONATIONS ARE NEEDED BY FEBRUARY 27TH.**



HELPFUL LINKS

[EKAPS School Calendar](#)

[Family Handbook of EKAPS Policies](#)

[EKAPS ATTENDANCE POLICY](#)

[Pre-Arranged Absence](#)

[Absence Note](#)

[EKAPS Traffic & Valet Policy](#)

[Better Lunch](#)

[Wednesday fun food calendar](#)

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[EKAPS Events Calendar](#)

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[Contact Us](#)

[EKAPS Teacher & Staff Emails](#)

click here!

VALET REMINDERS!!

TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE DURING THE HECTIC DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES, WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU AND ANYONE DESIGNATED TO DRIVE YOUR STUDENT(S) AGREE TO OUR TRAFFIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES AT ALL TIMES:

- **VALET PLACARDS MUST BE VISABLE UPON ARRIVAL TO OUR CAMPUS FOR AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP.**
- **SPEED LIMIT IS 5 MPH IS REQUIRED FOR STAFF TO INPUT VALET NUMBERS INTO VALET SYSTEM.**
- **ALWAYS WATCH FOR STUDENTS CROSSING OR WALKING THROUGH TRAVEL LANES ON CAMPUS.**
- **TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC BACK-UPS OR DELAYS, STUDENTS SHOULD DISEMBARK OR EMBARK IN AN EXPEDITIOUS AND SAFE MANNER.**
- **DRIVERS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR CARS UNLESS PARKED IN A MARKED PARKING SPOT.**
- **TRAFFIC FLOWS COUNTERCLOCKWISE AROUND THE SCHOOL DURING PEAK PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES. (7:30 - 8:15 AND 2:40 - 4:00)**

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

- **DROPPING OFF STUDENTS ON CAMPUS PRIOR TO 7:30 AM.**
- **EXITING A VEHICLE ON MOUNTAIN VISTA ON THE NON-CURBSIDE LANE.**
- **DROPPING STUDENTS OFF IN THE TRAFFIC LANES ON MOUNTAIN VISTA.**
- **DOUBLE-PARKING ON MOUNTAIN VISTA.**
- **STOPPING TRAFFIC ON MOUNTAIN VISTA TO "WAIT" FOR A PARKING SPOT.**
- **PARKING/STOPPING/STANDING IN THE CONED OFF AREA ON MOUNTAIN VISTA.**
- **PARKING/STOPPING/STANDING IN EKAPS' DRIVEWAY.**
- **PARKING/STOPPING/STANDING ON MOUNTAIN VISTA BETWEEN EKAPS' DRIVEWAY AND CAROL CIRCLE.**
- **LEAVING VEHICLES UNATTENDED IN THE NO PARKING ZONE ON MOUNTAIN VISTA.**

IMPORTANT AFTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

EKAPS understands that at times circumstances may prevent the timely pickup of a student. Therefore, it is critical that alternate arrangements be made for after-school care. In case of an emergency and a student is not picked up at the end of the school day, school staff will make an effort to reach parents/guardians and emergency contacts to arrange for student pickup. In the event that a parent/guardian or emergency contact is unreachable, or communication hasn't been received from the parent/guardian the Left Over student will be taken to Safekey per the EKAPS After-School Care agreement. Parents/Guardians will be required to pay EKAPS for Safekey at the rate of \$30 per student, per day, unless their student(s) is registered and the registration fee paid for Safekey through Clark County.



Want to advertise to families at the school ?



***For a small donation, your business can be displayed
on the fence between Building B and C each semester***

**Contact:
foundation@ekacademy.org
for details**



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Whitney Library Youth Services Calendar

5175 E. Tropicana Ave.

FEBRUARY 2025

702-507-4015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FREE AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS Provided by Three Square Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Kids and Teens Ages 6 - 18		HOMEWORK HELP & SKILL BUILDING Monday - Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Grades K - 12 <i>Except February 10 & 17</i>				1 LEGO League 3 p.m. 
2 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. 	3	4 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. 	5 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. 	6 Music & Movement 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. Bridge Building Challenge 3 p.m.	7	8 STEAM Storytime: Sound 10:30 a.m. Video Game Day 3 p.m.
9 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. Fiber Arts Club 12 p.m. 	10 DIY Felt Rose Bouquets 3 p.m. 	11 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. 	12 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. Valentine's Day Crafternoon 3:30 p.m. 	13 Music & Movement 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. 	14 	15 Drawing Chalk Art Day 3 p.m. 
16 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. Teen Lit Book Club 1 p.m. 	CLOSED Presidents Day	18 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. 	19 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. 	20 Music & Movement 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. Friendship Necklaces 3 p.m.	21	22 Robot Lab 3 p.m. 
23 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. Fiber Arts Club 12 p.m. Slumber Storytime 4:30 p.m.	24	25 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. Mini Frame Magnets 3 p.m. 	26 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. 	27 Music & Movement 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. Pokémon Day 3 p.m. 	28	 Program Details on Back 

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Storytimes & Playgroups

Five and Under Storytime | Sundays & Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Ages 0 - 5

This story program is for all children ages five and under and their caregivers. Families will enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and a craft while building language and literacy skills!

Baby Time | Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Ages 0 - 18 Months

Babies from birth to 18 months and their caregivers will enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays together. This brain-building program includes book sharing time and language enrichment activities followed by play time!

Music & Movement | Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Ages 0 - 5

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers will enjoy an action-packed, movement-focused interactive story time featuring music, books, and more!

Stay & Play | Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Ages 0 - 5

Enjoy this play-based program for ages 0-5 and caregivers. Drop in, play with a variety of toys, and meet other families with young children in a relaxed environment.

Saturday, 2/8 | STEAM Storytime: Sound | 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Ages 3 - 5

Enjoy this hands-on storytime that mixes science with stories! This month's theme is sound, and it will introduce your toddlers and preschoolers to acoustics and sound waves.

Sunday, 2/23 | Slumber Storytime | 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Ages 0 - 11

Wind down and relax at Slumber Storytime, where we will share bedtime rhymes, sing lullabies, and read some calming stories perfect for winding down your little one.

Regular Programs

Free Meals | Monday - Friday, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Ages 6 - 18

Free meals are provided in the Youth Services Department for kids and teens ages 6 - 18 every weekday while supplies last. Meals at this location are shelf stable and must be eaten in the library. Children must be present to receive meals. Food is provided by Three Square.

Homework Help and Skill Building | Monday - Thursday (Except February 10 & 17) | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Grades K - 12

Students in grades K-12 are welcome to drop in any time Monday through Thursday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. for tutoring and homework help from CCSD teachers and teacher aides through Andson. Students must bring work with them, and tutoring is provided in small group settings.

Special Programs

Saturday, 2/1 | LEGO League | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to create their own LEGO masterpiece to be displayed all month long in the library.

Thursday, 2/6 | Bridge Building Challenge | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17

Are you up for the challenge? Build a bridge using household items and see how much weight it can hold!

Sunday, 2/9 & 2/23 | Fiber Arts Club | 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Join us for an afternoon of crochet, knitting, and other fiber arts! In this easygoing environment, you will be able to learn or work on your current project. All skill levels are welcome!

Monday, 2/10 | DIY Felt Rose Bouquets | 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Express your love this Valentine's Day with a beautiful felt rose bouquet that you made yourself - petal by petal! You get to take your creations home to use as decoration or as a gift to your loved ones.

Wednesday, 2/12 | Valentine's Day Crafternoon | 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5 - 17

Enjoy an afternoon of Valentine's Day crafts, including heart window clings and candy-jar shaped valentines!

Saturday, 2/15 | Drawing Chalk Art Day | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 4 & Up

Join us in the Young People's Library to use drawing chalk to create your own one-of-a-kind art on paper. Take your creation home or leave it with us to display in the library!

Sunday, 2/16 | Teen Lit Book Club | 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Join our new monthly YA book club for the opportunity to discuss your thoughts on the month's pick with your peers! This month, we are reading "Divine Rivals" by Rebecca Ross, an epic enemies-to-lovers fantasy novel filled with hope and heartbreak, and the unparalleled power of love.

Thursday, 2/20 | Friendship Necklaces | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

What's the best gift you could give to a friend? A wish, of course! Join us as we create one-of-a-kind necklaces made of potion bottles. Decorate them with glitter, dried flowers, and a wish! Make one for yourself, or a friend and trade! Please note: supplies are limited and will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Saturday, 2/22 | Robot Lab | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12

Drop in and learn some coding basics by tinkering with a variety of technology and creating and coding robots! Featured tech may include Codey Rocky, Cubelets, Dash, LEGO WeDo, Ozobots, and more.

Tuesday, 2/25 | Mini Frame Magnets | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 8 - 17

Get crafty and come design your own mini picture frame magnet to decorate your fridge or locker. It's the perfect way to preserve memories with a personalized touch!

Thursday, 2/27 | Pokémon Day | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 3 - 17

Get ready to catch 'em all—crafts and games that is! Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, and more to celebrate Pokémon Day!