

Lions' Den Descriptions

SECOND Quarter 2017-18

Art in the World

What art exists in the world and how do you, a Giles student, connect to it. Students will study art but also create art. Topics and activities include: artists you should know, art forms, art techniques, application of techniques, materials exploration, using art in your homework.

Brain Games

An opportunity to expand your brain with game theory and strategy. We'll work on our chess skills and see what other areas and tools we can use to boost our brain power.

Broadcast Journalism

Students involved in Broadcast Journalism will cover and investigate stories and issues important to them. They will write and produce newscasts for the school. They will get a chance work with the technical side and the journalistic side of all the stories that matter. We envision a fast paced week of finding, writing and producing stories that meet high standards and tight deadlines.

Current Events

In Current Events students will be exposed to numerous media outlets regarding current event news stories where they will be able learn about, analyze, discuss, write, and debate issues that effect modern society. Students will build a stronger foundation to understand and recognize media and societal bias. By investigating global issues, students will gain a greater understanding of the events of an ever-changing multicultural world.

D.A.R.E. (5th Grade Only)

All 5th Graders will be assigned D.A.R.E. this year. Be in the first group to take the class with Officer Ted!

Gateway to Technology (Junior Engineering and STEM)--8th graders only!

Team taught by Mr. Hovorka and an engineering teacher from Ridgewood, this Lions' Den will be assigned to all 8th graders this school year. Preference it now

and be in the 2nd quarter groups that will set the bar high for your peers to follow. Enjoy solving complex problems like real engineers and scientists, while preparing for freshman year science coursework.

Homework Help!

We all need a little help now and then. This will give you an opportunity to get help from teachers and peers on any and all of your subjects. Busy after school with sports and activities? Then take the time in school to do your homework well.

Intramurals (5th-8th Graders)

Do you like to play sports? Be part of a team? Develop game strategy? Meet new friends? Then intramurals is for you. We will play many activities such as: baseball, dodgeball, floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, soccer and much more. If that sounds fun and interesting then make sure you don't miss out on the excitement.

Intro to STEM (5th,6th, and 7th Graders)

Do you love to build things? Work as a team and compete against your peers? Engineer something new? Then Intro to STEM is for you. Open to all students, you will solve problems using Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Love to Read! (5th-8th Graders)

Want time to slow down during your busy day and just read? Come join Love to Read!

Math Lab (tutor)

Do you like math? Do you want to improve your math skills? Do you want the admiration of your peers? Become a Math Lab Tutor. Do your own homework and re-teach math concepts to your peers.

Math Lab (get tutoring)

Do you struggle with your math homework? Do you not want to take your math homework home with you? Sign up for Math Lab. Peer and adult support available to re-explain concepts.

Music in our Community (5th-8th Graders)

Students will organize National Anthem singers at home sporting events at Giles. This includes recruiting singers, judging auditions, and creating a schedule of singers. Students in 7th-8th Grade will organize playlists with songs that will play throughout the school during passing periods. Students will also create and maintain social media pages dedicated to the music department at Giles.

Personal Fitness (5th-8th Graders)

Do you like to workout? Is spending time in the fitness room fun for you? Bring a friend and challenge each other to get healthy and fit, building muscle and confidence!

Psychology: Dreams and Decisions

Would you like to understand how your brain learns and how you make decisions? Analyze how your perceptions are influenced by outside forces (i.e. individuals, media, social structures) and make more conscious decisions based on that understanding.

School of Rock

Want to learn to play guitar or sing? Ever wanted to form a rock band? Bring your friends and sign up for this fun Lions' Den alternative to traditional band. Students will experience guitar - both electric and acoustic, piano, vocals, and even percussion instruments such as the snare drum, cymbals, and more! Prepare to Rock!

Spanish Honor Society (Sociedad Hispanica Amistad)

The Sociedad Hispanica De Amistad (SHA) is a national activities based Spanish society for students enrolled in Spanish. SHA helps students excel in Spanish language and culture. Students will have a chance to participate in national and state competitions. SHA will also work on projects that help the local and global community (such as last year's popular Pulsera Project). Students will have a chance to utilize new language and cultural skills in fun and engaging ways (members will assist in choosing activities). Former and new members welcome!