



2018-19 BELL Academy

Cycle 2: Enrichment Cluster Options

Directions: Please read the descriptions of the clusters offered and select your top five choices using the preference survey. All students will be placed in one of their top choices. You will be in this cluster from January through March. You are expected to actively participate in this class, so please be sure to select a cluster best fit to your interest. (NOTE: You may only fill out the survey ONE time. If you complete the survey multiple times, ONLY your FIRST response will be considered.)

Name	Description
Drama	Are you a natural performer? Do you like to act? Are you creative and love to design sets? If so, Drama Club is the club for you! Drama Club is for students who enjoy acting, singing, dancing or being cast crew members. You will learn acting skills, play production, teamwork and have experience working on sets and props. As a club, you will hold performances for the school and spread your talents to our local community centers such as the YMCA or nursing home. *Students must audition for this cluster*
Fashion	Do you like fashion? Are you interested in interior decorating or jewelry design? In this cluster, you will explore fashion trends of different decades and/or cultures. You will design original fashion pieces that are inspired by those trends. We will learn how to sketch, sew, and even market your design. You can create a pillow, quilt, hat, a pair of socks, masks, dresses, pants, jewelry, etc. There may also be a possible trip to the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) to explore and learn more about the fashion industry and famous designers.
Film	Do you enjoy watching films? Have you ever wondered how films are made? Would you enjoy creating your own animations and movies? The film cluster will explore the world of film; the way they are shot, the importance of imagery and dialogue and how all these elements work together to create a successful film. As a final project, participants will create their own film. Trips might include visits to the Museum of the Moving Image and/or the Museum of Television and Radio.
Games Development	Do you enjoy playing games, solving puzzles, or deciphering riddles? Ever wonder what makes them fun and engaging? Who knew they were also good for your brain development and disease prevention?! Within this cluster, students will explore the world of games, puzzles, brain teasers, and more. Get ready for some friendly competition, learn how various games affect the brain, how companies develop their popular games, and create your own games for the local children's hospital and senior center.
Healthy Living	Do you ever wonder which foods are best for your mental and physical health? Have you ever been confused about why sleep is so important in an adolescent's life? In this cluster, you will explore the components of a healthy lifestyle. Together we will brainstorm ways to make sure we can lead the healthiest life that we can! We will enjoy an occasional healthy snack and hopefully have a visit from a professional nutritionist. Field trips may include a visit to the human body exhibit at the Hall of Science.
Karate	Hiya! Do you want to learn the traditional martial art of Japanese Shotokan Karate? This cluster will help you develop strength, fitness, and healthy exercise habits. Develop self discipline by learning the skills of self defense, with a focus on techniques of blocking, punching, and kicking. There may be a trip to the Shotokai USA Karate Miyazakis Bayside Dojo. *Students in this cluster must wear their gym uniform*

RESPECT Team	<p>Are you interested in becoming a member of the BELL Academy RESPECT Team? Do you want to encourage BELL Academy students to embrace and share their differences? Being on the RESPECT Team will be a fun and challenging experience. One project you focus on is creating new activities for this year's RESPECT FOR ALL week. You will also have the opportunity to share your ideas and create fundraisers and activities around BELL. These activities will build upon our ongoing diversity programs and help BELL Academy embark upon new initiatives that promote respect and diversity and focus on preventing bullying, intimidation and bias-based harassment.</p>
Set Design	<p>Want to help out the school? We need artists and builders to help design the set, props, and costumes for the school play! Come help design, build, and paint the background scenery and props. If you are creative, hardworking, and like helping out then this is the SEM for you.</p>
Stock Market Challenge	<p>Are you interested in buying at low prices and selling at high prices? Do you want to learn more about what it takes to have a job working as a stockbroker? Are you someone willing to take risks to make the almighty dollar? Come be part of an exciting cluster where you will have to manage a large amount of "money" to achieve the ultimate goal: come out on top. In this cluster you will work closely with your classmates to follow daily trends of the New York Stock Exchange and follow the money you initially invest and make decisions on whether you should keep, buy more of or sell. A possible trip could be a virtual field trip to the New York Stock Exchange.</p>
Social Justice: We Can Change the World	<p>Do you want to make a difference in the world? Does watching the news, or reading the newspaper, impact you and make you want to take action? You can change the world! Together, we will explore Social Justice issues and consider real world solutions. Come change the world as we do our best to become a team of real life superheroes!</p>
String Ensemble*	<p>Are you a musician interested in performing in a group setting? This cluster is open to all students with a desire to create and perform with others who share a passion for music. You will have the chance to arrange and play songs of your choosing, compose and record your own music and perform with an ensemble in multiple different settings. All ability levels are welcome and everyone is given the opportunity to improve as a musician and performer regardless of their skill level. We will be able to provide string instruments from the school so you do not need your own instrument to participate in this cluster. Students who play instruments other than strings are also encouraged to join. Possible class field trips include sitting in on a rehearsal of the NY Philharmonic and other musical performances around the city. *Students in this cluster typically remain in this cluster throughout the school year.</p>
Wonderful Watercolors	<p>Calling all aspiring artists! Do you like to paint? In this cluster, we will study and experiment a variety of techniques and methods of watercolors. We will explore possible careers in the Visual Arts. In addition, we will explore careers that involve art and the application of watercolors. Did you know that Illustrators and fashion designers work with watercolors, for both high-end stores and magazine ad campaigns. A possible trip is the Morgan Library for Colors of the World workshop. We will display our work in local community venues such as our local library.</p>