

The Anchor

SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Beyond The Bell

Intermediate Students Thrive Through Clubs

For intermediate school students, clubs and after-school activities provide many benefits, especially as students in this age group are in a critical period of psychological and academic development.

Studies have shown that students who participate in extracurriculars during their intermediate school years tend to be well-rounded, excel in academics and have a better sense of commitment and responsibility. Involved students also gain important social, teamwork and leadership skills.

"It is beneficial for intermediate students to get involved in all our district has to offer," said Dr. Nicholas Dyno, superintendent of schools. "Students not only have fun participating in our extracurricular programs, but also gain a wealth of experience that will help them as they advance into high school."

Extracurricular activities in the intermediate school, said Dr. Dyno, also help foster a sense of pride in the school and community. Club activities frequently involve engaging

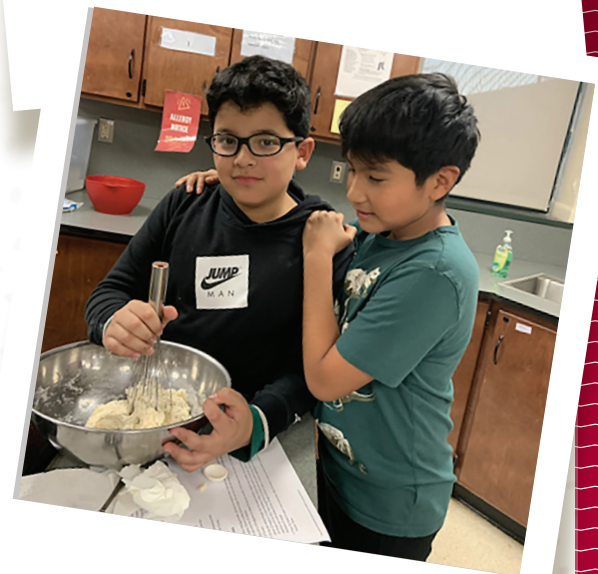
fellow students in special activities within school and helping those in need in the community.

"We are always proud of all the service that our intermediate school students participate in," said Dr. Dyno.

This year, for example, club members have raised awareness for breast cancer and packaged meals for those in need.

Understanding the importance of providing intermediate students with unique after-school experiences, the Southampton School District supports 19 clubs that are steered by committed and creative staff members. The district also adds new clubs at the request of students and based on need.

This school year, the district is highlighting elementary, intermediate and high school clubs. This edition of The Anchor focuses exclusively on our intermediate school offerings. Visit the district's website, www.southamptonschools.org, to view the fall edition of The Anchor, which highlighted high school club offerings.



MULTICULTURAL CLUB

- **Advisor:** Ellen Martin
- **Club Members:** 20
- **About the Club:** The Multicultural Club is a student-led organization for students in grades 5-8. The mission of this club is to promote awareness of and celebrate the diverse cultural heritages of the local community and world through educational, interactive and fun activities.
- **Why This Club Is Important:** Students learn to appreciate diversity through hands-on cultural celebrations that include food, games, music, dance and traditions from around the world as they connect to the school community.
- **Club Plans for the 2023-24 School Year:** So far this school year, club members have met student exchange members from Spain, danced flamenco, made paella for a multicultural feast, created bulletin boards in the main hallway that featured the school's Spanish-speaking staff for Hispanic Heritage Month and made tostadas. Club members also celebrated Indigenous Peoples Month by making fry bread, creating bulletin boards that highlighted winter celebrations around the world and making Mexican "ojos de Dios" ornaments.



Multicultural Club

Southampton Intermediate School CLUB OFFERINGS

Art Club
Builders Club
Chamber Choir
Drama Club
Early Act Service Club
Garden Club
Jazz Band

Kindness Club
Lego Club
Mock Trial Club
Multicultural Club
National Junior Honor Society
PAL

School Musical
Shinnecock Club
Special Olympics
Soccer Club
Student Council
Woodworking Club

BUILDERS CLUB

- **Advisors:** Pam Halpin and Stephanie Budd
- **Club Members:** 20
- **About the Club:** Builders Club is a student-led community service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. Students work on "building our community" through community service activities that promote student leadership and voice.
- **Why This Club Is Important:** Students in the club practice fostering care, empathy and good character. They also develop service and leadership skills through opportunities to learn, engage, serve and lead to benefit school, community and world.
- **Club Plans for the 2023-24 School Year:** So far this school year, students have volunteered at Heart of the Hamptons and a school holiday shop, created kindness rocks, shown teachers appreciation and made chalk art for student motivation.



Builders Club

LEGO CLUB

- **Advisor:** Marion Tanner
- **Club Members:** 12-15
- **About the Club:** Most students love Legos, and any student can be successful at building a Lego creation. Every week during Lego Club, a new theme is developed that helps guide students' Lego creations. Example of themes are habitats for wild animals, hidden treasures, car obstacle courses, fairy tales, zipline racing, ramps and slides, and towns. Students can suggest themes that they would like to create. Lego tables are arranged to promote inclusivity, conversations and sharing with peers. There are opportunities for collaboration and/or individual focus to build Lego creations.
- **Why This Club Is Important:** It allows for all types of students to interact, create and be successful in a low-pressure, positive setting. They have an opportunity to feel included, appreciated and successful.
- **Club Plans for the 2023-24 School Year:** This year, students are using their creativity to build a habitat for a wild animal, build any creation that is not real and build any type of structure that someone or something can live in.



Lego Club

EARLY ACT SERVICE CLUB

- **Advisor:** RoseAnn Gentile
- **Club Members:** 60
- **About the Club:** Early Act is the community service club for the Southampton Intermediate School. The purpose of Early Act is to help the community in times of need. The club is open to all grade levels.
- **Why This Club Is Important:** Students learn how to give back to their community while gaining insight into the importance of volunteer work.
- **Club Plans for the 2023-24 School Year:** This year, club members have participated in a car wash to raise breast cancer awareness, a food drive, a polar bear plunge, a "cookie and milk with Santa" event and a holiday toy drive.



Early Act Service Club

WOODWORKING CLUB

- **Advisor:** James Nolan
- **Club Members:** 16
- **About the Club:** This year, the grade 5-6 Woodworking Club met after school two days a week from October to December. During the club, students constructed a "foot locker." To make the locker, a variety of age-appropriate tools and machines were used. The club rounded out the session with a holiday party.
- **Why This Club Is Important:** Students learn how to work safely with tools and numerous woodworking techniques that can be used throughout life. They also develop a greater sense of self-worth.

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NEW Fitness Course

The Southampton School District officially cut the ribbon on a new fitness course at Southampton Intermediate School during a ceremony on Jan. 4.

The new course features 12-14 climbing elements with a start and finish line. It combines a series of challenging physical obstacles that individual students or teams of students can take on. Additionally, it includes three levels of challenges and multiple options within each level.

"The course allows students to work their entire body and enjoy a dose of healthy competition among friends and teammates or by themselves,"

said Athletic Director Darren Phillips. "The course can be used as part of an overall training plan or as a stand-alone way to spend time outdoors and gain the benefits of increased physical fitness."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nicholas Dyno said the course is a perfect addition to the intermediate school, which is also home to a GaGa pit. "We look forward to our students spending time on the course, making friends and challenging themselves," he said.

Students will have the opportunity to use the new course during their recess period

following a training session held during their physical education classes.

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