

Class Descriptions for GATE After-school Program 2008-2009

ACTING WORKSHOP: (six week session)

Taught by retired LCHS Drama Director Gale Caswell, students will explore the exciting world of acting through theatre games and acting exercises.

Wednesday: February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, and March 11

Class size limit: 25

Instructor: Gale Caswell

ARTFUL PICTURES ANYWHERE: IT'S A SNAP!: (six week session) - *NEW!*

Taught by a professional photographer who also teaches at PCC and Santa Monica College, this is a new class geared around the exciting potential of photography. How do you set up the shot? Why do you set it up that way? What are you trying to do? This course answers those questions. Bring a camera, digital or otherwise. **Materials/lab fee: \$15.00 made payable to LCUSD.**

Wednesday: February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4 and March 11

Class size limit: 22

Instructor: John Free

COMMON SENSE FIRST AID: (four week session) - *NEW!*

How does a 4th, 5th, or 6th grade student respond in an emergency? A career nurse and former pre-school teacher helps students learn how to keep the stress level down and the common sense strong. Each week students will be given an everyday scenario that could happen at home, school, or play, and then learn skills to respond. **Materials/lab fee: \$15 made payable to LCUSD.**

Wednesday: March 4, 11, 18, and March 25

Class size limit: 25

Instructor: Dele Burt

CRIMINAL JUSTICE II, CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION: (five week session) 5th & 6th Grade GATE Students Only

Building upon the foundations of criminal procedures and law developed and learned in Criminal Justice I, during the weekly pull-out program students will go behind the scenes of crime scene investigation and meet and interact with crime scene specialists to learn how crime scenes are really processed and how evidence is collected and preserved. Speakers will include a DNA specialist, an L.A. County Coroner's Office medical examiner, an L.A.P.D. robbery homicide detective, an arson investigator, and an L.A. County Crime Lab Criminologist who specializes in ballistics. The class will culminate with a crime scene simulation where the students will put the investigative tools learned in the classroom to use.

Wednesday – March 25, April 1, April 15, April 22, and April 29

Class size limit: 50

Instructor: Valerie

Aenlle-Rocha

EXPLORATIONS IN SCIENCE: FUN THINGS AND WHY THEY HAPPEN: (five week sessions) - *NEW!*

Here's a great class for any student who often asks WHY and HOW, and often says, I'VE GOT AN IDEA. Each week students will be discovering something new and fun related to science. It's a hands-on class with labs, and it's sure to appeal to anyone who is curious. **Materials/lab fee: \$15 made payable to LCUSD.**

Wednesdays: (**Fourth Grade Only**)-February 4, 11, 18, 25, & Mar. 4

Class size limit: 20

Thursdays: (**Fifth and Sixth Grade Only**)-February 5, 12, 19, 26, & Mar. 5

Instructor: Rose Harris

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MARINE BIOLOGY: (four week sessions)

This popular hands-on course returns again for students to explore the depths of marine life. It is a 4-week science experience that includes fish dissection, tide-pool investigation, squid and shark study. **Materials/lab fee: \$40 made payable to LCUSD.**

Thursday - February 5, 12, 19, 26 **or**
Thursday - March 5, 12, 19, 26

Class size limit: 25
Instructor: Oceans Alive

SPEAK UP! SPEAK OUT! (four week session) - *NEW!*

Designed for those who tend to lose points on oral presentations as well as those who excel, this workshop includes funny and useful warm-up exercises, entertaining 'brown bag' speech topics, plus tips to help students be effective as speakers even when they are scared.

Wednesday: March 4, 11, 18, and March 25

Class size limit: 22
Instructors: Judi &
Jerry Healey

WEBSITE DESIGN: (six week session) - *NEW!*

Students will go beyond word processing in this class! Using the very powerful program Microsoft Word, students will explore secrets of Word, master the use of tables, and create a personalized webpage!

In this hands-on class we will:

- Record sounds
- Discuss a website structure
- Use color, text and movement to captivate an audience!
- Insert moving images
- Upload a website to a local server
- Use a scanner

Advance preparation will allow students to make the most of their time in class. Students should pick a topic (All about Me is perfect), and select some images they can use on their website.

Supplies: Class fee includes a flash drive for each student. Students may wish to bring their own digital camera and cord if appropriate. Cameras will be provided if necessary. **Materials/lab fee: \$20.00 made payable to LCUSD.**

Thursday: March 19, 26, April 2, 16, 23, & April 30

Class size limit: 20
Instructor: Kristen
Morefield

WILDLIFE BIOLOGY-The Animal Guys: (four week sessions)

This class focuses on the ecology of animals, their natural history, adaptations, habitat, and conservation. Live animals are used in the class. **Materials/lab fee: \$20 made payable to LCUSD.**

Wednesdays – March 4, 11, 18, 25 **or**
Wednesdays – April 15, 22, 29, and May 6

Class size limit: 25
Instructor: David Riherd

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WORD PLAY: (five week session)

Learn how to get the most out of an interview, paint vibrant pictures with two or three carefully chosen words and write pieces that will grab the attention of the reader. Two of the Los Angeles Times' most highly-regarded writers, Bill Plaschke from Sports and Chris Erskine from Home, will work with students on the kinds of skills that make a good journalist and help a writer develop his or her own style.

Wednesday: April 29, May 6, 13, 20, and May 27

Class size limit: 22
Instructors: Chris Erskine &
Bill Plaschke

WRITE, ILLUSTRATE, BIND: (five week session) - *NEW!*

After taking a look at children's literature, including use of plot and dialogue, students will create one they write, illustrate and bind into a book. They'll each have a great keepsake to share with younger children in their family or in their school. **Materials/lab fee: \$15 made payable to LCUSD.**

Thursdays - March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2

Class size limit: 20
Instructor: Kathy Cockerill