

The background features a vibrant watercolor wash in shades of purple, blue, green, and pink. Overlaid on this is a large, stylized sun with a human-like face. The sun's face is rendered in white outlines against a solid green circular area. The sun's rays are depicted as thick white lines radiating from the face. The overall aesthetic is artistic and colorful.

LEXPLOrATIONS SUMMER 2025

Register Online at:
LexingtonCommunityEd.org

WELCOME TO LEXPLORATIONS 2025!

Summer is an optimal season for learning and fun, and along with an outstanding teaching staff and new and returning friends, learning and fun is exactly what you'll find at the Lexplorations 2025 Summer Program for Academic and Creative Enrichment. Programs are open to all regardless of residency. We hope that your family will join us this summer at Lexplorations!

HOW TO REGISTER

Visit our website at lexingtoncommunityed.org and click on the orange "Lexplorations" tab to view a full list of programs. We accept Visa or MasterCard. **Please note: Lexplorations registrations can not be processed over the telephone, by fax, email, or in-person.**

LOCATION INFORMATION

Lexplorations 2025 programs will meet at Hastings Elementary School (7 Crosby St.), and Lexington High School (251 Waltham St.). Arrival and dismissal at the Hastings Elementary School will be staggered from 8:45 - 9:00 am, and 2:45 - 3:00 pm. Additional details will be included in an informational parent packet that will be emailed before the start of the program.

KIDSBOROUGH at LEXPLORATIONS

Kidsborough is pleased to provide a fun, enriching program from 3:00 - 6:00 pm for students enrolled in Lexplorations at Hastings. The price of the after care program includes an afternoon snack and drink, activity options and plenty of outside play. Please contact Julia Arey at 781.918.8541 or lexsummer@kidsborough.com with any questions about the Kidsborough after care program.

DATES FOR LEXPLORATIONS 2025

June 30 - July 3 (4 day week)	July 7 - July 11	July 14 - July 18	July 21 - July 25	July 28 - August 1	August 4 - August 8
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PROGRAM CONTENT

- Grade level refers to the grade your child will be entering in the Fall of 2025.
- Programs that list multiple weeks are the same in content unless specifically noted in the description.
- Teachers are subject to change as a result of unforeseen circumstances.
- As a self-supporting program of the Lexington Public Schools, Lexplorations follows all safety guidelines and procedures of LPS.

CLASS SIZE

- Class size is generally limited to 12-15 students.
- Most classes have a minimum enrollment of 6 students.
- We will notify you if your child's program must be canceled due to low enrollment. Students in canceled classes often find other Lexplorations programs of interest in which to enroll.
- If a program is filled, you can add your child to a waitlist on our website. We will contact you if space becomes available. Waitlisting is free of charge.

CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES AND WITHDRAWALS

- All changes to a student's registration/schedule must be completed by email correspondence and sent to: Lexplorations@lexingtonma.org.
- Please note that any changes made after initial registration will not be reflected in your online account.
- A \$15 "switch fee" will be charged for each change to a child's registration.
- All tuition is refunded if Lexplorations cancels a class.
- If you withdraw from a program prior to May 1, tuition will be refunded minus a \$50 per class, non-refundable fee.
- If you withdraw from a program between May 1 and May 31, 50% of tuition and a \$50 non-refundable fee will be forfeited per class.
- There will be no refunds issued after June 1 for any reason, including illness or injury.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited financial assistance (up to a 50% reduction/\$500 family maximum) is available for Lexington residents. Financial assistance eligibility must be established prior to registration. Please call our office for details.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT GRADE LEVEL SHOULD I CHOOSE FOR MY CHILD?

Grade level refers to the grade your child will be entering in the Fall of 2025.

WILL I RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION?

Upon registration you will receive an automated email confirmation indicating successful completion of payment. If the email payment confirmation is not apparent in your email inbox, please check your spam folder. As the start of the program gets closer, you will receive an email that lists the most up-to-date information of the classes and weeks that your child has been registered for, along with a parent packet that includes other helpful Lexplorations information.

THE CLASS MY CHILD WANTS IS FULL. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

We suggest that you register your child in a "second choice" class for the same week and complete the online waitlist request form for your first choice class. We will notify you if space becomes available. You will not be charged a switch fee if your child moves to their first choice class.

WILL THERE BE ANY BUS TRANSPORTATION TO OR FROM LEXPLORATIONS?

Lexplorations does not provide transportation to or from the program locations.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO LEXPLORATIONS?

Pack a water bottle, snacks, and lunch (and utensils if required) for your child daily. For younger students please also consider packing an extra change of clothes in case of accidents. Ideally students will wear sneakers or sandals with straps. Flip-flops are discouraged.

ARE LUNCH OR SNACKS PROVIDED?

Lexplorations does not supply lunch or snacks. If attending After Care, an afternoon snack and drink will be provided.

I ONLY NEED AFTER CARE ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. CAN I SIGN UP FOR JUST TWO DAYS?

The only registration option for the After Care program is by week. There is no option to only sign up for selected days.

WHAT IF OUR SUMMER PLANS CHANGE AND I NEED TO WITHDRAW MY CHILD?

- If you withdraw from a program prior to May 1, tuition will be refunded minus a \$50 per class, non-refundable fee.
- If you withdraw from a program between May 1 and May 31, 50% of tuition and a \$50 non-refundable fee will be forfeited per class.
- There will be no refunds issued after June 1 for any reason, including illness or injury.
- A \$15 fee is charged for any/all registration changes and transfers. Changes and transfers must be indicated in writing and emailed to: Lexplorations@lexingtonma.org.

WHAT ARE THE HOURS OF THE LEXPLORATIONS PROGRAM?

Most Lexplorations programs meet from 9:00 am-3:00 pm unless otherwise noted. To ease traffic congestion at the Hastings School there will be staggered arrival (8:45 - 9:00 am) and dismissal (2:45 - 3:00 pm) times. Complete information will be contained in the parent packet that will be emailed after registration and before the start of the program.

I NEED TO PICK MY CHILD UP LATER THAN 3:00 PM, WHAT CAN I DO?

Lexplorations, in collaboration with Kidsborough, offers an After Care program from 3:00 - 6:00 pm at the Hastings School for students in grades K-5. Students must be enrolled in a Lexplorations program at Hastings to participate in this program. Please note After Care is available ONLY at the Hastings School and ONLY for Grades K-5.

WHAT IS THE BEHAVIOR POLICY DURING LEXPLORATIONS?

Children should be able to participate appropriately in peer group activities with teacher supervision. If a child is unable to do so we will contact parents immediately to discuss next steps. We expect students in our programs to follow their teacher's instructions and behave respectfully toward teachers, staff and fellow students. If your child does not meet these expectations we will bring this to your attention. If your child's behavior continues to be inappropriate you will receive a call from our staff to discuss solutions, including possible withdrawal from the non-refundable program.

HOW DO YOU HANDLE MEDICAL/SPECIAL NEEDS?

Upon registration we strongly encourage parents to share any information regarding particular medical or behavioral needs. While Lexplorations has a registered LPS nurse on staff/site from 9:00 am-3:00 pm during the summer, the program does not have access to Lexington Public School student health records or IEP information. Any information provided prior to the start of the program is appreciated and beneficial to student success during Lexplorations.

Lexplorations is an equal-access program that welcomes those with different abilities or medical needs. Special accommodations can be made for qualifying students with prior notification. Requests for inclusion services are due by June 3. Please contact our office for more information.

COMMUTING BY BIKE OR WALKING?

Children entering Grade 5 and under MUST be released to a parent or approved guardian. If someone other than a parent or emergency contact is picking up your child, please let our office know ahead of time. Students may be granted permission to walk or bike home alone with written parental consent. Those entering Grade 6 and higher will be released without parental supervision.

Calling All Rising Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors! EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT WITH LEXPLORATIONS

- High school students entering their Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year in Fall 2025 can earn community service credit hours as aides in the Lexplorations program.
- The program runs for six weeks from June 30 (no program on July 4) through August 8, 2025. The daily/weekly hours for high school aides are 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.
- Volunteers must commit to a minimum of one full week.
- Classes will be held at Hastings Elementary School and at Lexington High School. We especially need aides at the Hastings School location.
- If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the application form on our website: www.lexingtoncommunityed.org/lexplorations

A Message from the Lexplorations Nurse

We are happy that the warm weather and sunshine will soon be here and look forward to another summer of fun in the sun! Here are some helpful and healthful summertime tips:

- Sun safety is important. Please consider applying sunscreen to your children at home. If you would like your children to reapply sunscreen to themselves during the day, please send a supply with them to the program. We do not have sunscreen available.
- Wearing a hat can also provide protection from the sun.
- Encourage hydration by sending water in bottles.
- Students should not wear flip-flops. They should wear sneakers or sandals with straps.

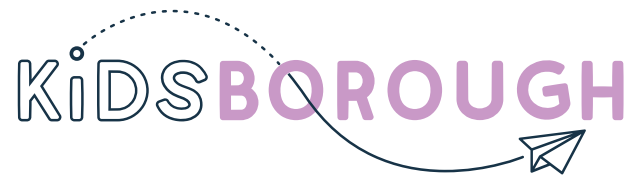
QUESTIONS? Please contact LCE at Lexplorations@lexingtonma.org

Or by Phone: 781.862.8043

To Contact Kidsborough at Lexplorations Please Call 781.918.8541

Please do not call Hastings or the Lexington High School office.

The Hastings/Lexington High School staff does not administer the Lexplorations program. The LCE/Lexplorations Office is open from 8:30 am-4:30 pm when Lexplorations is in session. To reach Lexplorations staff via email, please write to: Lexplorations@lexingtonma.org.



AFTER CARE PROVIDED BY KIDSBOROUGH AT LEXPLORATIONS FOR GRADES K-5

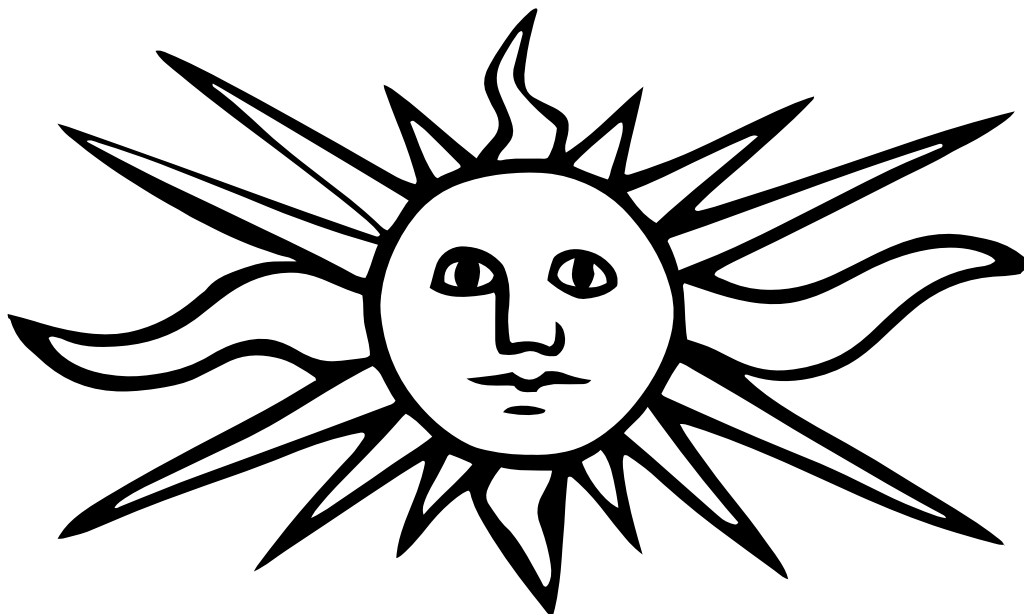
Kidsborough will be providing enrichment and fun between the hours of 3:00 - 6:00 pm at Hastings. During the school year Kidsborough is the LPS approved vendor/provider of after-school enrichment-based curriculum programs to elementary school students.

Registration for Kidsborough at Lexplorations is a two-step process.

Tuition is collected and space is reserved for after care on the Lexplorations website. After registration and before the program begins, Kidsborough will be in touch with families to gather additional required information for the EEC-licensed program. The prices for the after care program are listed below. The per week cost includes a daily afternoon snack and drink, activity options and plenty of outside play. Registration is by week only and is only available to Lexplorations students attending programs at Hastings. For specific Kidsborough at Lexplorations questions please contact lexsummer@kidsborough.com.

Tuition for Week 1 (4 Day Week) is \$150.

Tuition for Weeks 2-6 (5 Day Weeks) is \$185.



LEXPLOrATIONS

Week 1: June 30 - July 3

Week 2: July 7 - July 11

Week 3: July 14 - July 18

	Grade		Grade		Grade
Enter the Secret World of Fairies	K-1	Art Explorations	K-1	Disney Dance	K-1
Junior LEGO Engineers and Young Inventors Squad	K-1	Disney Dance	K-1	Elephant Piggie Pigeon	K-1
Silly Scientists	K-1	Journey to the West	K-1	Into the Wild	K-1
Caribbean Dance & Baton Twirling	2-3	Olympic Adventures	K-1	Journey to the West	K-1
Food for Thought	2-3	Silly Scientists	K-1	Pokemon Engineering with LEGO Materials	K-1
LEGO Challenges and Shark Tank Jr.	2-3	Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead	2-3	Active Body	2-3
Magical Math Mania	2-3	Green Thumbs Welcome	2-3	American Girl Fun	2-3
Mythical Creatures	2-3	Harry Potter Fun	2-3	Art Explorations	2-3
Sports for All	2-3	It's Story Time	2-3	Food for Thought	2-3
Art Animation	4-5	Journey to the West	2-3	Journey to the West	2-3
Become a Scientist	4-5	Minecraft Engineering with LEGO Materials	2-3	Learning Robotics with LEGO and Fun with Things That Fly	2-3
Crafting with Beads & String	4-5	Vet Science	2-3	Olympic Adventures	2-3
Unleash Your Poetic Potential	4-5	Wonders of the Animal Kingdom	2-3	Vet Science	2-3
Wordle, Connections & Strands	4-5	Active Body	4-5	Abstract Art	4-5
All That Jazz	6-9	Advanced LEGO Robotics & 3-D Printing	4-5	The Art of Book Making	4-5
Dungeons & Dragons	6-9	Art Animation	4-5	Become a Scientist	4-5
Yoga & Mindset Strategies	6-9	Become a Scientist	4-5	Crafty Yankees	4-5
Youth Pride	6-9	Crafty Yankees	4-5	Expert Architects and Minecraft Innovators	4-5
		LEGO Challenges and Art Adventurers	4-5	Harry Potter Fun	4-5
		Let's Create & Play a Game	4-5	Trash to Treasure	4-5
		All That Jazz	6-9	You're On a Game Show	4-5
		Building Geometric 3-D Shapes	6-7	Building Wonders of the World	6-7
		A Week in Ancient Greece	6-7	Caribbean Dance & Baton Twirling	6-9
		Dungeons & Dragons	6-9	Magic: The Gathering	6-9
				Story Writing	6-9
				History Detectives	7-10
				Character Creation & Illustration	9-12
				Fashion Design	9-12
				Improv	9-12

CLASS DIRECTORY

Week 4: July 21 - July 25

Week 5: July 28 - August 1

Week 6: August 4 - August 8

	Grade		Grade		Grade
Active Body	K-1	Active Body	K-1	Beary Good Time	K-1
Elephant Piggie Pigeon	K-1	Art Explorations	K-1	Junior LEGO Engineers and Young Inventors Squad	K-1
Enter the Secret World of Fairies	K-1	Radical Rides with LEGO Materials	K-1	Silly Scientists	K-1
Journey to the West	K-1	Silly Scientists	K-1	Word Wizards & Number Ninjas	K-1
Pokemon Engineering with LEGO Materials	K-1	Word Wizards & Number Ninjas	K-1	Active Body	2-3
Art Explorations	2-3	Fun with French	2-3	Dance Til You Drop	2-3
Green Thumbs Welcome	2-3	It's Story Time	2-3	Fun with French	2-3
Journey to the West	2-3	Learning Robotics with LEGO and Fun with Things That Fly	2-3	It's Story Time	2-3
LEGO Adventurers and Writing Wizards	2-3	LEGO Adventurers and Minecraft Innovators	2-3	Puzzle Party	2-3
Magical Math Mania	2-3	Myth, Legends and Art	2-3	Wonderful World of Reptiles & Amphibians	2-3
Myth, Legends, and Art	2-3	Puzzle Party	2-3	Art Explorations	4-5
Shark Week	2-3	Sports for All	2-3	Building Geometric 3-D Shapes	4-5
You're On a Game Show	2-3	Forest School	4-5	Financial Literacy for Youth	4-5
Advanced LEGO Robotics & 3-D Printing	4-5	MathEMagic	4-5	MathEMagic	4-5
Building Wonders of the World	4-5	Que Delicioso	4-5	Que Delicioso	4-5
Cheer, Dance, Jump and Stunt	4-5	Spy School	4-5	Spy School	4-5
Crafty Yankees	4-5	Super Duper Science	4-5	You're On a Game Show	4-5
Everything Anime	4-5	Trash to Treasure	4-5	Bold Women of History	6-7
Forest School	4-5	You're On a Game Show	4-5	Dungeons & Dragons	6-9
Super Duper Science	4-5	Dungeons & Dragons	6-9	Weaving Magic	6-9
Walk the Talk	4-5	Financial Literacy for Youth	6-9	Zine Workshop	6-9
Settlers of Catan	6-9	Improv	6-9		
Dungeons & Dragons	6-9	Ultimate Frisbee & Disc Golf	6-9		
Story Writing	6-9				
Zine Workshop	6-9				
Character Creation & Illustration	9-12				
Fashion Design	9-12				
Improv	9-12				

Grades K-1

Active Body

Gordon Spiller

Grades K-1

Hastings

Get active and moving! You will be introduced to new games and practice current skills. We will work toward achieving our personal best while practicing the important skill of sportsmanship! There will also be time for your creative side with arts and crafts. Join us and have fun team building by playing cooperative games and practicing fitness development exercises that are incorporated into the LPS elementary PE curriculum.

4ACTIV, July 21 - July 25, \$425

5ACTIV, July 28 - August 1, \$425

Art Explorations

Katie Bettencourt

Grades K-1

Hastings

During this creative course, we will explore art using a variety of 2D and 3D art materials and techniques including drawing, collage, painting, sculpture and more! We will look at a variety of sources for inspiration, such as famous artists, nature, and books. We will watch videos and/or slideshows to combine art history with art making. We will have so much fun making colorful artwork together!

2EXPL, July 7 - July 11, \$425

5EXPL, July 28 - August 1, \$425

Beary Good Time

Julie Scafidi

Grades K-1

Hastings

Would you like to have a picnic or pajama day with a teddy bear you've made? Come and build bears, make "bear-wear" clothing and accessories, and create comfy teddy homes, too! You will also participate in a variety of teddy bear, brown bear, and panda bear crafts that include puppet making, mask making, bear bead activities, bear visors, and more! We will listen to "beary" great stories and play bear games, too! Join us for a "bearrific" week of bear-filled experiences.

6BEAR, August 4 - August 8, \$425

Disney Dance

Whitney Pierre

Grades K-1

Hastings

Calling all dance and movement lovers! The danceable songs of Disney are often as memorable as the movies themselves, with lyrical messages of perseverance, grit, and the ultimate triumph of the good. This week we will have some serious fun dancing and moving to popular songs from Disney soundtracks with time for both choreographed and freestyle dance. Dance routines will help foster group collaboration and individual coordination. Crafts and coloring activities will be incorporated each day that coincide with the theme of the day. We will have a final performance on the last day of the week!

2DIS, July 7 - July 11, \$425

3DIS, July 14 - July 18, \$425

Elephant and Piggie and Pigeon! Oh, My!

Kristina Greco

Grades K-1

Hastings

Do you laugh out loud while Elephant and Piggie play as friends? Do you tell the Pigeon NOT to drive the bus? Then explore the world of Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggie and Pigeon this summer. We will read some of your favorite books while discovering a few new ones, learn how to draw the Mo Willems' characters, and get creative while having fun doing arts and crafts!

3EPP, July 14 - July 18, \$425

4EPP, July 21 - July 25 \$425

Enter the Secret World of Fairies

Cindy Chartrand

Grades K-1

Hastings

Get lost this summer in the mysterious world of fairies! We will read and examine fairy folklore, engage in dramatic fairy play, go on a nature scavenger hunt, watch Disney's Tinker Bell in segments, and create a backstory for our own fairy creations. We will also create our own fairy gardens (using mediums such as paint and clay) and enjoy a host of other magical crafts to welcome fairies into our hearts and homes.

1FAIR, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week) \$350

4FAIR, July 21 - July 25, \$425

Register Online at www.lexingtoncommunityed.com/lexplorations

Into the Wild

Julie Scafidi

Grades K-1

Hastings

Come on an amazing safari through Africa! We will view Nat Geo Wild documentaries and learn about the "Big 5"! We will create safari hats and passports for our safari adventure. We will also explore and recreate the animals' natural habitats and learn how they live and thrive. Enjoy action packed projects such as mask making, habitat murals, and animal models. Jump "into the wild" and join our animal adventures!

3WILD, July 14 - July 18, \$425

NEW!

Journey to the West

*New Legacy Cultural
Center Instructors*

Grades K-1

Hastings

Immerse yourself in a unique blend of storytelling, language learning, creativity, and cultural exploration designed to spark imaginations and foster learning inspired by the legendary 16th century Chinese tale, Journey to the West! Each day we will explore and discover the magical adventures of the Monkey King and his companions. We will create arts and crafts inspired by East Asian traditions; explore Chinese language with games and activities; experience the beauty of traditional Chinese instruments; learn basic martial arts moves; try our hand at Go Game, and step into the shoes of our favorite story characters in fun and engaging theatrical performances. This program is a celebration of culture, creativity, and connection! Kids will embrace diversity, make friends, and develop new skills in a fun, supportive environment.

2NLCC, July 7 - July 11, \$425

3NLCC, July 14 - July 18, \$425

4NLCC, July 21 - July 25, \$425

Junior LEGO Engineers & Young Inventors Squad

Einstein's Workshop Instructors

Grades K-1

Hastings

Are you new to LEGO robotics? Then this is the class for you! We will investigate motorized LEGO models and learn about gear, belts, and motors. After building each model, we'll solve challenges that exercise creativity and problem solving skills and improve our understanding of how machines work. We'll also put on our engineering hats and make working models that

solve real problems by designing and building cool inventions using everyday objects and recycled materials!

1LEGO, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$475

6LEGO, August 4 - August 8, \$595

Olympic Adventures

Kayla McCauley

Grades K-1

Hastings

Welcome to Olympic Adventures where we will train like champions and embrace the spirit of the Games! Throughout the week, we will learn about the history, cultures, and sports featured in the Olympics – from track and field to swimming, gymnastics, and more. We'll participate in fun, Olympic-inspired challenges that focus on teamwork, perseverance, and skill development. Outdoor time will be filled with relay races, obstacle courses, and friendly competition that encourages both individual growth and collaboration. We will also create our own opening ceremony and medals, as well as many other art projects culminating in an exciting closing ceremony. Everyone will leave feeling like an Olympic hero!

2OLYM, July 7 - July 11, \$425

Pokémon Engineering with LEGO® Materials

Play-Well TEKnologies Instructors

Grades K-1

Hastings

Prepare for a full-day of LEGO® engineering, packed with hands-on and minds-on STEM fun! First, build projects inspired by cool machines while applying real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture. Then join Ash and Pikachu to explore the vast world of Pokémon as we build and catch our favorite Pokémon, rescue Pikachu from Team Rocket, and take a ride on the S.S. Anne to uncover rare and mystic Pokémon. Come along on our journey to catch 'em all!

3POKE, July 14 - July 18, \$450

4POKE, July 21 - July 25, \$450

Lexplorations Registrations cannot be processed over the phone, by email, by fax, or in person. To register, visit LexingtonCommunityEd.org/lexplorations

NEW!

Silly Scientists

Genevieve Wharton

Grades K-1

Hastings

Little learners with big imaginations are invited to join Silly Scientists! Through fun, hands-on activities, young explorers will uncover the wonders of science in a way that's engaging, exciting, and age-appropriate. From investigating the dazzling world of colors and bubbles to creating stretchy, squishy slime and unraveling the fascinating mysteries of nature, this class introduces foundational science concepts in a fun and memorable way. Perfect for curious minds, we will combine playful exploration with exciting discoveries to ignite a lifelong love of science!

1SILLY, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

2SILLY, July 7 - July 11, \$425

5SILLY, July 28 - August 1, \$425

6SILLY, August 4 - August 8, \$425

NEW!

Radical Rides with LEGO® Materials

Play-Well TEKnologies Instructors

Grades K-1

Hastings

Let your imagination run wild all day long with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! First, we will discover the world around us through our inquiry-based learning model and engineer-designed projects. Then, start your engines as you build and design an array of exciting machines, traversing land, sea, and air, with the assistance of your experienced instructors. Learn about the engineering principles behind motors, gears, and everything that vrooms and zooms!

5RIDE, July 28 - August 1, \$450

Word Wizards and Number Ninjas

Mamata Banerjee

Grades K-1

Hastings

Whoosh! Wow! There go our five power letters, weaving together the alphabet to make words! And look - numbers! This class has got it all! We will read exciting books, practice phonics, write short sentences, move and groove to music, and make fun art and crafts during our English Language Arts lessons each day. We will also count with math manipulatives, play number games, and explore the shapes around us for some hands-on math fun.

5WORD, July 28 - August 1, \$425

6WORD, August 4 - August 8, \$425

AFTER CARE PROVIDED BY KIDSBOROUGH at Lexplorations for Grades K-5

After Care provided by Kidsborough is available from 3:00-6:00 pm for students in Grades K-5 enrolled in a Lexplorations program at the Hastings School. Enrollment is limited. For more information please see page 19.

After Care provided by Kidsborough is available from 3:00 - 6:00 pm for students in Grades K-5 enrolled in a Lexplorations program at the Hastings School. Enrollment is limited. Registration for Kidsborough at Lexplorations is a two-step process. Tuition is collected and space is reserved for after care on the Lexplorations website. After registration and before the program begins, Kidsborough will be in touch with Lexplorations after care families to gather additional required information for their EEC licensed program. The prices for the after care program are below. The per week cost includes a daily afternoon snack and drink, activity options and plenty of outside play. Registration is by week only and is available only to Lexplorations students attending programs at Hastings.

1AFTER, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$150

2AFTER, July 7 - July 11, \$185

3AFTER, July 14 - July 18, \$185

4AFTER, July 21 - July 25, \$185

5AFTER, July 28 - August 1, \$185

6AFTER - August 4 - August 8, \$185

Private Music Instrument Lessons for Every Age and Level

Lexington Community Education also provides an optional program of convenient and reasonably priced individual music and voice lessons with highly qualified professional musician-teachers throughout the year. Students may choose the length of weekly lessons that best suits their budget, time commitments and musical needs. We welcome beginners as well as advanced students, of all ages, from every town. Please see page 21 for more information.

Please visit our website to begin the registration process. www.lexingtoncommunityed.org

Grades 2–3

Active Body

Gordon Spiller

Grades 2-3

Hastings

Get active and moving! You will be introduced to new games and practice current skills. We will work toward achieving our personal best while practicing the important skill of sportsmanship! There will also be time for your creative side with arts and crafts. Join us and have fun team building by playing cooperative games and practicing fitness development exercises that are incorporated into the LPS elementary PE curriculum.

3ACTIV, July 14 - July 18, \$425

6ACTIV, August 4 - August 8, \$425

NEW!

American Girl Fun

Eva Perhanidis

Grades 2-3

Hastings

Dive into the historical stories of some of the most beloved American Girl Dolls – including Kaya, Addy, Courtney, and Julie. We will explore what life was like for a girl growing up in different historical settings. We will enjoy fun crafts including making flower crowns like Nanea, learning about Kit's Victory Gardens, embroidering like Samantha, and so much more. We will even get a chance to explore Felicity's world during the Revolutionary War which plays a huge role in our town's history as well. Please feel free to bring your AG Dolls or any other doll you would like. Please have your child's name printed somewhere on the doll.

3DOLL, July 14 - July 18, \$425

Art Explorations

Katie Bettencourt

Grades 2-3

Hastings

During this creative course, we will explore art using a variety of 2D and 3D art materials and techniques including drawing, collage, painting, sculpture and more! We will look at a variety of sources for inspiration, such as famous artists, nature, and books. We will watch videos and/or slideshows to combine art history with art making. We will have so much fun making colorful artwork together!

3EXPL, July 14 - July 18, \$425

4EXPL, July 21 - July 25, \$425

Caribbean Dance & Baton Twirling

Melissa Caraballo

Grades 2-3

Hastings

Caribbean Dance and Baton Twirling explores the traditional dances from Puerto Rico – Salsa, Bomba and Plena, which are beautiful expressions of dance usually using straw hats and/or long, flowy skirts as part of the choreography. We will dance to the music of the island, learning the differences in rhythms and beats. Additionally we will learn basic baton twirling skills (with soft batons) including incorporating Latin dance moves while throwing and catching the baton. Dance and twirl all week– all while learning about another culture and ways to exercise and express emotion through motion.

1CARI, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

Dance 'Til You Drop

Whitney Pierre

Grades 2-3

Hastings

Hip-hop and today's top 40 music will set the tempo for a week of moving and grooving body and mind. Join us as we learn popular hip-hop moves, break down dance choreography, and put on a dance show at the end of the week. Lace up your dancing shoes (sneakers are preferred) and join us for a week of locks, pops, drops, and lots of dance motion, inspiration, and fun!

6HIP, August 4 - August 8, \$425

Food for Thought

Laurel Harris

Grades 2-3

Hastings

Have you ever done science experiments ending with results that you can eat? Explore the scientific world as we use food to experiment with chemistry, physics, and earth science. Get your hands dirty as we make Oobleck and edible slime. Learn about the solar system with Oreo cookies and marshmallows. Create art using candy and other edible items. This is a delicious and fun way to learn about science! *Please note any food allergies or dietary restrictions upon registration.

1FOOD, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

3FOOD, July 14 - July 18, \$425

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Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead*Kristina Greco*

All aboard for a week full of exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math! Engage in experiments and projects that spark curiosity and wonder about the world around us. Get ready for some hands on, collaborative projects as we explore such topics as gravity, structural engineering, and energy. We will read books and watch some Magic School Bus episodes that connect to the S.T.E.A.M. topics we are exploring.

2STEAM, July 7 - July 11, \$425**Fun with French****(Amusons-nous en français)***Stephanie Chiha*

Bonjour! Join us for an interactive and fun introduction to the French language. We will learn and practice French with games, stories, songs, and interactive and safe activities both indoors and out. Using stories and conversations, you will learn the alphabet, basic pronunciation, numbers, colors, animals, food, weather, and how to converse with one another in a relaxed and engaging setting. There will also be several craft activities to round out the week.

5FREN, July 28 - August 1, \$425**6FREN**, August 4 - August 8, \$425**NEW!****Green Thumbs Welcome!***Eva Perhanidis*

Whether you have planted many times, know a little bit about plants, or have no clue what to do, you are welcome here! In this week-long program we will get to know about different types of plants and create some fun plant inspired crafts. We'll read some books and observe plants outside and around our class. All gardeners will get an observation book to record their findings, and we will even get a chance to plant our own special surprises! It's a chance to make mistakes, learn something new, and look at the world around us in a new way. We will explore pollination and how pollinators help flowers grow. We will work together to grow our green thumb knowledge and skills.

2GREEN, July 7 - July 11, \$425**4GREEN**, July 21 - July 25, \$425**Grades 2-3***Hastings***Harry Potter Fun***Sarah Davison*

Are you the ultimate Harry Potter fan? If you answered yes, then get ready for a week filled with fun, creativity and...HARRY POTTER! After you are sorted into your "house", you will create your own Monster Book of Monsters, learn how to make a potion out of household items, and even design your own wand. Each activity will provide inspiration for our adventures which we will document in our journals. So hop on your broomstick and join us for a "wizarding" week!

2HARRY, July 7 - July 11, \$425**NEW!****It's Story Time!***Hannah McGrath*

Do you enjoy writing fascinating stories that bring your characters to life, or creating a descriptive fantastical world where dragons fly, or even crafting a creative graphic novel that makes your readers laugh? This week we will explore personal narratives, fictional writing, fantasy, and of course graphic novels. You will learn the author's craft and techniques for creating captivating and enjoyable stories and listen to many picture books, short stories, and graphic novels for inspiration for your own stories. At the end of the week, you will have created your own story that you will publish in class to be shared with your friends and family! Writers, get your pencil ready to dive into the magical world of story writing.

2STORY, July 7 - July 11, \$425**5STORY**, July 28 - August 1, \$425**6STORY**, August 4 - August 8, \$425**NEW!****Journey to the West***New Legacy Cultural Center Instructors*

Immerse yourself in a unique blend of storytelling, language learning, creativity, and cultural exploration designed to spark imaginations and foster learning inspired by the legendary 16th century Chinese tale, Journey to the West! Each day we will explore and discover the magical adventures of the Monkey King and his companions. We will create arts and crafts inspired by East Asian traditions, explore Chinese language

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with games and activities, experience the beauty of traditional Chinese instruments, learn basic martial arts moves, try your hand at Go Game, and step into the shoes of your favorite story characters in fun and engaging performances. This program is a celebration of culture, creativity, and connection! Kids will embrace diversity, make friends, and develop new skills in a fun, supportive environment.

2NLCC2, July 7 - July 11, \$425

3NLCC2, July 14 - July 18, \$425

4NLCC2, July 21 - July 25, \$425

Learning Robotics with LEGO & Fun with Things that Fly

Einstein's Workshop Instructors

Grades 2-3

Hastings

Take LEGO Robotics to the next level! Learn how to build simple machines with motorized parts such as sinches, pulleys, drive trains, and more. We'll work together to design a machine to meet different challenges. We will also make all sorts of flying inventions while exploring aerodynamics and how things move through the air. Create, test, and reinvent catapults, kites, parachutes and more as we explore the law of physics and the forces that keep objects afloat. Lessons will be just "plane" fun!

3LEGO, July 14 - July 18, \$595

5LEGO, July 28 - August 1, \$595

NEW!

LEGO Adventurers and Writing Wizards

Right Bright Curriculum Instructors

Grades 2-3

Hastings

If you love building with Legos, then get ready for an exciting weekly building challenge - from skyscrapers to zoos, bridges to airports, and everything in between! We will also become dynamic writers and bring our fantasy world to life by designing captivating characters, creating cunning villains, and building unforgettable settings. A heartfelt dedication, eye-catching illustrations, and a stunning cover will complete our storytelling adventure!

4RBC, July 21 - July 25, \$450

NEW!

LEGO Adventurers and Minecraft Innovators

Grades 2-3

Right Bright Curriculum Instructors

Hastings

Calling all Lego masters! Get ready for an exciting weekly building challenge — from skyscrapers to zoos, bridges to airports, and everything in between! Become a part of our Minecraft community and help create a spectacular city for future residents. Build, budget, and furnish your dream home, launch a marketing campaign for your own business, and shape the city's future as a council member - your vote truly matters! We'll discover how math, economics, and community-building drive urban success, all while having a blast in our Minecraft world!

5RBC, July 28 - August 1, \$450

NEW!

LEGO Challenges and Shark Tank Jr.

Grades 2-3

Right Bright Curriculum Instructors

Hastings

Got a game-changing idea for an insta-dry bath towel, a stain-proof shirt, or a no-spill baby-bottle? It's time to launch the business of your dreams! We'll design a flagship store model, act out an attention-grabbing TV commercial, and craft a prototype of your innovative product. With your polished "elevator pitch," you'll wow your audience and gain support for your visionary concept. There will be out-of-this-world LEGO challenges, too. Each challenge is a mystery that your teacher will reveal – A helicopter rescue scene? A space shuttle launch site? Lego Godzilla attacking a city?? Best be ready for anything!

1RBC, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$375

Magical Math Mania

Grades 2-3

Julie Scafidi

Hastings

Are you looking for a fun and engaging math class? Each day we will cover a different math concept. We will reinforce learned concepts by participating in math games, hands-on centers, and movement activities. Our goal is to develop fluency and conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts in the areas of addition, subtraction, measurement, geometry, time, and money.

1MAGI, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

4MAGI, July 21 - July 25, \$425

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**Minecraft Engineering
with LEGO® Materials**

Grades 2-3

Play-Well TEKnologies Instructors Hastings

Prepare for a full-day LEGO® engineering, packed with hands-on and minds-on STEM fun! First, build projects inspired by cool machines while applying real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture. Then, venture into the world of Minecraft in our unique LEGO® experience. Get ready to build your base, craft your tools, use your Minecart to harvest raw resources, and battle to stop the Ender Dragon from ending the world.

2MINE, July 7 - July 11, \$450

Mythical Creatures

Grades 2-3

Julianne Black Hastings

Journey into a world of ancient culture and magical, mythical imagination where griffins, phoenixes, unicorns and dragons come to life through arts, crafts, and story! Each day we will read myths spanning the ages and the globe, and create our own amazing 3D Chimera and Hybrid creatures. As weather allows we will enjoy time outdoors in search of natural materials to use as building blocks for creature forts. The time to unleash your mythical imagination is here!

1MYTH, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

Myth, Legends, and Art!

Grades 2-3

Hannah Kelly Hastings

Welcome all artists to an experience of a lifetime! We will have the opportunity to use our imagination and make our own art creations! We will explore myths and legends to design our very own flying dragon, medieval shield, and even have the chance to build our very own castle! Along with myths and legends we will also dive into the deep sea – creating spyglass, pirate puppets, port holes, and more! We will also watch “Moana,” to bridge connections between the myths, legends and our artwork! Get ready to tap into your inner artist for a week of creating, sharing and exploring.

4MLA, July 21 - July 25, \$425

5MLA, July 28 - August 1, \$425

Olympic Adventures

Grades 2-3

Kayla McCauley Hastings

Welcome to Olympic Adventures where we can train like champions and embrace the spirit of the Games! Throughout the week, we will learn about the history, cultures, and sports featured in the Olympics, from track and field to swimming, gymnastics, and more. We'll participate in fun, Olympic-inspired challenges that focus on teamwork, perseverance, and skill development. Outdoor time will be filled with relay races, obstacle courses, and friendly competitions that encourage both individual growth and collaboration. We will also create our own opening ceremony and medals, as well as many other art projects culminating in an exciting closing ceremony.

Everyone will leave feeling like an Olympic hero!

3OLYM, July 14 - July 18, \$425

Puzzle Party!

Grades 2-3

Nicole Wu Hastings

Calling all puzzle lovers! Come join Puzzle Party this summer and have a week of fun exploring puzzles of all kinds. From jigsaw puzzles (is 500 pieces too many?!) to board games (Guess Who, Rush Hour, Traffic Jam, BattleShip) to number and word puzzles (sudoku, crosswords, & more!), you will have a chance to play all of these fan favorites. Puzzles can be found in books and television too, and we will use clues to solve mysteries in Nate the Great and Mira, Royal Detective. By the end of the week, you will have even created your own puzzles to take home and play with your families! Let's get busy puzzling!

5PUZZ, July 28 - August 1, \$425

6PUZZ August 4 - August 8, \$425

Shark Week

Grades 2-3

Harold Wilde Hastings

Ahoy young shark lovers! Learn about different species of sharks, their habitats, their roles in the food chain, and current environmental threats to these sometimes misunderstood animals. After viewing some amazing adaptations we will do some shark sleuthing and create media of our own in the form of posters and books. Other fun activities will include creating shark art projects, going on a shark tooth treasure hunt, and playing unique shark-themed games!

4SHARK, July 21 - July 25, \$425

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Sports for All

Sean Price

Grades 2-3

Hastings

A bottle of water, a pair of sneakers and a positive attitude are all you need to be successful in this fun and sporty program. We will focus on building your abilities and learning how to play a variety of different sports and games. Basketball, Wiffle Ball, Frisbee, and Soccer are among the varied games we will play. We will explain, learn, and practice the basic skills you need to be able to have fun and participate successfully in sports for all.

1SPORT, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

5SPORT, July 28 - August 1, \$425

Vet Science

Julianne Black

Grades 2-3

Hastings

Fun and educational, vet science is the place to explore all things furry, fuzzy, creepy, crawly, feathery, and scaly! Learn about a different class of animal each day, including mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles. Read books, make crafts, and play games while learning about animal science and veterinary medicine.

2VET, July 7 - July 11, \$425

3VET, July 14 - July 18, \$425

The Wonderful World of Reptiles and Amphibians

Harold Wilde

Grades 2-3

Hastings

Frogs, toads, turtles, alligators, crocodiles, and more! What is the difference between an amphibian and a reptile? We will investigate reptiles and amphibians, large and small. Where do they live? What do they eat? We will make creature related crafts and play reptile and amphibian themed games. We will read books and watch educational videos to learn about our scaly and web-footed friends, and perhaps even get to know a few in person.

6REPT, August 4 - August 8, \$425

Wonders of the Animal Kingdom

Hannah Kelly

Grades 2-3

Hastings

All young artists are invited to an artistic animal experience of a lifetime! Explore archaeology, paleontology, and discover artistic inspiration from the animal kingdom. Design your very own slithering snake, triceratops mask, pop-up

animal, balloon art, and end with making your very own jungle! You will have the opportunity to use your imagination and make your own animal art creations! We will also watch "Ice Age," to bridge connections between our prehistoric artwork! Get ready to tap into your inner animal enthusiast artist for a week of creating, sharing, and exploring!

2KING, July 7 - July 11, \$425

You're On a Game Show

Joshua Curhan

Grades 2-3

Hastings

Do you like trivia? Have you ever seen a game show on TV and thought, "Hey, I want to be on that!" Well, here's your chance! We will play a variety of team games that will test your knowledge of different topics, including books, history, math, science, sports, pop culture, and more. Games could include Jeopardy!, Blockbusters, Password, Wheel of Fortune, Card Sharks, and others. Create advertisements to fill "commercial breaks" in between shows. At the end of the week, you will have the chance to create your own game show!

4GAME, July 21 - July 25, \$425

AFTER CARE PROVIDED BY KIDSBOROUGH at Lexplorations for Grades K-5

After Care provided by Kidsborough is available from 3:00-6:00 pm for students in Grades K-5 enrolled in a Lexplorations program at the Hastings School. Enrollment is limited. For more information please see page 19.

1AFTER, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$150

2AFTER, July 7 - July 11, \$185

3AFTER, July 14 - July 18, \$185

4AFTER, July 21 - July 25, \$185

5AFTER, July 28 - August 1, \$185

6AFTER - August 4 - August 8, \$185

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Grades 4-5

NEW

Abstract Art

Hannah O'Connor

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Express yourself as you explore new art formats! This will be a technology-free Explorations week and each day will focus on a new artistic medium. Create collages, fluid paintings, use non-traditional brushes, explore the scope of markers and colored pencils, and create collaborative works of art. The goal of this week long art exploration is to create art that is fun, self reflective, and explores new skills and hobbies.

3ART, July 14 - July 18, \$425

Active Body

Gordon Spiller

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Get active and moving! You will be introduced to new games and practice current skills. We will work toward achieving our personal best while practicing the important skill of sportsmanship! There will also be time for your creative side with arts and crafts. Join us and have fun team building by playing cooperative games and practicing fitness development exercises that are incorporated into the LPS elementary PE curriculum.

2ACTIV, July 7 - July 11, \$425

Advanced LEGO Robotics & 3-D Printing

Einstein's Workshop Instructors

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Are you interested in robotics? We'll take you from the basics of building and movement to advanced navigation, sensor, and teaching the robot how to make decisions for itself! LEGO provides a great system to easily build your robot and then use the drag-and-drop coding software to give it commands. We will also design 3D-printable objects using BlocksCAD, a free online program developed at Einstein's Workshop! Develop an intuitive understanding of coordinate geometry while turning your imagination to reality. At the end of the course, we'll pick one of our creations to be 3D printed to take home!

2LEGO, July 7 - July 11, \$595

4LEGO, July 21 - July 25, \$595

Art Animation

Fegens Didie

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Making art come to life involves an understanding of optics, technology, aesthetic, and artistic technique. This week we will engage in hands-on activities to explore the world of art animation. Throughout the week, you will learn all about different animation techniques by practicing digital art, designing flip books and even creating a stop-motion animation piece. By the end of the week, you will be ready to continue being an inspired and experienced animation artist.

1FLIP, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

2FLIP, July 7 - July 11, \$425

Art Explorations

Katie Bettencourt

Grades 4-5

Hastings

During this creative course, we will explore art using a variety of 2D and 3D art materials and techniques including drawing, collage, painting, sculpture, and more! We will look at a variety of sources for inspiration, such as famous artists, nature, and books. We will watch videos and/or slideshows to combine art history with art making. We will have so much fun making colorful artwork together!

6EXPL, August 4 - August 8, \$425

Become a Scientist

Whitney Didie

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Love to ask questions and search for answers while exploring the world around you? You may have a future being a scientist! Explore the fascinating and ever-unfolding world of science by doing mini science experiments and crafts each day. Sometimes science can get messy, but the effort required of questioning, experimentation and finding provable answers is always worth it. If you are willing to take the risk of making mistakes, asking questions and getting a little messy, this class will be a perfect place to foster and further your love of science.

1BASC, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

2BASC, July 7 - July 11, \$425

3BASC, July 14 - July 18, \$425

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Building Geometric 3-D Shapes **Grades 4-5**

John Chamberlain

Hastings

Engage your mathematical imaginations and make models and nested models of amazing shapes. Platonic Solids are composed of polygons -- all the same shape. Several of the Platonic Solids are familiar: the tetrahedron, the cube, and the octahedron. The icosahedron and dodecahedron are less familiar. Then we will turn to the brilliant, complex Archimedean Solids. These shapes are made of more than one polygon. Many are truncated or trimmed-off Platonic Solids, as in the truncated cube, the truncated octahedron, and the truncated icosahedron (aka, the soccer ball). Archimedes of Syracuse (287-212 BCE) discovered these geometric forms, but models of these shapes were lost until 1619 when Johannes Kepler, the German mathematician, reimagined them. In this hands-on course, we will rediscover them, too. We'll build shapes to make Archimedes smile.

6GEO, August 4 - August 8, \$425

Building Wonders of the World **Grades 4-5**

John Chamberlain

Hastings

Future engineering and imagineering students take note! Students aspiring to go to engineering and other challenging schools benefit from hands-on experience working with materials, along with intellectual skills. Using craft sticks and larger wood pieces, we will start with some geometric shapes and then, in groups, build a pair of large-scale projects, such as the Eiffel Tower, the Hoover Dam, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Roman Colosseum, or something else colossal that students brainstorm about.

4BLD, July 21 - July 25, \$425

Cheer, Dance, Jump and Stunt! **Grades 4-5**

Whitney Didie

Hastings

Love to cheer, dance, and jump around? Come to this week of positivity and enthusiastic excitement-in-motion while exploring the basics of cheerleading. We will learn and practice jumps, simple stunts, dance moves and some sideline chants -- and create a final routine to perform for families by the end of the week. Along with cheering and dancing we will make crafts to artfully inspire team spirit. There will be lots of

inspiration and perspiration so be sure to bring a water bottle, sneakers, and comfortable clothes to tumble and jump around in each day.

4CHEER, July 21 - July 25, \$425

NEW!

Crafting with Beads and String **Grades 4-5**

Lauren Finkle

Hastings

While the building blocks of beads and string are basic, the possibilities for beautiful, colorful, functional and wearable art are nearly endless. Join us for a fun-filled week of creating arts and crafts with beads and string! We will learn new techniques and skills to make keychains, jewelry, beaded animals, and yarn weaving. We will learn stitches to create keychains with plastic lacing and friendship bracelets with string. All are welcome!

1BEAD, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

Crafty Yankee

Elizabeth Class

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Join us for a week full of crafting activities! We will work on both small creations and bigger projects that will take multiple days. Projects may include decorating and painting wooden crafts, painting bird houses, decorating calendars and aprons, making coffee filter butterflies, creating clay sculptures, sand art, bead work and more! We will complete as many activities as we can during the week to promote creativity in design and to gain experience using creative materials.

2YANK, July 7 - July 11, \$425

3YANK, July 14 - July 18, \$425

4YANK, July 21 - July 25, \$425

Everything Anime

Fegens Didie

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Love everything anime? Come explore the art, culture, and history that surrounds the popular anime shows of today. Throughout the week you will learn about the rise in anime popularity while watching short clips, exploring the different art techniques and learning about the different cultural influences that the creators use. We'll learn how to draw in the anime style and even design your own manga!

4ANIME, July 21 - July 25, \$425

NEW!**Financial Literacy for Youth***Hannah O'Connor***Grades 4-5***Hastings*

This course will utilize the FDIC Money Smart curriculum to explain the building blocks of financial literacy. We will have serious fun with a variety of roleplay scenarios, board games, mazes, and obstacle courses to provide alternative ways of learning and help reinforce traditional classroom experiences. This curriculum has been modified to be more culturally inclusive of the Lexington community and center youth experiences with money. Students will participate in a variety of games including roleplay scenarios, board games, mazes, and obstacle courses to provide alternative ways of learning and help reinforce traditional classroom experiences. Financial Literacy for Youth will provide students with introductory knowledge about money, financial institutions, budgeting, and financial values. The aim is for students to leave this course with practical knowledge that will help them to make safe and healthy financial choices for their entire lives. Screens will only be utilized as an educational tool.

6FLIT, August 4 - August 8, \$425**Forest School***Catherine Farley***Grades 4-5***Hastings*

Inspired by the bestselling books *Play The Forest School Way* and *How to Raise a Wild Child*, this course combines "Forest School Activities", curriculum-based science explorations, and "Nature's Classroom" experiences. This week will foster curiosity and deepen appreciation of Nature through activities such as Woodland Mapping and Sit Spots. Create amazing woodland crafts, build survival skills and learn to camouflage and construct a teepee shelter. Engage in team building games and energizers such as Animal Tag and Intuition. Build your own ecosystem, identify and record local wildlife sightings. End the week with the fan favorite: Predator versus Prey Game!

4FOR, July 21 - July 25, \$425**5FOR**, July 28 - August 1, \$425**Harry Potter Fun***Sarah Davison***Grades 4-5***Hastings*

Are you the ultimate Harry Potter fan? If you answered yes, then get ready for a week filled with fun, creativity and...HARRY POTTER! After you are sorted into your "house", you will create your own Monster Book of Monsters, learn how to make a potion out of household items, and even design your own wand. Each activity will provide inspiration for our adventures which we will document in our journals. So hop on your broomstick and join us for a "wizarding" week!

3HARRY, July 14 - July 18, \$425**NEW!****Expert Architects and Minecraft Innovators***Right Brain Curriculum Instructors***Grades 4-5***Hastings*

Form your architectural firm and start imagining the skyscraper of your dreams. Create a stunning blueprint that considers sustainability, transportation, and green spaces. Then bring your vision to life with a Lego model! Present your architectural masterpiece to your peers and showcase why your tower will be the defining structure of the 21st century! Help us create a spectacular Minecraft city for future residents. Build, budget, and furnish your dream home, launch a marketing campaign for your own business, and shape the city's future as a council member—your vote truly matters! You'll also discover how math, economics, and community-building drive urban success, all while having a blast in our Minecraft world!

3RBC, July 14 - July 18, \$450**NEW!****LEGO Challenges and Art Adventurers***Right Brain Curriculum Instructors***Grades 4-5***Hastings*

Step into our vibrant classroom, where you'll create artwork inspired by iconic artists like Picasso, Kusama, Kahlo, and Van Gogh! We'll guide you into exploring each artists' unique style and help you craft your own masterpieces. We will also create sensational LEGO scenes, like a helicopter rescue, space shuttle launch, or

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even Godzilla attacking a city! To celebrate your artistic journey, we'll host a gallery walk where you can showcase your creations and share your vision with classmates. Get ready to ignite our imagination and let your creativity shine!

2RBC, July 7 - July 11, \$450

NEW!

Let's Create and Play a Game **Grades 4-5**

Sean Price

Hastings

A game worthy of repeated play is challenging, rewarding, and fun! Creating a great game takes careful consideration, lots of testing through trial and error, peer review, and collaboration. This week you will have an opportunity to play different styles of successful games (board games, card games, movement games, etc) then discuss, plan and create your own game. You will need to decide on what rules and guidelines their games will follow as well as what the ultimate goal of playing the game should be. Come play and create your very own game and take it home at the end of the week!

2CREATE, July 7 - July 11, \$425

MathEMagic

Pallavi Atale

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Take a deep dive into learning some interesting math concepts alongside a handful of problem solving techniques and tricks! This class will focus on practicing skills and developing an understanding that will help make math fun during the regular school year. We will cover concepts of algebra and geometry, and learn new tricks and time-saving strategies that can come in handy, especially during stressful tests. Come ONE, come TWO, come ALL to enjoy this joyride of a less explored domain of a math mind!

5MATH, July 28 - August 1, \$425

6MATH, August 4 - August 8, \$425

¡Qué Delicioso!

Angelica Fajardo-Flores

Grades 4-5

Hastings

¿Tres leches? ¿Arroz con leche? ¿Salpicon de frutas? ¿Llapingachos? - ¡Qué delicioso! Learn how to make traditional and authentic dishes from different Spanish speaking countries while discovering the culture and history behind each dish! We will also learn Spanish along the way and bring home a recipe book so families can cocinar juntos! At the end of the week, we will be the profesores and "junior chefs" and teach

about the dishes we have made! *Please note any food allergies or dietary restrictions upon registration. An ingredient list will be provided and all cooking equipment will be handled by the instructor.

5DELI, July 28 - August 1, \$425

6DELI, August 4 - August 8, \$425

NEW!

The Art of Book Making

Kelly Lawlor

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Learn about the wonderful art of book making in this drawing and writing workshop. You will fill the pages of your very own book with creative drawings, unique characters, and original short stories. In this workshop, we will read and share some of our favorite story books to spark our imaginations, then work together to create our own amazing pages in a blank book.

3BOOK, July 14 - July 18, \$425

Spy School

Julianne Black

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Welcome to the exciting world of espionage! Each day, we will receive a top-secret mission to complete in order to become a master spy. Participate in exciting activities like martial arts training (non-contact), an obstacle course, a "laser" maze, and creating spy gadgets. Spy School teaches physical skills, problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking within the framework of the exciting world of a spy.

5SPY, July 28 - August 1, \$425

6SPY, August 4 - August 8, \$425

Super Duper Science

Laurel Harris

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Explore the scientific world as we experiment with chemistry, physics, electricity, and the magical properties of water! Get your hands dirty as we make Oobleck, funny putty, and sidewalk chalk. Learn about physics and gravity as we study the art of making paper airplanes. Put your hands to the test as we create simple motors and more! In addition, we will gain some of our background knowledge and expertise from viewing Bill Nye the Science Guy and Science Bob videos.

4MADS, July 21 - July 25, \$425

5MADS, July 28 - August 1, \$425

Trash to Treasure

Hannah Loati

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Come learn how to turn household trash into brand new treasures! We will be exercising our creative thinking to give old recyclable materials new life. We will have the opportunity to turn commonly discarded items into functional art projects, and will design and build unique creations. Some of the projects include paper towel roll mirrors, odds and ends wind chimes, magazine bowls, and plastic bottle vases. You will be able to bring home all of your amazing creations to show family and friends! We will also discuss the importance of recycling, and will go over some easy recycling tips. Join us to combine the fun of arts and crafts with a growing environmental consciousness! Materials will be provided, but students are more than welcome to bring in recyclables from home as well!

3TRASH, July 14 - July 18, \$425

5TRASH, July 28 - August 1, \$425

Unleashing Your Poetic Potential Grades 4-5

Harold Wilde

Hastings

Have you always enjoyed playing with words or even writing poems of your own? Maybe you've always wanted to write more poetry, but tend to have a tough time getting started. Well, look no further! In this class, you will be inspired by exploring terrific published poems, and creating shared poems alongside other passionate poets within our small group. We will learn about lots of different forms of poetry and review different poetic techniques from alliteration to onomatopoeia. By the end of the week, you will have written loads of cool poems and created a personal poetry anthology to treasure for years to come.

1POET, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

Walk the Talk

Mamata Banerjee

Grades 4-5

Hastings

In the summer, the world is abuzz with sound and communication. People are walking, talking, and making connections. If you have a great idea or a story to share, join a TED Ed leader and work to enhance communication and storytelling skills. You will work in a team, and learn from fellow classmates as well as the best in the TED community. We spend time each day on inspirational strolls outdoors, reviewing "TED

Talks" with a variety of speakers and themes, and learning the art of presentation (posture, presence, performance, projection, persuasion, poise) structuring a talk, and delivering it with confidence and clarity before trying a hand at creating our own TED-style talks!

4TALK, July 21 - July 25, \$425

NEW!

Wordle, Connections, and Strands!

Hannah McGrath

Grades 4-5

Hastings

Do you love words and word puzzles? Is the New York Times Wordle, Connections, Crossword, or Strands puzzle on your daily to-do list? If you answered yes, then that is your hint that this class would be the perfect match for you! You will put your skills to the test, completing the daily puzzles and creating your own for your classmates to try. We will learn about strategies and patterns for solving word puzzles. We will work together to tackle tough puzzles and even play games that will enhance our skills. By the end of the week you will have created your own mini puzzle book with daily wordles, connections, strands, and crossword puzzles!

1NYT, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

You're On a Game Show

Joshua Curhan

Grades 4-5

Hastings

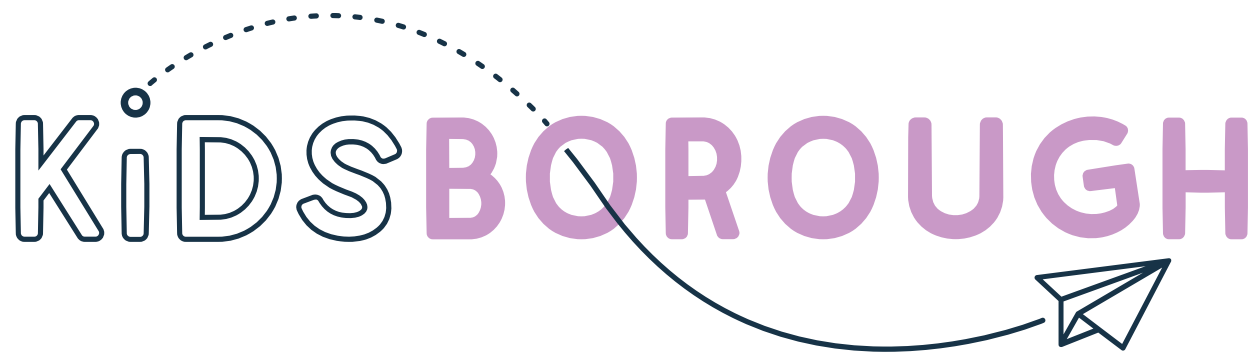
Do you like trivia? Have you ever seen a game show on TV and thought, "Hey, I want to be on that!" Well, here's your chance! We will play a variety of team games that will test your knowledge of different topics, including books, history, math, science, sports, pop culture, and more. Games could include Jeopardy!, Blockbusters, Password, Wheel of Fortune, Card Sharks, and others. Create advertisements to fill "commercial breaks" in between shows. At the end of the week, you will have the chance to create your own game show!

3GAME, July 14 - July 18, \$425

5GAME, July 28 - August 1, \$425

6GAME, August 4 - August 8, \$425

QUESTIONS? Please Contact LCE at
Lexplorations@lexingtonma.org



AFTER CARE PROVIDED BY KIDSBOROUGH at Lexplorations for Grades K-5

After Care provided by Kidsborough is available from 3:00 - 6:00 pm for students in Grades K-5 enrolled in a Lexplorations program at the Hastings School. Enrollment is limited. Registration for Kidsborough at Lexplorations is a two-step process. Tuition is collected and space is reserved for after care on the Lexplorations website. After registration and before the program begins, Kidsborough will be in touch with Lexplorations after care families to gather additional required information for their EEC licensed program. The prices for the after care program are below. The per week cost includes a daily afternoon snack and drink, activity options and plenty of outside play. Registration is by week only and is available only to Lexplorations students attending programs at Hastings.

1AFTER, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$150

2AFTER, July 7 - July 11, \$185

3AFTER, July 14 - July 18, \$185

4AFTER, July 21 - July 25, \$185

5AFTER, July 28 - August 1, \$185

6AFTER - August 4 - August 8, \$185

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO LEXPLORATIONS?

Please remember to pack a water bottle, snacks, and lunch (and utensils if required) for your child daily. Lexplorations does not provide lunch or snacks. If attending After Care with Kidsborough at Lexplorations an afternoon snack and drink will be provided.

For younger students please also consider packing an extra change of clothes in case of accidents. Ideally students will wear sandals with straps, or sneakers. Flip-flops are discouraged.

To Contact Lexplorations PLEASE CALL 781.862.8043

**To Contact Kidsborough at Lexplorations PLEASE CALL 781.918.8541
or by email at lexsummer@kidsborough.com**

LEXPLORATIONS

Find and circle the vocabulary words!

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LEXPLORATIONS

Private Music Instrument Lessons for Every Age and Level

LCE provides excellent, convenient, and reasonably priced individual music lessons with highly qualified professional musician teachers for all interested students and adults. The following instruments are available for individual study: Baritone Horn (Euphonium), Bass, Bassoon, Cello, Clarinet, Erhu*, Flute, French Horn, Guitar, Guzheng*, Oboe, Percussion (Drums/Xylophone), Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, Upright Bass, Violin or Viola, and Voice. Lessons during the school year are held in the afternoon and evening and contain approximately 16 lessons. Summer Lessons are held during the day and contain approximately 8 lessons. Students must arrange convenient weekly lesson times with the instructor. The length of lessons per week can be: 30, 45, or 60 minutes. To register: Please fill out the new student form on our website or call the LCE office and we will put you in touch with our music teaching staff. Saturday morning lessons and end of season recital opportunities are available. Optional student recital opportunities are offered twice per year. * In collaboration with (and with thanks to) New Legacy Cultural Center we are proud to offer lessons on newly added Guzheng and Erhu instruments.



Annina Hsieh
Voice/Piano



Maria Dupre
Voice/Piano



Frank John
Tuba



Max Rydqvist
Voice/Piano



Shant Arakelian
Bassoon



Brian Kane
Saxophone



Ellen Donohue-Saltman
French Horn



Greg Gettel
Trumpet



Skye Deaborn
Trombone



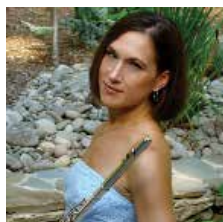
Rui Xu
Double Bass



Minyung Suh
Cello



Jerry Vejmol
Sax, Clarinet



Jessica Lizak
Flute



Libor Dudas
Piano



Jim Lattini
Drums



Nancy Radnofsky
Clarinet



Julia Chung
Piano



Phil Hyman
Trombone/
Euphonium



Pauline Jung
Flute



Ben Fox
Oboe



Brenda Bishop,
Voice

Grades 6-9

All That Jazz

Justin Aramati and
Toby Forman

Grades 6-9

Lexington High School

Ever wonder how Jazz musicians are able to improvise what they play? Well this is your chance to learn, straight from teachers in Lexington's award winning Jazz program. Our focus will be a simple, accessible approach to improvising melodies. We will also work to develop the important basic skills necessary to play in an ensemble. New students and returning musicians are welcome and will be placed in an ensemble with other students of similar experience. Students should be able to read music and should possess age-appropriate facility on their applied instrument. All instruments are welcome; but we especially need bass, drums, piano and guitar players! Please indicate your instrument upon registration. Interested students are encouraged to attend both weeks.

1JAZZ, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

2JAZZ, July 7 - July 11, \$425

NEW!

Bold Women of History

Kelly Lawlor

Grades 6-7

Hastings

Dive into the fascinating stories of women who changed the world! In this engaging course, we'll explore the lives and achievements of courageous, trailblazing women from different times and places, including Lexington. From scientists and artists to activists and leaders, we'll learn how their bold actions shaped history and inspired others. Through exciting activities, creative projects, and lively discussions, students will connect with these remarkable figures and discover the power of their own voices to make a difference. Get ready to be inspired and celebrate the bold women who paved the way for a brighter future.

6BOLD, August 4 - August 8, \$425

Building Geometric 3-D Shapes **Grades 6-7**

John Chamberlain

Hastings

Platonic Solids are composed of polygons -- all the same shape. Several of the Platonic Solids are familiar: the tetrahedron, the cube, and the

octahedron. The icosahedron and dodecahedron are less familiar. We'll engage our mathematical imaginations and make models and nested models of these amazing shapes. Then we will turn to the brilliant, complex Archimedean Solids. These shapes are made of more than one polygon. Many are truncated or trimmed-off Platonic Solids, as in the truncated cube, the truncated octahedron, and the truncated icosahedron (aka, the soccer ball). Archimedes of Syracuse (287-212 BCE) discovered these geometric forms, but models of these shapes were lost until 1619 when Johannes Kepler, the German mathematician, reimagined them. In this hands-on course, we will rediscover them, too. We'll build shapes to make Archimedes smile!

2GEO, July 7 - July 11, \$425

Building Wonders of the World **Grades 6-7**

John Chamberlain

Hastings

Future engineering and imagineering students take note! Students aspiring to go to engineering and other challenging schools benefit from hands-on experience working with materials, along with intellectual skills. Using craft sticks and larger wood pieces, we will start with some geometric shapes and then, in groups, build a pair of large-scale projects, such as the Eiffel Tower, the Hoover Dam, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Roman Colosseum, or something else colossal that students brainstorm about.

3BLD, July 14 - July 18, \$425

Caribbean Dance & Baton Twirling

Melissa Caraballo

Grades 6-9

Hastings

Caribbean Dance and Baton Twirling explores the traditional dances from Puerto Rico – Salsa, Bomba and Plena, which are beautiful expressions of dance usually using straw hats and/or long, flowy skirts as part of the choreography. We will dance to the music of the island, learning the differences in rhythms and beats. Additionally we will learn basic baton twirling skills (with soft batons) including incorporating some Latin dance moves while throwing and catching the baton. Dance and twirl all week– all while learning about another culture and ways to exercise and express emotion through motion.

3CARI, July 14 - July 18, \$425

Dungeons and Dragons

Dylan Baxter-King

Grades 6-9

Hastings

Beginners and more experienced D&D players are welcome to a week of creating an epic, medieval fantasy while developing critical thinking, problem solving, logic and teamwork skills. We will go over the basic rules of the game (using Dungeons & Dragons, 5th Edition), character creation and team building followed by a short campaign where we will be solving problems and accomplishing goals in creative ways. Join us for a grand adventure and an opportunity to socialize with like-minded peers!

1DND, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

2DND, July 7 - July 11, \$425

4DND, July 21 - July 25, \$425

5DND, July 28 - August 1, \$425

6DND, August 4 - August 8, \$425

NEW!

Financial Literacy for Youth

Hannah O'Connor

Grades 6-9

Hastings

This course will utilize the FDIC Money Smart curriculum to educate youth about financial literacy. Students will participate in a variety of games including roleplay scenarios, board games, mazes, and obstacle courses to provide alternative ways of learning and help reinforce traditional classroom experiences. The goals of Financial Literacy for Youth is to provide students with basic knowledge about money, financial institutions, budgeting, financial values, and future planning. The aim is for students to leave this course with practical knowledge that will help them to make safe and healthy financial choices for their entire lives. This course has limited screen time, and screens will only be utilized as an educational tool.

5FLIT, July 28 - August 1, \$425

NEW!

History Detectives: What Happened After the Revolution?

Carolyn Goldstein

Lexington High School

and Kathleen Dalton

Grades 7-10

We hear a lot about Lexington's colonial history, but do you know what happened after the Revolution? Join us for a week of hands-on history, detective work, and media making. We'll investigate Lexington in the 1800's, when how people

lived and worked, who could vote and go to school, and what people did for fun all began to change. Learn how historians find clues in letters, diaries, photographs, newspapers, maps, clothing, and more to uncover the stories of people. We'll explore the past through places like Lexington's Ellen Stone Building, a hotspot for debates on women's rights, slavery, and abolition. Participants will uncover stories themselves and learn how to share their discoveries through short videos, social media, and other creative storytelling techniques.

3HIST, July 14 - July 18, \$425

NEW!

Improv

Shiyanbade

Aminashaun

Grades 6-9

Lexington High School

A week long exploration of improv games, acting, and activities to expand social skills, teamwork and more! Students will increase their decisiveness and communication skills, sharpen awareness and listening skills, and increase their ability to react well to surprises and overcome the fear of failure. This beginner to intermediate workshop is great for those with no or little improv or acting background. Improvisors will end the week with a performance for family and friends!

5IMPROV, July 28 - August 1, \$425

Magic: The Gathering

Lucas Rich

Grades 6-9

Hastings

Come play Magic the Gathering! This class is open for all people who like or are interested in playing or learning the game of Magic, regardless of experience, skill, or knowledge. If you are a beginner, come learn the basics of the game and try out some of our premade decks. You can try building a deck from the many cards that we have here to use, and then try it out in battle. If you have your own cards or decks, feel free to bring them in to test them out! We will have many extra cards and several pre-built decks to try (both Standard and Commander), but everyone is encouraged to bring any of their own materials that they want to use as well. We will have small "round robin" tournaments during the week for anyone who wants to participate.

3GATH, July 14 - July 18, \$425

NEW!**Settlers of Catan***Julianne Black***Grades 6-9***Hastings*

Enter the world of Settlers of Catan, the strategy board game where critical thinking, teamwork, and creativity collide! Build settlements, trade resources, and expand your empire. Then, get crafty with projects like making custom hex tiles and decorating personalized dice. No prior experience needed.

4CATAN, July 21 - July 25, \$425**Story Writing***Jillian Johnson***Grades 6-9***Hastings*

Calling all creative middle school writers! This course is designed to spark your imagination, help you discover your unique voice, and transform your wildest ideas into amazing stories. We will work on different brainstorming techniques, learn skills to organize plot, build characters from the ground up, and explore the many ways to construct a new world. Whether you dream of writing exciting epic adventures, hilarious comics, mysterious tales, or heartfelt personal narratives, this week of workshopping can be your creative playground.

3NOVE, July 14 - July 18, \$425**4NOVE**, July 21 - July 25, \$425**NEW!****Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf***Lucas Rich***Grades 6-9***Hastings*

Calling any and all levels of frisbee players! Let's get some extra playing time in and keep working on skills! Learn and play ultimate frisbee, or try your hand at disc golf. With ultimate we will play many small games and scrimmages, work on our aim and passing, and practice new throws. With disc golf we will be working on our accuracy and power, while shooting on some informal baskets / holes. The goal will be to have fun and stay active, get some solid practice in, and work on our skills and fundamentals. You will have lots of free choice, you can practice some things solo, work on something with a partner, or participate in a large group drill or game.

5FRIS, July 28 - August 1, \$425**Weaving Magic***Beth Guertin***Grades 6-9***Hastings*

Explore the wonderful world of weaving using different looms! First, we'll use the Schacht Cricket rigid heddle loom to weave a cotton scarf. We will design a stripe warp using different colored cotton yarns, then thread the loom and weave the scarf. For the second rigid heddle loom project you will have the choice of weaving a pillow, a cotton scarf, felted coasters, or a felted purse (project to be chosen in collaboration with the instructor and based on time and interest), or working on the other projects available in the classroom: potholder looms, band looms, bead looms, cardboard looms and "baskets". You will work at your own pace and will choose which projects you want to complete; some will complete more projects than others. *Students must be able to tie an overhand knot.

6WEAVE, August 4 - August 8, \$450**NEW!****A Week in Ancient Greece:****Heroes, Gods, and Governance***Alyssa Campbell***Grades 6-7***Hastings*

Join us for a week-long journey into the fascinating world of ancient Greece and become citizens of legendary city-states like Athens and Sparta. Through exciting role-play, creative challenges, and friendly competitions, we will explore Greek culture, government, philosophy, and the Olympic spirit. From drafting laws to debating big ideas and participating in our own classroom Olympics, this interactive experience brings history to life while fostering teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking. Perfect for curious minds ready to step into the past and have fun learning!

2GREEK, July 7 - July 11, \$425**NEW!****Yoga & Mindset Strategies***Kelly Mara***Grades 6-9***Hastings*

Engage your body and mind through the art and enjoyment of a yoga practice! Yoga movement will be followed daily by insight into mindset strategies to improve academic, athletic, and overall performance skills. Some strategies include developmentally appropriate social-emotional skills including positive self-talk, the power

Grade Level refers to the Grade your child will enter in Fall 2025.

of imagery, breathing exercises, drawing, and guided meditations. You will be engaged both physically and mentally and will leave feeling happy, focused, and ready to move about your day in a healthy way.

1YOGA, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

NEW!

Youth Pride

Hannah O'Connor

Grades 6-9

Hastings

There are so many reasons to celebrate our LGBTQ+ youth, families, friends, and identities; and as many reasons to learn and to admire the communities' historical, creative, and cultural contributions. The embodiment of Pride, and the work of striving for equality in community lasts all year long – reaching far beyond our national annual Pride month in June. Part creativity, part history, and 100% Pride, we will explore age appropriate awareness, and celebrate youth voices, perspectives, and LGBTQ+ identities, history, and experiences. Inspiration will be gleaned from music, podcasts, movie clips, and books that center Queer voices and experiences. Games involving history, artful creation of colorful pride flags, and appreciation of music, pop culture, and artists will be explored.

1PRIDE, June 30 - July 3 (4 Day Week), \$350

NEW!

Zine Workshop

Laura Sheppard-Brick

Grades 6-9

Hastings

First created in the 1930's, Zines (pronounced "zeens" as in magazines) are self-published books or pamphlets that originated as a part of fan culture and have come to be an anti-authoritarian, community-building art form. Using your own drawings, poems, photographs, comics, interests and passions as source material, you will learn to create a variety of zine forms, both folded and bound. Working individually and/or in groups, you will use pen and pencil drawing, collage, and simple printmaking techniques to design, write, illustrate, and print your own zines. This class requires no prior experience or knowledge and is appropriate for people who consider themselves artists, fans, activists, enthusiasts or people who aspire to those pursuits.

4ZINE, July 21 - July 25, \$425

6ZINE, August 4 - August 8, \$425

Grades 9-12

NEW!

Character Creation & Illustration

Ris Lee

Grades 9-12

Lexington High School

Create engaging character designs to be used in illustrations, comics, games, and more. Students will explore how and why character designs in existing comics, cartoons, and movies work before learning how to use and shape language and color to create successful, interesting, and readable design sketches. Students will create a group of characters that can be used for future creations and will draw, paint, or sculpt them by the end of the week, create detailed character sheets, and begin world-building. Students will also have the option to make illustrations, comics, and animations using their characters.

3CHAR, July 14 - July 18, \$425

4CHAR, July 21 - July 25, \$425

NEW!

The Art of Fashion Design

Shubhra Chandra

Grades 9-12

Lexington High School

Every season fashion designers and illustrators come up with unique clothing designs. This summer it's your turn! In this creative week you will be immersed in art, fashion and global inspiration while learning about fashion designing and illustration. This course will give high school students the opportunity to explore fashion design and illustration by creating mood boards, sketching with templates, and illustrating sketches with watercolors, markers, pencils and other mediums. You will learn how to create a custom design clothing collection on paper. This is a hands-on course that is specifically designed for those who want to work on fashion illustration and for students who are interested in art, drawing, and fashion illustration. It's also great for those considering the pursuit of fashion as a college subject. We will not be working with computer aided design.

3FASH, July 14 - July 18, \$425

4FASH, July 21 - July 25, \$425

NEW!**Improv**

Shiyانبade
Aminashaun

Grades 9-12

Lexington High School

Form, freedom, creative expression, friends and fun! Join our week-long exploration of improv games and activities to expand social skills, teamwork and more! Students will increase their decisiveness and communication skills, sharpen awareness and listening skills, and strengthen their ability to react well to surprises and overcome the fear of failure. This Beginner to Intermediate workshop will be great for both those with no or little improv or acting background. Improvisors will end the week with a performance for family and friends!

3IMPROV, July 14 - July 18, \$425

4IMPROV, July 21 - July 25, \$425

LCE College & Test Prep

Planning Ahead for College Applications

Dr. Bruce Johnson

Grades 9-11

Lexington High School

Think ahead, take action now and be better prepared for the college application process. 9th, 10th & 11th grade students and families will learn valuable information and hear useful tips to make the most of the high school years. We'll delve into the Common Application and address all your questions. Enrolled families will also receive a private 15-minute follow-up consultation.

PACL, 1 Session, May 22, 6:30-8:30 pm, \$35

Write Your College Essays with Less Stress & More Success

Dr. Bruce Johnson

Grade 11

Online

Admissions officers read hundreds of applications — make sure yours stands out! This class will help you write your college essays with less stress and more success. Instructors will provide guidance through brainstorming, freewriting and individual feedback. With in-class writing sessions and homework, coupled with timely feedback for revisions, you will learn to craft essays that memorably introduce you. Depending on need, we can focus on the personal essay or

supplementals. Whether you have begun writing but are now stuck or you've yet to begin, we can help you create winning college essays!

PEST, 6 Sessions, July 9, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, \$545

P2ST, 6 Sessions, July 30, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, \$545

Saturday Morning College Application Boot Camp

Dr. Bruce Johnson

Grade 11

Online

Get ready to tackle the Common App head-on! With the support of experienced college application coaches, you'll dive into strategizing and completing crucial sections such as activities, honors, and additional information. As needed, we'll also spend time working on supplemental essays and refining your personal essay. Let's make the college application process an enjoyable and rewarding experience together!

PCAP, 3 Sessions, August 9, 10 am-12 pm, \$420

Math SAT Prep

Chris Doucette

Grade 9-12

Lexington High School

In SAT Math, students will review mathematical operations and learn test strategies necessary for success on the SAT. Students will take 2 practice tests and receive targeted help. Class consists of 8-10 mini lessons that cover common issues/test taking strategies and each student will receive individualized help in each class on a topic they are struggling with. Optional Text for class: The Official Digital SAT Study Guide, published by the College Board. Please bring a laptop or chromebook to the first class, or let us know if you need to borrow one beforehand.

PSAM, 5 Sessions, July 7, 9-11:30 am, \$200

Reading & Writing SAT Prep

Rachel Lloyd

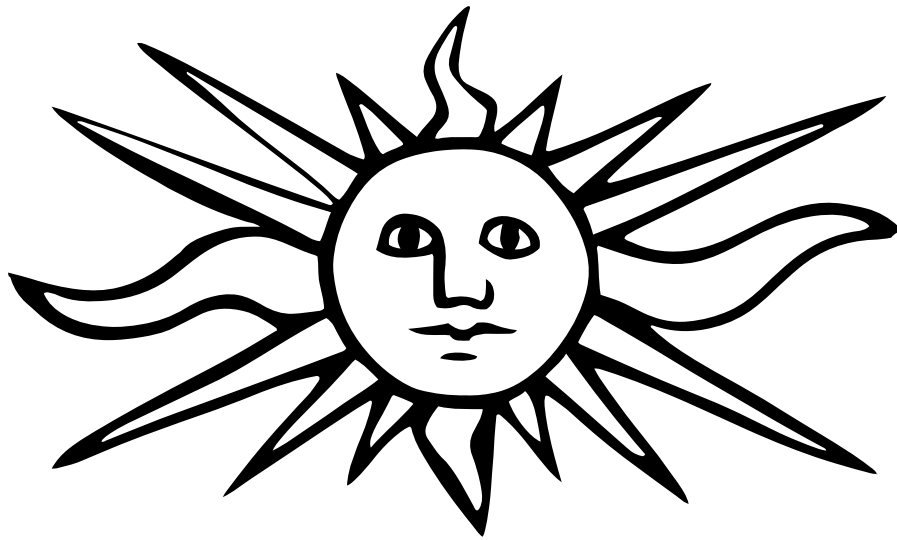
Grades 9-12

Lexington High School

Develop inferential reading skills, vocabulary, info-graphic interpretation as well as skills in grammar, usage, word choice, sentence structure, and passage organization. Also learn valuable test-taking wisdom and testing strategies. Instruction will include practice, review, and analysis of tests. To each class, please bring The Official Digital SAT Study Guide and a College Board ID and password.

PESA, 5 Sessions, July 14, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, \$200

P2SA, 5 Sessions, August 4, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, \$200



Calling All Rising Sophomores Juniors and Seniors!

Earn Community Service Credit with Lexington Community Education's Explorations

- High school students entering their Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year in Fall 2025 may earn community service credit as aides in the Explorations program.
- The program runs for six weeks from June 30 through August 8, 2025. The hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.
- Volunteers must commit to a minimum of one full week.
- Classes will be held at Hastings and Lexington High School.

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the application form from our website: www.lexingtoncommunityed.org/lexplorations

Look for Summer Season
Driver Education
SAT Prep and
College Essay Writing classes
in Lexington Community Education's
Spring 2025 Catalog or online at
LexingtonCommunityEd.org.

Explorations Registrations
cannot be processed over the phone,
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www.LexingtonCommunityEd.org

OUR LEARNERS' TEACHERS

Shiyanbade Aminashaun teaches improv in the Boston Public Schools and is a drama instructor at Hanover Conservatory.

Justin Aramati is a music teacher at Lexington High School.

Pallavi Atale is a specialized instructional assistant at Clarke.

Mamata Banerjee is a specialized instructional assistant at Bridge.

Dylan Baxter-King has led many successful Dungeons & Dragons campaigns with Explorations.

Katie Bettencourt is an art teacher at Hastings.

Julianne Black is a Mandarin teacher at Diamond.

Alyssa Campbell is an ancient civilizations teacher at Diamond.

Melissa Caraballo works at Soule Elementary in Salem, New Hampshire.

John Chamberlain is a retired English teacher.

Shubhra Chandra is a sustainable fashion designer and entrepreneur.

Cindy Chartrand is a kindergarten teacher at Estabrook.

Stephanie Chiha is a substitute teacher and has a M.A. in French from La Sorbonne.

Elizabeth Class is a fifth grade teacher at Harrington.

Joshua Curhan is a second grade teacher at Bowman.

Kathleen Dalton is a historian who works with the Lexington Lyceum to create history learning opportunities.

Sarah Davison is a first grade teacher at Hastings.

Fegens Didie is an art teacher at the Linden STEM Academy in Malden.

Whitney Didie is a science teacher at Diamond.

Einstein's Workshop is a STEM learning center in Burlington.

Angelica Fajardo-Flores is a Spanish teacher at Diamond.

Catherine Farley is a fifth grade teacher at Bridge.

Lauren Finkle is an art teacher at Clarke.

Toby Forman is a music teacher at Clarke.

Carolyn Goldstein works with the Lexington Lyceum to create history learning opportunities.

Kristina Greco is a third grade teacher at Estabrook.

Beth Guertin has been a weaver for over thirty years and teaches at her studio, A Place to Weave.

Laurel Harris is a third grade teacher at Harrington.

Jillian Johnson is a special education teacher at Clarke.

Hannah Kelly is a fifth grade teacher at Fiske.

Kelly Lawlor is an English teacher at Diamond.

Ris Lee is an art teacher at Lexington High School.

Hannah Loati is a specialized instructional assistant at Diamond.

Kelly Mara is a health teacher at Diamond.

Kayla McCauley is a speech language pathologist.

Hannah McGrath is a fifth grade teacher at Estabrook.

New Legacy Cultural Center is a nonprofit dedicated to deepening the appreciation of cultural diversity in Lexington.

Hannah O'Connor is a specialized instructional assistant at Clarke.

Eva Perhanidis is a kindergarten teacher in the Acton-Boxborough Public Schools.

Whitney Pierre is a specialized instructional assistant at Hastings.

Play-Well Technologies teaches LEGO-inspired engineering classes across the country.

Sean Price is a specialized instructional assistant at Hastings.

Lucas Rich is a specialized instructional assistant at Clarke.

Right Brain Curriculum is a New England based education company that offers engaging, interactive learning programs.

Julie Scafidi is a fourth grade teacher at Harrington.

Laura Sheppard-Brick is a math teacher at Lexington High School.

Gordon Spiller is a physical education teacher at Fiske.

Genevieve Wharton is a first grade teacher in the Lynn Public Schools.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High School students entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in Fall 2025 may earn community service credit as aides in the Explorations program. High School aides must commit to a minimum of one full week. If interested, please complete the online application form that is found on our website.

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