



Good News, Parents!

Thanks to careful budgeting and management of resources, the PS 261 PTA Afterschool Program will be able to keep tuition frozen next year! We will continue to charge **only \$20 per day** for our high-quality program.

What does your tuition pay for?

- Top-notch care for your child, offered every day of the school year from 2:40-6:00 PM
- A wide variety of enrichment classes - 14 different offerings every day of the week - including partnerships with local specialty providers like Everyday Athlete Ninja Parkour, Paperbox Product Design, and Quick Start Tennis
- Opportunities for your children to grow and build their skills over time in areas like Drumming, Guitar, or Karate, as well as to try new options with new classes offered every session
- Extended day programming for half-days, including workshops designed to build children's social and emotional development
- Over \$100,000 in financial aid given annually to families in need
- The annual musical production- a can't-miss event starring over 100 PS 261 students, open to any student who wants to participate. (We hope you caught the amazing production of The Lion King in May.)
- Ongoing training with staff development experts to help our counselors continue to build their skills
- Daily snacks for all children

That's a pretty amazing list for less than \$7 per hour!

While we cannot guarantee that we will be able to keep tuition at \$20/day forever, we are very excited to announce that there will be no increase in the 2018-19 school year. We are able to do all this thanks to the incredible efforts of Afterschool Director, Sandra Bodden and her fantastic team, as well as the support and guidance of the PTA Afterschool Committee -- parent volunteers who help to oversee the program.



FALL 2018 Schedule

Dear Parents,

Each session, we add new classes to bring fresh and fun enrichment activities to the program. We are excited to share this term course offerings with you! Please note that we occasionally need to adjust the schedule and cancel or postpone classes. When an activity is closed, the students are moved to other available options and, of course, we will make every effort to move your children to an alternate activity of their choice.

This session we have exciting new class options including, Introduction to Musical Theater, Nory Stem @261, Songwriting (Melody, Harmony, Lyrics and Beats), Paper Mache Sculpture, Glee Club, and Rock Sensation and returning by popular demand, Afterchool Ninja with Everyday Athlete! You can help keep these new, exciting classes open by spreading the word to other families who might be interested in joining our program to participate in something new. We are also always open to suggestions for new classes.

The PTA Afterschool Program is overseen by a committee of dedicated Afterschool parent volunteers, and **we welcome anyone who would like to contribute new ideas!** We think that what we've built is a great program that is a true asset to the PS 261 community, and we're working all the time to make it better. Please consider joining the committee. For more information, email Mrs. Aurelia Duke at aurelia.asps261@gmail.com or Mrs. Sadie Ishee at Sadie.ishee@gmail.com, thank you!

Important Programming information:

- **You must have a zero balance in order sign up for Fall 2018 program (No exceptions!).**
- **First Day of FALL 2018 Afterschool is, Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Kindergarten will start on Thursday, September 6th and PreK will start on Wednesday, September 12th.**
- **Financial aid is available but, before applying you must first fill out the D.O.E. school foods application, available at <http://schools.nyc.gov/default.htm> (this will determine financial aid amount).**
- **Financial Aid Applications are due by Friday, September 14, 2018.**
- **Afterschool is always available on designated half-days, except last day of school (all grades).**
- **For your child/children to start on September 5, 2018, you must submit application by Monday, August 27, 2018.**
- **Please familiarize yourself with all Afterschool Program Policies (pages 5 & 6). These pages must be signed and returned with your application.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
Sandra Bodden, Afterschool Director

Fall 2018 Application Form

Dear Parent and Child:

Thank you for your interest in the Afterschool Program. To enroll, please send your completed application form along with a **one-time annual \$30.00 registration fee per family.**

Please REMEMBER, all Afterschool payments are due by the 10th of each month!

Please Note:

- ✓ You must complete pages 2, 3, 4, and your child's class selection on page 7;
- ✓ **you must also SIGN pages 5 & 6 (that's a total of 6 pages to return to the Afterschool office).**
- ✓ Incomplete packages will result to going back to the end of the pile.

Child	
Child's First Name:	Child's Last Name:
Gender:	Grade and Room number:

Parent / Guardian	Parent / Guardian
Name:	Name:
Permanent Address: Zip Code:	Permanent Address: Zip Code:
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
Work Phone:	Work Phone:
Home Phone:	Home Phone:
Email Address:	Email Address:

Emergency Contact	Emergency Contact
Name:	Name:
Relation to Child:	Relation to Child:
Permanent Address: Zip Code:	Permanent Address: Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:

Authorized Pick-Up Information

Child	
Child's First Name:	Child's Last Name:

List below all authorized to pick up your child from the PS 261 PTA Afterschool Program:		
Contact Name 1:	Contact Name 2:	Contact Name 3:
Relationship:	Relationship:	Relationship:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:	Telephone #:

I hereby authorize any of the people listed above to pick up my child if I am unable to do so myself. I will email or call the afterschool to add and/or change names to the pickup list.

PARENT NAME (Print clearly)

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

The following people are <u>NOT</u> authorized to pick up my child under any circumstances unless I have given express written permission:	
Name:	Name
Name:	Name

Allergy/Medical Information

Please let us know if your child has any allergies

Child	
Child's Name:	Child's Grade:

Type of allergies

Medication (list all)

Location of medication

Please list any other important information that we should be aware of concerning your child:

In the case of extreme allergies, the staff are instructed and trained to do the following:

- Administer the student's Epi-pen (in the upper thigh; hold for 10 seconds) *
- Call 911 and state that a student is having an anaphylactic reaction to (nuts, for example), that you have administered an Epi-pen, and that the student needs to be transported to the hospital immediately;
- Contact the Parent/Guardian (or emergency contact) and tell them what has happened.

*Staff are trained in CPR, AED, and Basic First Aid

VERY IMPORTANT: If your child has food allergies, please help us and provide alternative snacks for your child.

Afterschool Program Policies

(Read Completely, Sign and return)

The PTA Afterschool Program is open to Pre-Kindergarten through 5th Grade students from 2:40pm until 6:00pm every day that school is in session. Service is available on half days from 12pm-3pm and 3-6pm.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM POLICIES

Tuition: \$20 per day. Note that tuition is charged for each day your child is enrolled in the program, even if he/she is absent (you are charged for days registered, regardless of attendance).

Sibling Discount: \$2 reduction per day for second or subsequent child.

Financial Aid: Available depending on need. Please note that to apply for financial aid, you must first fill out the D.O.E. School Foods application, available at <http://schools.nyc.gov/default.htm>. Please see the Afterschool office for the new financial aid form. Each sibling receives the same financial aid rate (no discount). If you receive financial help, all payments must be received on-time.

Half Days: If your child attends Afterschool on a day that the school has half day, the 12:00pm-3:00pm session is already included in your monthly invoice. If your child is staying for the 3:00pm-6:00pm session, it's an additional \$20.00. If your child normally **does not** attend Afterschool on any half days and you would like them to attend, the fee is \$20.00 per session (12pm-3pm and 3pm-6pm). Sign up forms will be available in advance of any half day.

Late Pick-Up: Afterschool ends at 6:00pm. We allow a 5-minute grace period until 6:05. Thereafter, you will be charged \$1 per minute for each minute that you are late to pick up your child. At 6:30pm, we will be calling emergency contacts. **If we cannot contact someone who can pick up your child before 7 PM, your child will be taken to the 84th police precinct located at 301 Gold Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 875-6811.** In addition, we will charge an additional \$50 fee for pick up past 6:30pm and \$50 for every half hour thereafter. All late pick-up fees will be added to your monthly tuition bill for the next billing month. Chronic late pick-up may be grounds to terminate your child from the program.

Billing: All tuition payments are due on the 10th day of the month. Please note that tuition remains due by the 10th even if you have not received a bill for some reason (calculate the number of days your child attends afterschool and multiply it by \$20.00). It is your responsibility to calculate your payment, or to contact the office, if you do not receive a bill. Checks are made out to: PS 261 PTA Afterschool. Checks can be left in the grey Lock box near the Principal's office or dropped off in the Afterschool office in the basement through the gym (office hrs. are 11:00am-6:30pm).

PS 261 Afterschool is accepting electronic payments via QuickPay! You can use this service if your bank participates in the Zelle payment service (including Chase, Citibank, Bank of America and Capital One- for a complete list of participating banks, please see www.zellepay.com/partners).

If you would like to pay your Afterschool tuition electronically, please enroll in this service through your personal bank. Once you have enrolled, payments may be made to PS 261 Afterschool at this email address: 261AfterschoolPayments@gmail.com. **VERY IMPORTANT: You must identify your child(ren) in the "Notes/Memo" section of the payment so that we can ensure that the payment is properly credited to your account.**

Late Payments: Any tuition payments not received by the 10th day of the month will be subject to a late payment fee of \$5 *per day* that the payment is late (with a one-week grace period). The late payment will be added to your next month's tuition bill. The late payment fee can be avoided by arranging an alternative payment schedule with the Afterschool

Office. Any requests for an alternative payment schedule must be received by the Afterschool Office in writing at least one week in advance of the payment due date.

Changes in Schedule: Any cancellations in enrollment must be received by the Afterschool Office in writing or by email before the first day of the month; parents are responsible for the full month's tuition for any cancellations received thereafter. **You cannot switch days**, but you can add a day on an as-needed basis for an additional \$20.00 if you have emailed the Afterschool in advance and received confirmation of your request in writing.

Bounced Check Fee: The Afterschool Program will charge a fee of \$40 for any bounced check. In addition, we will charge the \$5 Late Payment Fee for each day from the date that the check bounces until the date that the complete tuition payment, including the bounced check fee, has been received.

Photo/Video Release Permission: By signing below, parents authorize and consent the P.S. 261 P.T.A. Afterschool to use their child's visual image (photo and video) to promote Afterschool programming (enrichment classes and annual Play/Musical). If you do not consent to the use of your child's image for these purposes, you must notify the Program Director in writing.

Termination of Enrollment: The safety and well-being of all our students is our main priority. All students and families must be committed to constructive participation and appropriate behavior, and willing to abide by the guidelines and policies established by the program. The Afterschool administration has the unrestricted right to terminate a student's enrollment at its sole discretion due to behavior and safety issues and/or the family's failure to comply with our guidelines and policies.

Please Note: No Electronic Device (phones, tablets, Ipads), Pokémon Cards, Fidget Spinners – Afterschool is not responsible if they break and/or are stolen. If a phone or electronic device is confiscated by the Afterschool, a parent must pick it up from the Afterschool office.

Late Registration: Your child **cannot** start the program on the same day you hand in the application form (No Exceptions!). There is a one-week (7 day) waiting period before your child is admitted to the program. This waiting period is essential to ensure the safety of our Afterschool community.

Please note that the PS 261 Afterschool Program is overseen by a committee of parent volunteers. We have determined that we need to implement these policies to keep the program running smoothly and to keep our children safe.

I have read and understand the above Afterschool Program policies. By signing this form, I accept the P.T.A. Afterschool Program Policies.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Activity Sheet- FALL 2018

Child	
Child's Name:	Child's Grade:

Parent / Guardian	Parent / Guardian
Name:	Name:
Telephone:	Cell Phone:
Email Address:	Email Address:

Class Selection	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

- Step 1. **Please make sure you have paid all outstanding invoices in full.**
- Step 2. Annual registration fee of \$30 is charged per family per school year (once a year).
- Step 3. Fill in the activities on days your child will be attending the program in order of preference.
- Step 4. Please select only activities designated for your child's grade.
- Step 5. **Please list your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for day (s) attending.** Parents, you must make at least three activity choices for each registered day or your child will be randomly placed.

Please return page 7 activity sheet ASAP along with pages 2,3,4,5 and 6! All applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that we require a 7-day waiting period between the time we receive your application and your child's first day of attendance. Your child cannot attend Afterschool on the day the application is received.

Thank you.

FALL 2018 Session Activity Choices

SCHEDULE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2:40-3:15	<i>Snack/Bathroom</i>	<i>Snack/Bathroom</i>	<i>Snack/Bathroom</i>	<i>Snack/Bathroom</i>	<i>Snack/Bathroom</i>
3:15-4:00	<i>*Homework Start</i>	<i>*Homework Start</i>	<i>*Homework Start</i>	<i>*Homework Start</i>	<i>*Homework Start</i>
4:00 – 5:30 K-5th Grades	CREATIVE EXPLORERS Pre-K and K Trina	CREATIVE EXPLORERS Pre-K and K Rose	CREATIVE EXPLORERS Pre-K and K Trina	CREATIVE EXPLORERS Pre-K and K Rose	CREATIVE EXPLORERS Pre-K and K Trina/Rose or Yvonne
	GUITAR (BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE) 15 Spots Grades 1-2/Carlos	PLAYDOUGH PRETEND 20 Spots Grades K-2/Nancy	BASIC SPANISH 20 Spots Grades K-2 Gypsy	YOGA 20 Spots Grades 1-2 Kim	SOCCER SHOTS 20 Spots Grades K-2 Specialist
	CREPES FOR THE LITTLE CHEF 20 Spots Grades K-2/ Nancy	BOARD GAMES 20 Spots Grades K-2 Lakisha	BAKER'S DELIGHT 20 Spots Grades K-2 Nancy	AFTERSCHOOL NINJA WITH EVERYDAY ATHLETE 20 Spots Grades K-2/Specialist	DANCE PARTY 20 Spots Grades K-2 Ijlal
	MAD SCIENCE 20 Spots Grades K-2/Stephanie	SPORTS & GAMES 20 Spots Grades K-2/Matt	HOT WHEELS 20 Spots Grades K-2/Grace	CRAFTING STORIES 20 Spots Grades K-2/Grace	10-MINUTE MEALS 20 Spots Grades K-2/Nancy
	MAGIC I 20 Spots Grades K-2 Specialist	CUPCAKE DESIGNING 20 Spots Grades K-2/Grace	PUPPET MAKING (NEW) 20 Spots Grades K-2 Jamie	BEADS & THINGS 20 Spots Grades K-2 Trina	MINECRAFT 15 Spots Grades K-2/Library Jibri
	BALLET/TAP 20 Spots Grades K-2/Grace	FUN WITH LEGOS 20 Spots Grades K-2/Jomyra	HOMEWORK HELP 20 Spots Grades 1-5/Jomyra	CREATION STATION 15 Spots Grades K-2/Gypsy	AROUND THE WORLD ART 20 Spots Grades K-2/Elisha
	ROCK SENSATION (NEW) 20 Spots Grades K-2/Jomyra	NORY STEM @261 20 Spots Grades K-2/Specialist	DOUBLE DUTCH 20 Spots Grades 1-5/Monique	ADVANCED DRUMMING 15 Spots All Grades/Bro. Bassanio	GARDENING 20 Spots Grades K-2/Lucy
	KARATE (ADVANCED) 20 Spots All Grades/Christopher	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 20 Spots Grades K-2 Alberto	BEGINNER'S DRUMMING 15 Spots All Grades Bro. Bassanio	SMOOTHIE STATION 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Nancy	PAPER BOX PROJECTS (NEW) 20 Spots Grades 3-5/Specialist
	261 STEP 20 Spots All Grades/Bernadette	AFRICAN DANCE (NEW) 20 Spots All Grades Bernadette	TENNIS (LEVEL I & II) 20 Spots Grades K-5 USTA Pro/Yann	INTRODUCTION TO MUSICAL THEATER (NEW) 20 Spots Grades 3-5/Rachel	LATCH HOOK KIDS 15 Spots All Grades/Jomyra
	ROBOTICS 16 Spots Grades 3-5 Kids In The Game	CHESS 20 SPOTS All Grades NY Chess	KARATE (INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED) 20 Spots All Grades/Christopher	FANTASY STUFFED ANIMALS (NEW) 20 Spots/Grades 3-5 Jamie	KARATE (BEGINNERS) 20 Spots All Grades/Christopher
	MINECRAFT 15 Spots Grades 3-5/Library Jibri	KARATE (BEG/INTERMEDIATE) 20 Spots All Grades/Christopher	PS 261 TRACK CLUB 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Matt/Doug	CRAYOLA ART MELTDOWN (NEW) 15 Spots Grades 3-5/Jomyra	SPA WITH MONIQUE 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Monique
	HIP HOP DANCE 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Monique	PAPER MACHE SCULPTURE (NEW) 20 Spots/Grades 3-5 Jamie	SONGWRITING (MHLB) (NEW) INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCE 20 SPOTS/GRADES 3-5 TREVOR	COMMUNITY ACTIVISM 20 Spots/Grades 3-5 Monique	261 MOVIE MAKERS 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Eli
	SONGWRITING (MHLB) (NEW) BEGINNERS 20 SPOTS/GRADES 3-5 TREVOR	THEATER GAMES 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Rachel	YOGA 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Kim	KARATE (INTERMEDIATE) 20 Spots Grades 3-5/Christopher	FLAG FOOTBALL 20 Spots/Grades 3-5 Doug
	BASKETBALL 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Doug	261 BOOK CLUB (NEW) Grades 3-5 Alexis	SCRAPBOOKING 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Robyn	SOCCER 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Doug	CUPCAKE DESIGNING 20 Spots Grades 3-5 Grace
	261 VOICES (NEW) 20 Spots/Grades 3-5 Caitlin	SPORTS & GAMES 20 Spots/Grades 3-5 Doug	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 20 Spots Grades 3-5/Alberto		261 GLEE CLUB (NEW) 20 Spots/Grades 3-5 Caitlin

***Homework Start:** From approximately 3:15pm - 4:00pm, older students will be provided with a quiet environment in which they may start their homework or read quietly. However, the Afterschool Program is not responsible for ensuring that students complete their homework. We will make an effort to provide alternate activities for younger children who do not have homework during this time.

Creative Explorers: A special place for our younger students

The Creative Explorers program is a fun-loving learning setting where students spend their afternoon meeting new friends and rekindling past friendships. This special program is held in the Pre-K classrooms (113 & 115) for children who feel more comfortable in a smaller setting. We are here to help meet their developmental needs.

Each day we offer many open-ended choice time activities with a specific activity for children who want to participate. We encourage children to experiment, explore and pursue their own interests.

We let children know: ***"This is a safe place to explore and try out your ideas"***

The schedule of activities are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Trina	Rose	Trina	Rose	Trina/Rose/Yvonne
Dramatic Play, Games and Dancing!	Learn Basic Spanish, Games and Dancing!	Dramatic Play, Games & Cooking	Art & Basic Spanish Cooking	Arts & Crafts Games
Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
Outdoor Play (Weather Permitting)	Outdoor Play (Weather Permitting)	Outdoor Play (Weather Permitting)	Outdoor Play (Weather Permitting)	Outdoor Play (Weather Permitting)
Open Centers	Open Centers	Open Centers	Open Centers	Open Centers
Specialty: Cooking	Specialty: Board Games, Lego Play	Specialty: Arts & Crafts	Specialty: Cooking	Specialty: Board and Table Games

Please Note: Pre-Kindergarten has priority for these activities!

Activity Descriptions

1. **10-Minute Meals:** The students will learn about the importance of healthy eating and how little time and effort it takes to prepare. How about a chicken and vegetable wrap in 10 minutes, guacamole dip with chips in 7 minutes or summer fruit salad in 5 minutes? Not only will our young chefs prepare and make these dishes, they will eat them as well. Yummy!!!!
2. **261 Book Club (New):** Love to read? This is the class for you! Students will get to read some of their favorite books and have lively discussions about characters, plots and everything to spark their imaginations and beyond. Activities will be planned around each book to complement them. The focus is to keep students reading and conversations flowing!
3. **261 Glee Club (New):** Do you love to sing? Then this is the place for you. In Glee Club we will sing popular songs together and learn some basic musicianship, vocal technique, and choral (group singing) skills along the way. The class will explore a variety of repertoire across the spectrum of popular music and the American Songbook. Opportunities and fun are in store for all singers no matter how experienced. Come and make music with us!
4. **261 Movie Makers:** Students will develop comfort in front and/or behind the camera by learning how to act, direct, produce, edit and enhance videos. This fun filled, high-energy, character-developing class will take our students from the hallways of P.S 261 to the walk of fame in Hollywood and the Big Screens in N.Y.C.
5. **261 Step:** This class will introduce students to the art of stepping, a form of dance that incorporates spoken words, handclaps and footsteps to deliver a high-spirited performance!
6. **261 Voices (New):** Calling all vocal Stars of Tomorrow! Voice class is an opportunity to get Voice (singing) lessons in a group setting. Unlike Glee Club or Choir, the focus in voice class is on the progress of each singer as an individual and each student will have opportunities to also work individually. We will cover the ABC's of singing, audition and performance skills, song acting technique, and plenty of repertoire. No prior experience required! All 3rd – 5th grades are welcome!
7. **Advanced Drumming:** For young drummers who have already worked with Brother Bassanio. This session, students will continue to take on more advanced drumming skills and music.
8. **Afterschool Ninja with Everyday Athlete:** Our afterschool Ninja classes consist of navigating challenging obstacle courses with fundamentals from gymnastics, parkour, and climbing. There are six basic categories: jumping, climbing, swinging, traversing, balancing, and floor skills. These categories were developed to incorporate all of the basic movements and use all of the muscle groups of the human body.
9. **African Dance (New):** African Dance is back at PS 261! It will be a High-Spirited, High-Powered rhythmic class with the true traditions of Africa with a mix of Haitian, Cuban and Brazilian flair! No experience necessary!
10. **American Sign Language:** Introduction to American Sign Language as a foreign language. Students will be fully immersed and will learn what it's like in the deaf culture, its community, and language of ASL.
11. **Around the World Art:** This class will focus on learning about and experiencing cultures from around the world through art and crafts, music and food (China, Egypt, Brazil and Africa).
12. **Baker's Delight:** Each week, delectably baked treats will be geared to the inner baker in each of us. Cookies, tarts, cupcakes, pies, breads and muffins are on the menu! Students will learn to read recipes, measure, pour, sift and discover the science, math and literacy of baking.
13. **Ballet/Tap:** Students will learn rudimentary Tap and Ballet steps and move to more advanced steps during this workshop. The overall emphasis of this class is to have fun learning and expressing oneself through dance.
14. **Basic Spanish: *Hola! Como esta?*** Students will be singing, acting and playing games, all the while learning vocabulary and basic grammar skills. The objective of this class is to allow children to react and communicate in Spanish. This class is for both beginning and intermediate students.
15. **Basketball:** He/She shoots - and it's good! Doug will continue to teach kids the fundamentals of basketball both indoors and out. All skill levels are welcome – don't forget to bring your sneakers. This class also gets to join the afterschool Basketball Team! Students will compete against other after school programs in the neighborhood, P.S. 32 and P.S. 29! Go Team!!
16. **Beads & Things:** The children will be engaged in a variety of art forms that they will take home and wear. They will make jewelry, picture frames, and creative cards for their families.
17. **Beginner's Drumming:** Calling all new, aspiring drummers!! Students will be introduced to the art of playing Western African Drums. Every child will have a drum to play.
18. **Chess:** This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of chess in a fun manner. Creative thinking will occur and be encouraged. This class will put your patience and to the test.

19. **Community Activism:** Mahatma Ghandi said, "If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change"! Let's make change happen at PS 261 in a positive and organized way. Want to be part of making a difference? This is the class for you!
20. **Crafting Stories:** Stories will be read to the students by famous authors (Eric Carle, David Wiesner, etc.) and then incorporate them into art projects.
21. **Crayola Art Meltdown (New):** Love playing with Crayons? This is the class for you! Let's take playing with crayons to the next level! Students will create art in a fun-filled environment. No crayon will go to waste because this technique will inspire the artist within. No experience necessary, come and see what your imagination can produce.
22. **Creation Station:** We'll make and take home a new project each week using an assortment of learned strategies. Come dabble in a variety of art molding, painting, and Paper Mache. Students will learn various techniques in bookbinding, illustration, print making. Come create your own unique masterpieces.
23. **Creative Explorers:** This activity is open to Pre-K and Kindergarten students ONLY. Students will participate in a wide range of activities (*See special schedule attached for details*).
24. **Crepes for the Little Chefs:** Students will learn fun ways to make crepes (savory and fruit base). We will prepare something different every week, using step-by-step recipes that are healthy, fun, and tasty. Students will be able to bring home the skills to prepare these recipes at home.
25. **Cupcake Designing:** A different take on this popular hands-on decorating class. It will allow your child to express themselves in the most delightful and delicious way. Enjoy fun instruction as you learn the art of cupcake decorating and creative design. Sprinkle, frost and powder your way to creative works of art to the delight and amazement of all. *Please don't pick up your child before 5:30pm!
26. **Dance Party:** This dance class will consist of Hip-Hop dance and modern dance. Students will work on improving dance skills and learn dance routines that will lead to an exciting showcase performance at the end of the session.
27. **Double Dutch:** What a great way to get your heart rate up! Let's jump, jump and jump some more...Get fit while having fun. Students will learn how to jump Double Dutch, Criss-Cross, Jumping Jacks, High-leg Kick and Frog Jumping! Girls and boys - don't get left out!
28. **Fantasy Stuffed Animals (New):** Students will use felt and embroidery to design and create characters that will be sewn by the students. They will create their own pattern, choose the fabrics and threads to sew their beautiful imaginative creations!
29. **Flag Football:** It's Playoff Football! Now it's time, it's game time. This will be an outdoor activity without tackling (indoors when it gets too cold.) Students will enjoy this wonderful sport that requires teamwork and strategic planning among team members. It's non-stop fun!!
30. **Fun with Legos:** Play to your heart's content while letting your imagination run wild. Get ready to have the best time in Afterschool working with all kinds of Legos. You can build all kinds of super cool things.
31. **Gardening:** Technology not your thing? We have a solution: "Gardening for Kids at P.S. 261!" This class is designed to have your child partner with Mother Nature in the beautiful garden right in our backyard! Imagine the delight in discovering a germinating seed emerge from the earth (this will teach them to be patient) or learning about the wonders of growing your own food to eat (a key to good nutrition).
32. **Guitar:** The PS 261 Afterschool is excited to offer Guitar lessons, taught by Mr. Carlos Pavan, a native Argentinian who began his guitar training at the young age of 12. To learn more about Mr. Carlos Pavan, Guitar Instructor, you can look him up on the link below.
This beginner's guitar class will teach students basic technique, theory, music notation and song repertoire. Students will learn scales, chords and rhythm from Latin/American and European countries. In addition to the joy of playing music, guitar lessons will enrich your child's musical, cultural and academic experience.
http://issuu.com/carlospavanmusic/docs/carlospavan_digitalbrochure_guitar_/1
33. **Hip Hop Dance:** Let's get moving! This introductory class will teach students various basic Hip Hop movements in a fun-filled environment. The class offers new combinations and routines that are easy to learn and the students themselves get to help with the choreography!
34. **Homework Help:** This class is a designated homework-only class! Students not only get one-on-one attention and guidance, but they also get to enjoy fun activities after their homework is completed (computers, tumbling on mats and drawing).
35. **Hot Wheels:** A great socialization opportunity for kids to have fun building raceways, racing, and using their imaginations through play with our famous Hot Wheels cars.

36. **Introduction to Musical Theater (New):** Each week students will be introduced to a new musical and get to learn songs, dances, or scenes from the production. Students will get a taste of the most influential musical shows spanning from the golden age classics like Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music", to popular, contemporary shows like "Hamilton" and everything in between. If you love to sing and dance and have dreams of Broadway, this class is for you!
37. **Karate:** (Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced): We have a level for everyone every day of the week! Students will learn Karate Dojo from a black belt specialist. The focus is on building confidence, respect, discipline and LOTS OF FUN.
38. **Latch Hook Kids:** Learn to latch hook! This beginner's class will be easy, fun and creative. Students will begin by making personalized pillows to take home and to show off to family and friends! If you love crocheting, you will love this more sophisticated art form! This class will introduce the students to the beginning world of household decorations!
39. **Mad Science:** A place for fun and where students can spark their imaginations! This class is Interactive, students will experience making lavalamps, goo, volcanos and other crazy science projects!
40. **Magic:** "Abracadabra" It's MAGIC! Haven't you been amazed watching magicians on TV shows or at a birthday party? Now you can become that amazingly cool person that can impress and mystify everyone, including your family and friends! In this class, you will learn magic from a real-life magician. You get to keep all the tricks and you will even put on a Live Magic show at the end of the semester! It doesn't get any better than this.
41. **Minecraft:** In this class students get an introduction into the Minecraft Game with increasing levels of difficulty. Have fun, while being strategic and competitive!
42. **NORY STEM @261:** Science is everywhere and the application of science through Technology, Engineering and Math are key ingredients for helping children become better equipped in today's society. In NORY STEM: Robots & Chemistry, children will explore the magic of the molecular world of chemistry and the fundamentals of robotics and engineering. Children will engage in questioning, problem solving, collaboration, and hands-on activities while they address real-life issues. Our aim is ambitious: to intrigue, inspire, and challenge children to make mistakes without fear.
43. **Paperbox Design Projects (New):** Costumes & Fantastical Fashions: Paperbox Design Lab offers hands-on workshops where kids learn to think like designers and bring their ideas to life. This semester, students will dream up and construct costumes or fantastical fashions using cardboard, fabric, and other simple materials, based on themes or characters of their choice. They will also take inspiration from designs for film, theatre, and fashion, while learning about the professionals who created them. Projects have ranged from robots to mythical creatures to candy-inspired clothing.
44. **Paper Mache Sculpture (New):** Design your own 3D sculpture from Papier Mache! Students will begin with a drawing of their own concept and will turn it into a three-dimensional sculpture that they will design, construct, paint and seal to be kept by each child for years to come.
45. **Playdough Pretend:** Explore the fun in creating shapes and patterns with Playdough. Students will use rolling pins, beads and other playdough building tools. This is a great class to help develop your child's motor skills as well as using their imaginations to build what they can create
46. **PS 261 Track Club:** Let's make running fun! Mr. Matt, PS 261's Gym teacher is bringing his "Track Club" to Afterschool! The focus will be on teaching good running techniques and how to have fun while staying motivated, building self-confidence in a non-competitive environment. Calling all future Road Runners!
47. **Puppet Making (New):** Imagine making puppets from things found around the house! Students will create many puppet projects from their own unique puppet character to play with in class, creating their own stories to tell. The power of Imagination!
48. **Robotics:** Do you want to get started in robotics? This beginner's class will allow you to program and operate a number of interesting robots that are very responsive to their environment. You will learn to program them to move, dance, light up, make sounds, avoid obstacles, and even react to your voice. They are loaded with sensors that let them know when there is something in front or in the back. They are also equipped with microphones that can hear sound and even detect where it's coming from in a room, and infrared sensors that let them see and communicate with other robots. Students will work in teams to master all their capabilities.
49. **Rock Sensation (New):** In this beginners' class students will design, paint and bring to life this wonderful art called, Rock Painting! Students will get to personalize different images they create themselves. With a little imagination and some creativity, students can paint animals, faces, rainbows, abstract art or just make it up as go along.
<https://wonderfuldiy.com/rock-painting-ideas>
50. **Scrapbooking with Robyn:** In this class students will get to create their own scrapbook full of fun! Lots of pictures, stickers and lasting memories!
51. **Smoothie Station:** Enjoy whipping up great snacks? This is the class for you! Enjoy healthy smoothies that are good for you and are delicious. Students get to help the instructor plan the weekly smoothie station menu!

52. **Soccer Shots:** Soccer Shots is the premier children's soccer experience for children 2-8 with a focus on character development. Our caring team positively impacts children's lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, communication and curriculum. Our expert-approved curriculum is age-appropriate and aligns with childhood education standards. In addition, we provide an exceptional customer experience and ongoing communication with parents. Each weekly session focuses on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. Through fun games and positive reinforcement, children will experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.
www.soccershots.org/nyccentral
53. **Soccer Tournament:** Students will participate in five-on-five "Round Robin" games. The basic skills and rules of soccer will be applied and practiced.
54. **Songwriting (MHLB) Melody/Harmony/Lyrics & Beats (New):** Whether a student speaks rap, pop, musical theater, drums, or classical piano, songs are for everyone and can be made by anyone. Through a series of creative prompts, listening exercises, improvisations, and sharing, they will learn basic styles, genres and structures of songs, and begin to make them their own.
55. **Sports & Games:** This is a combination class of team sports and competitive games. The class will be broken down into 2 groups, K-2 (taught by Matt) and 3rd-5th (taught by Doug). One week it will be soccer; another week it will be basketball or dodge ball. This class is designed to have fun while competing in teams.
56. **Spa with Monique:** This class is for the older P.S. 261 students who love to be pampered! Student create their own lotions with allergy free oils. They will get manicures and enjoy soothing music to relax after a long school day.
57. **Tennis (Level I and II):** Just like other popular youth sports, "QuickStart Tennis" stresses the importance of playing the game of tennis and getting involved in team competition. This new play format utilizes "kid-sized" equipment, easier-to-understand scoring, shorter nets and smaller courts to make tennis more fun for juniors.
58. **Theater Games:** Students will learn the fundamentals of theater through fun, collaborative theater and improv games each week. Students will practice finding their confidence and individuality as actors while using teamwork to build ensemble.
59. **Yoga:** Yoga is here at 261! Former Science teacher, Ms. Kim Tulloch is bringing her yoga instructor qualifications to the Afterschool. Students will experience the physical, mental and spiritual side of Yoga to calm the mind and strengthen the body.

Please get your completed forms in as soon as possible! It's First Come, First Serve!