



# Hamagrael Enrichment

Hamagrael has a strong tradition of providing after-school enrichment opportunities for our kids, which have been organized by the PTA. We have put together a series of programs that go beyond the required curriculum and let kids explore a new activity or interest in more depth.

The Registration Form attached to the back of this brochure must be completed and turned in to your child's teacher by **January 30**.

## We Need You!

Your support is essential to the success of this program! In order for your child to be registered in a class, we ask that you volunteer for one of three jobs. No one will be excluded but the program cannot run without volunteers.

**Weekly Room Parent:** You attend one of the class sessions with your child, assisting the instructor as needed. You also assist the instructor and PTA by carrying out both attendance and dismissal procedures. You must arrive at school for your Room Parent Day by 3:15.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** You are responsible for coordinating the schedule of Weekly Room Parents who will attend each class. In addition to confirming the Weekly Room Parent will attend their scheduled class, you will need to make arrangements for a replacement Room Parent should a cancellation occur. **You can do this from home.**

**Room Parent:** If you commit to be the Weekly Room Parent for all class sessions, you will receive free tuition for your child!

In order for your child to participate in this program, he or she is to behave and cooperate with the instructor. If a child becomes disruptive they may be asked to leave the program. This will be at the discretion of the instructor and program volunteers. No refunds will be given.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please let us know.

Program Coordinators: Sabine Ryan at [sabineryan@msn.com](mailto:sabineryan@msn.com) and Kristen Hanifin at [hanifin37@yahoo.com](mailto:hanifin37@yahoo.com).

**MONDAY**

(5 week class)

**DDR (Dance Dance Revolution)**

Dates: 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 and 3/26

Time: 3:25 – 4:25

**Grade: K-2**      Class Limit:30

Fee: \$30

Location: Gym

Come dance the afternoon away with Dance Dance Revolution and Mr. B! Students will be able to burn serious calories all while having loads of fun. Students will be able to choose from different difficulty levels and over 100 different songs. Students will be completely engaged throughout the class. This class is for the first time user all the way up to the most experienced dancer.

Instructor: Mr. B is a physical education teacher at Hamagrael Elementary School.

**LEGO™ Robotics Engineering**

Dates: 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 and 3/26

Time: 3:25-4:25

**Grade: 3-5**      Class Limit: 10

Fee: \$60

Location: Room 9

This exciting class teaches you how to program LEGO Mindstorms™NXT robots, the coolest robot available. You will use your new skills to meet such challenges as beating your opponent at Sumo or pushing water bottles out of a ring. This class will introduce programming concepts such as repeat loops and if/then statements and sensor use will also be taught. For the student who has little or no experience with robotics or programming.

Instructor: Karen-Anne Doescher owns the Bits, Bytes and Bots program in the Capital District. She offers after-school programs and summer camps. She has been a computer programmer, trainer and IT manager for over 25 years. An IT professional from Bits, Bytes & Bots will teach after school enrichment.

**Flights of Fancy**

Dates: 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 and 3/26

Time: 3:25-4:25

**Grade: K-2**      Class Limit: 15

Fee: \$10 donation towards the PTA optional

Location: Room 16

That's fancy talk for "imagination". Use your imagination every week to make fancy crafts, hear "Fancy Nancy" stories and learn some fancy words.

Instructor: This class is taught by Michelle Waldenmaier from the Bethlehem Public Library and is offered as part of their outreach program to local schools.

**TUESDAY**

(5 week class)

**DDR (Dance Dance Revolution)**

Dates: 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/27 and 4/3  
Time: 3:25 – 4:25

**Grade: 3-5**      Class Limit:30  
Fee: \$30  
Location: Gym

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**CMOST –Animal Tales**

Dates: 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/27 and 4/3  
Time: 3:25-4:25

**Grade: K-2**      Class Limit: 16  
Fee: \$60  
Location: Room 13

Join us in an exploration of animal adventures. Children will read stories starring animal characters, such as The Greedy Python by Eric Carle, and then they will meet the live stars of the stories from the Museum’s animal collection. Each week children will be introduced to a different group of animals including turtles, lizards and snakes.

Instructor: This class is taught by a representative from the Children’s Museum of Science and Technology in Troy.

**Make Your Own Comic Book**

Dates: 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/27 and 4/3  
Time: 3:25-4:25

**Grade: 2-5**      Class Limit: 18  
Fee: \$50 (include materials)  
Location: Room 2

Do you like to draw and make up stories? Learn how to create and draw characters, layout comic strips and book pages and experiment with illustration in ink and color. Just bring your imagination. All high quality supplies will be provided.

Instructor: Theresa Somaio-Harvey is a local art instructor who has taught adults and children for over 15 years.

**WEDNESDAY**

(5 week class)

### **Video Game Creation**

Dates: 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 and 3/28  
Time: 3:25-4:25

**Grade:3-5**      Class Limit:10  
Fee: \$60  
Location: Room 9

If you think playing computer games is fun, think what a blast learning to program your own games will be. Your imagination is the limit as you use GameMaker and learn to use drag and drop programming to create exciting, professional looking games. Learn about creating sprites, objects, events and actions. Design a room, make it look the way you want, add objects and play your game. We will teach you how to display health, lives, scores and high score tables. Students will receive a CD with their game and the software to keep making games when they get home.

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### **Tae Kwon Do**

Dates: 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 and 3/28  
Time: 3:25-4:25

**Grade: 3-5**      Class Limit: 20  
Fee: \$40  
Location: Gym

Students will learn various Tae Kwon Do techniques and the basic philosophy of this popular martial art. Classes will begin by warming up with conditioning and stretching exercises. Basic hand and foot techniques (blocking, striking, kicking and stances) will be introduced, as well as simple self-defense techniques. The last class will include optional board breaking.

Instructor: Jim Bungay is a 4<sup>th</sup> degree WTF Certified Black Belt with over 30 years experience in the martial arts. He is the head instructor at Bethlehem Tae Kwon Do, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar; [www.bethlehemtkd.com](http://www.bethlehemtkd.com)

### **Fine Arts – Drawing in Color**

Dates: 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 and 3/28  
Time: 3:25-4:25

**Grade: 1-5**      Class Limit: 18  
Fee: \$50 (include materials)  
Location: Art Room

In this class, students will develop drawing skills such as line, value, form, perspective, texture and color by looking at objects. Students will then create dynamic drawings using a variety of mediums such as colored pencils, pastels, pen and ink and water soluble colored pencils. All materials will be provided by the instructor.

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