

## PS87 Afterschool Program

*Sponsored by the PS87 Parents Association*  
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### General Information

Under the supervision of the PS87 PA, the Afterschool Committee offers afterschool activities in the form of clubs which meet once a week for the entire semester. The program operates on the premises of PS87; a few classes, such as City Adventures, travel off-site but leave and return from PS87. Club size is usually 12 students per club, except for sports and performance classes.

#### Administration and Faculty

The PS87 Afterschool Program is governed by a standing committee of volunteers from the PS87 Parents Association; day-to-day operation is under the supervision of a professional director and a staff of trained early childhood teachers and assistants.

#### Who May Register?

Although first preference is given to PS87 students, subject to availability, Afterschool classes are open to children outside PS87. Registration for students outside PS87 is by mail-in/drop-off ONLY. Reduced-rate tuition subsidies are reserved for PS87 children.

### Schedule

The Afterschool Program follows the NYC public school schedule. (See Spring 2012 schedule, next page.) Spring semester clubs start on Monday, February 6 and end Tuesday, June 26. Afterschool is closed on days when public schools are closed or on half-days when all grades are dismissed early. Please note that we are unable to offer refunds for clubs canceled due to school closures.

Program hours are from school dismissal until 6:00 PM. Clubs are in session 3:30-5:00; children may be picked up from the Auditorium anytime from 5:00-6:00 PM. Late fees of \$1/minute will be charged for pickups after 6:00 PM.

#### After-Club & Homework Help

There is no extra charge for after-club activities (5:00 PM-6:00 PM), which for grades 1-5 include quiet play, art activities and videos in the Auditorium; free play in the Gym; a Library study hall; and play with Legos, chess, and other games in the Cafeteria on Tuesdays. Kindergarten children are dismissed separately to a classroom, where they are offered games and art activities.

### Visiting the Afterschool

An open-house week will be arranged each semester when visitors will be welcome to observe club activities. Tours are conducted by Anne Murney ([anne@87afterschool.org](mailto:anne@87afterschool.org)). Many clubs also feature end-of-term performances, exhibits, and tournaments.

### Registration

Registration options include online (PS87 families only), mail-in/drop-off, and late registration. If you are applying for reduced-rate tuition (scholarship subsidy), you will need to confirm eligibility before registering. Families who qualified in Fall 2011 will not need to reapply for Spring.

The Afterschool Program reserves the right to modify clubs, change instructors, or cancel clubs not meeting minimum enrollments.

#### Online Registration

Online registration ([www.87afterschool.org](http://www.87afterschool.org)) opens January 10 at 7:00 PM and closes January 18 at 7:00 PM. To register, you will create an account to input your information and save it for future semesters. (If you registered in Fall 2011 you will use the password you created at that time.) Questions regarding registration -- including technical issues during online registration -- should be directed to our special Registration Helpline: [87helpline@gmail.com](mailto:87helpline@gmail.com).

#### Mail-in and Drop-off Registration

Mail-in/drop-off registration takes place January 19-20. Families may mail in completed registration forms (available online) and payment or drop off forms and payment in a special Afterschool registration box in the Lobby. Mail-in/drop-off registrations are entered AFTER online registration closes. Please make alternate selections in case your first choice is unavailable. Registrations will not be processed without payment and required forms.

#### Late Registration/Adding a Class

For registrations received after January 20, a \$25 late registration fee will apply. If you wish to enroll your child or add a club after the term begins, contact our office at [ps87afterschool@mac.com](mailto:ps87afterschool@mac.com).

#### Wait Lists and Transfers

We make every effort to accommodate waitlisted students within the first two weeks of the session. Transfers may be made at any point in the semester, subject to availability and approval. Transfer requests must be in writing. There is no extra charge for transfers.

### Cancellation/Refund Policy

**Refunds** If you wish to drop a class within the first three weeks of the session, you will receive a refund (less nonrefundable registration fees), with written requests received by the Afterschool office, according to the following schedule:

- 100% tuition refund with written notice received 1 week prior to 1st scheduled class session.
- 75% tuition refund with written notice received 2 days prior to the 2nd scheduled class session.
- 50% tuition refund with written notice received 2 days prior to the 3rd scheduled class session. **After the third scheduled class session, no refunds or credits will be granted.**

**Spring 2012 semester begins  
Monday, February 6**

## Fees

	<i>Full Tuition</i>	<i>Reduced</i>
Monday/17 sessions	\$408	\$255
Tuesday/17 sessions	\$408	\$255
Wednesday/18 sessions	\$432	\$270
Thursday/17 sessions	\$408	\$255
Friday/17 sessions	\$408	\$255
All 5 days (\$100 savings)	\$1,964	\$1,190

In addition to tuition, there is a non-refundable registration fee of \$35 per child, per semester. A \$50 supplemental fee (materials fee) is charged for City Adventures, Movie Magic, I Make iMovie, Rap, Rock & Roll, Imagination Station, and En Garde! Fencing, and \$75 per semester for Shining Stars clubs.

### PS452 Pickup Fees

PS87 Afterschool provides pickup service from PS452. Pickup fee is \$80 day/semester (\$350 for all 5 days), payable at registration.

### Late Registration Fee

A \$25 additional fee will apply for registrations after January 20.

### Drop-in Fees

Emergency drop-in coverage is available to currently registered Afterschool families on a space-available basis. Advance notice must be given to the Afterschool Office (ps87afterschool@mac.com). It is the family's responsibility to send written notice to the child's teacher that the child is going to Afterschool that day. Drop-in fee is \$40 per day, payable at pickup.

### Late Dismissal Pickup Fees

Afterschool dismissal pickup ends promptly at 6:00 PM. After 6:00 PM late pickup fees of \$1/minute will be charged.

## Payment

Fees are payable in full at registration. Our online payment system accepts major credit cards as well as e-payment through your bank. Drop-off payment may also be made by check or cash. There is a \$30 charge for returned checks or declined payments. Families with a past due balance must pay accounts in full before registering. For questions regarding payment arrangements/your account, contact Business Manager Lisa Sapichino (lisas@87afterschool.org).

## Reduced-Rate Tuition

Reduced-rate tuition (scholarship subsidy) is offered to PS87 students based on family income. Parents are responsible for verifying eligibility in advance of registration. Income verification forms and guidelines for required documentation are available on our website ([www.87afterschool.org](http://www.87afterschool.org)).

### Donations

The Afterschool Program operates on a break-even basis with no outside government funding. We greatly appreciate your tax-deductible donations to help cover reduced-rate tuition subsidies for families whose children otherwise might not be able to experience our program.

## Calendar

<u>FEBRUARY</u>				
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
SCHOOL CLOSED FEBRUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 24				
27	28	29		

<u>MARCH</u>				
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	CLOSED	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

<u>APRIL</u>				
2	3	4	5	CLOSED
SCHOOL CLOSED APRIL 6 - APRIL 13				
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

<u>MAY</u>				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
CLOSED	29	30	31	

<u>JUNE</u>				
				1
4	CLOSED	6	CLOSED	8
CLOSED	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26			

## Special Programs & Camps

In addition to our award-winning Afterschool Program, we offer a variety of special programs year-round, including:

- Holiday camps (February 20-24 and April 9-13)
- KinderCamp for incoming students (August 20-24)

Holiday week camps are open to the general public. Visit our website ([www.87afterschool.org](http://www.87afterschool.org)) or call the Afterschool Office (212-873-0490) for more information or to register for 87Afterschool Special Programs.

PS87 Afterschool Program tuition and fees -- including our holiday camps and special programs -- may be an eligible expense through your dependent care spending program.

Donations to our Afterschool Program (made payable to PS87PA) are fully deductible charitable contributions.

**PS 87 PA Tax ID #13-3343008**

# Monday Clubs

## KINDERGARTEN

**Imagination Station Films** (Gr. K-1) Children will learn the behind-the-scenes magic that goes into making their own films, including special effects, creating story arcs, and more. Theater games and improvisation, and inventive use of props/costumes will be used to encourage children's creative expression. **Amey Goerlich** has taught children's filmmaking for more than a decade. **Note: A \$50 supplemental fee is charged.**

**MacKids: Explore!** (Computer/iPad; Gr. K-1) Students will enjoy our Computer Lab's wide selection of educational software, with a focus on graphics and basic literacy and math skills. Hands-on explorations of creative and educational apps on iPad tablets will be led by PS87 teachers including **Bob D'Andrea** and **Lisa Shlansky**.

**Judo A** (Gr. K-1) This class will build confidence and develop children's self-awareness and physical fitness. Falling, tumbling, throwing, pinning, and escape techniques are taught. Judo uniforms (available from the instructor) are required. Grouping is by age and ability. Sensei **Robin Rosenthal**, Black belt in Karate, Judo, Aikido, and Jujutsu, and 7-time US Olympic Training Camp champion, has taught martial arts and self-defense to thousands of children, including at PS87. She particularly enjoys teaching children Judo, the so-called "gentle" Japanese martial arts discipline. **Note: For more individual attention, children in Judo A and Judo B meet in small groups; each group receives 45 minutes of Judo instruction and spends the other 45 minutes with a PS87 coach in activities supporting instruction.**

**YogaKids** (Gr. K-2), see below.

**Mandarin Chinese** (Gr. K-2), see below.

## GRADES 1 TO 2

**Imagination Station Films** (Gr. K-1), see above.

**MacKids: Explore!** (Computer/iPad; Gr. K-1), see above.

**All-Star Team Sports: Soccer/Baseball** (Gr. 1-3), see below.

**Chess & Other Strategic Board Games** (Beginners), see below.

**Judo A** (Gr. K-1) and **Judo B** (Gr. 2-5), see description above. Judo instruction is also available on Thursdays for grades K (**Judo C**) and grades 1-2 (**Judo D**); class limits will be strictly observed.

**YogaKids** (Gr. K-2) Through simple, fun exercises combining breathing and movement, children will discover the many benefits of yoga -- from balanced energy and improved flexibility and strength, to increased focus and concentration. Yoga is relaxing and noncompetitive -- and with Claudia, it's fun, too! Certified yoga instructor **Claudia Zangrillo** has taught children's yoga for more than a decade.

**Mandarin Chinese** (Gr. K-2) An introduction to Chinese culture and language, organized by The China School founder **Gongzhan Wu**, also known as George Wu by many China adoptive families. Children will not need to have had previous exposure to Mandarin Chinese to benefit from this class. In a fun, enjoyable environment, teachers will utilize formal instruction as well as songs, games, stories, and crafts. Taught by **The China School** instructors including experienced Mandarin teacher Shih-Hui Lee (Nicole).

**Young Minds Do Einstein** A hands-on approach to the scientific process, under the direction of noted science educator and author

**Mary Carson**, working with PS87 Afterschool teachers, education specialists from the American Museum of Natural History, Riverside Park and others. Like last year's award-winning program, this term promises a terrific mix of scientific facts and exciting hands-on activities. Kids love this class!

## GRADES 2 TO 3

**All-Star Team Sports: Soccer/Baseball** (Gr. 1-3) Baseball and soccer instruction (two eight-week sessions) from seasoned pros from two of NYC's most popular programs, including **Carlos Oliveira Soccer Academy**. Using specialized equipment, age-appropriate drills, and fun games, coaches have developed customized programs that are designed to guarantee a successful, enjoyable experience for girls and boys. Under the direction of popular "Softball Sluggers" coach **Mike Vega** and coach **Francis Arena**.

**Chess & Other Strategic Board Games** (Beginners 1-2; 3-5) Children will learn the elements of chess, and will also explore other strategic board games. New players and beginning-level players are welcome; children will be grouped by age and ability after meeting the instructors. Teachers include National Chess Master **Joe Lux**, an experienced coach in NYC school and after-school programs; strategic board game instruction led by trained KidzMath teachers **Gloria Zwick** and **Bernard Zwick**.

## GRADES 3 TO 6

**Chess & Other Strategic Board Games** (Beginners), see above.

**Judo B** (Gr. 2-5), see description for **Judo A** (K-1) above.

**Rap, Rock & Roll** (iTunes/Garage Band) In this fascinating tour of digital recorded music, we'll be using Garage Band and iTunes software, among others, as we write our own music and burn our band's CDs. Creative exploration of music apps on our new iPads will be a special feature. **Stephen Jacobs** has recorded hundreds of original compositions with children; his Dirty Sock Funtime Band, nominated Best New Artist by Children's Music Web Awards, has been featured on Nickelodeon and performed in clubs, concerts, and festivals across the United States.

**Note: A \$50 supplemental fee is charged.**

**Hip-Hop Dance** In addition to fun dance moves and routines, children learn about the history, richness and beauty behind African-American art forms known as hip-hop dance, b-boying, popping, and funk. Juilliard-trained actor, dancer, and choreographer **Kambi Gathesha** has performed in and helped stage works for Lincoln Center, Streak Dance Concept, MTV (specials featuring Beyonce and the Neptunes), and PMT Dance Company. Co-teachers include dancer/choreographer and PS87 teacher **Ana Elosegui**.

**Snapshots & Scrapbooks** (Digital Photography) Using digital cameras, students will learn the basics of color photography, and then learn how to use their photos with personal mementos, stickers, and decorative paper to design imaginative scrapbooks and other creative keepsakes. Taught by experienced Afterschool creative arts teacher **Brittany Hall**.

# Tuesday Clubs

## KINDERGARTEN

**Circus Gymnastics** (Gr. K-1) Introduction to gymnastics apparatus and techniques such as basic tumbling, as well as games designed to develop strength and flexibility. Instruction is designed to enhance and challenge each child's individual capabilities, while

emphasizing safety. An end-of-term "Big Top" show is planned! Our coaches include dancer/choreographer and PS87 lower-grade teacher **Ana Elosgui** and circus arts teacher **Max Arnaud**.

**Masters of Invention** (Lego/Kapla Builders) A terrific club designed to encourage creative problem solving and critical thinking skills. Children will be involved in engaging projects that will include building Lego models and designing structures with Kapla architectural blocks, magnetic plexiglass tiles, and other materials. Teachers include experienced kindergarten "Chess, Yes!" and KidzMath teacher **Gloria Zwick**.

**Book It!** (Gr. K-1) This club will develop a love and respect for books as students participate in storytelling and develop reading and math skills through a variety of activities and individual projects, including creating their own books and journals. With the imagination and enthusiasm of our Library's own **Dawnica Conyette**, you know kids will have a good time as well!

### GRADES 1 TO 2

**Circus Gymnastics** (K-1), see above.

**Book It!** (Gr. K-1), see above.

**Wizards of Wood** Basics of working with wood to create projects such as toy racing cars, banks, treasure boxes, and wood sculpture inventions. Safety and good work habits are emphasized, in an atmosphere of fun. Taught by **Brittany Hall**, experienced PS87 Afterschool creative arts teacher.

**MathMagic** (Math Enrichment/iPad) This enrichment class, led by PS87 2nd-grade teacher **Lisa Shlansky**, uses the acclaimed KidzMath program of cooperative games and storybook-based activities to promote mathematical understanding and social development. Children in KidzMath programs across the country develop math skills, gain confidence in their mathematical abilities, increase their enjoyment of mathematics, and improve their abilities to work with others. Best of all, KidzMath makes math FUN!

**Movie Magic** Under the creative direction of "Imagination Station" teacher and filmmaker **Amey Goerlich**, children will learn the behind-the-scenes magic that goes into making a film, including special effects, lighting, and more. From Curious George to King Arthur to Cinderella, familiar stories take on new magic and meaning -- you'll want to be there "opening night" when we screen our young filmmakers' professionally edited DVD! **Amey Goerlich** has been teaching children's film classes for more than a decade.

Note: A \$50 materials fee is charged.

### GRADES 2 TO 3

**Karate for Girls I** (Gr. 2+)/**Karate II** (Gr. 2+) This class builds self-confidence and develops children's self-awareness and physical fitness. Basic punches, strikes, blocks, and kicks will be covered, with instruction in basic stances, *kata*, and one-step and three-step drills. There is no physical contact. White Karate uniforms (available from the instructor) are required. Sensei **Robin Rosenthal**, Black belt in Karate, Judo, Aikido, and Jujutsu, and 7-time US Olympic Training Camp champion, has taught martial arts and self-defense to thousands of children and young women, including at PS87.

Note: For more individual attention, children in Karate for Girls I and Karate II meet in small groups; each group receives 45 minutes of Karate instruction and spends the other 45 minutes with a PS87 coach in activities reinforcing principles taught by Sensei Robin.

**Ice Skating/City Adventures A & B** (Gr. 2-3; Gr. 4-5); Ice skating in the rink at Rockefeller Center or Bryant Park until April and then -- what's your pleasure? Boating, bowling, or a home sport in Central Park? Or maybe it's the zoo, the wax museum, or a special adventure designed just for us? There are wonderful opportunities for city adventures all over Manhattan, and we're ready to explore them! Teachers include experienced Afterschool coach **Mike Vega** and 5th-grade teacher **Lauri Posner**.

Note: A \$50 materials fee is charged for this class. Public transportation will be used and children will return to PS87 around 5:45 PM.

**Chess Masters** (Gr. 2+), see below.

### GRADES 3 TO 6.

**Karate for Girls I** (Gr. 2+); **Karate II** (Gr. 2+), see above.

**Ice Skating/City Adventures A & B** (Gr. 2-3; Gr. 4-5), see above.

**Chess Masters** (Gr. 2+) PS87 chess coach **Chris William** -- who works with our wildly popular inschool chess program for grades 2-3 -- joins National Chess Master **Joe Lux** for a challenging master class designed to build skills and strategies for experienced players. Instruction will include an introduction to tournament play opportunities in the New York area as well as resources to use at home. National Chess Master **Joe Lux** and PS87 chess teacher **Chris William** have more than 20 years' experience offering school and afterschool chess instruction, private coaching, and tournament direction for players aged 4-adult.

Note: "Chess Masters" is designed for experienced players with AT LEAST one year 87Afterschool chess or inschool instruction, or demonstrated tournament experience. Beginners should take "Chess & Other Strategic Board Games" (Mondays). Placement of players is at the discretion of the instructors.

**Shining Star Musical Theatre: "The Music Man"** Children will experience the magic of musical theatre, as they work towards a June 2012 production based on the celebrated Broadway classic "The Music Man." Children will work in small groups as well as full-stage ensemble with theatre professionals skilled in character and scene study, dance and choreography, vocal direction, and other stagecraft skills. Director **Jill Ahrold**, musical director **Robby Stamper**, choreographer **Tiffany Kraus**, and acting coach **Sarah Hankins** have worked with thousands of young people in all stages of musical theatre production.

Note: Since this club is designed to be a full-year commitment on the part of the cast, no new cast members can be admitted this term. Second-semester classes end at 6:00 PM. There is a per-semester \$75 materials fee.

**Wok's Up Doc?** (Healthy Cooking) Welcome to our Demo(lition) Kitchen -- we call it that because every week our PS87 chefs will "blow up" preconceived ideas about food that's good for you. Delicious fruit smoothies, stir fries, grilled kabobs, and other spa cuisine -- we'll do all this and more. Teachers include experienced Afterschool teacher **Arshea Hall**.

**Robotics Team Challenge** Working in small groups, students will explore and apply basic robotic fundamentals using LEGO Mindstorms technology -- featuring powerful NXT bricks, expanded sensor capabilities, wireless Bluetooth technology and new programming software. Instruction may also include Lego WeDo technology and other simple and motorized machine projects developed by Lego and other educational services. Through design, construction, and programming of individually invented projects, students will become active masters of technology. Taught by PS87 teachers including 4th-grade teacher **Molly Jahraus**.

# Wednesday Clubs

## KINDERGARTEN

**CAP's Rainbow Stages Musical Theatre** (Gr. K-1) Caring, dynamic teaching artists from Create-a-Play give students a vibrant fun-packed experience as they work to create an original musical theatre production. In addition to their final staged production, each student receives a professionally produced CD of the production's music. Create-a-Play founding director **Stephen Jacobs** has worked with thousands of children in school and summer programs; his Dirty Sock Funtime Band has been featured on Nickelodeon and performed in clubs, concerts, and festivals around the world.

**Chess, Yes!** (Gr. K-1) Children will learn the elements of chess, and will also explore other fun board games that encourage creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills. National Chess Master **Joe Lux** is an experienced coach in NYC school and afterschool programs; board game instruction led by trained KidzMath teacher **Gloria Zwick**.

**Note:** Chess, Yes! continues Fall 2011 instruction; new players should consider Monday's Chess & Other Strategic Board Games beginner's club.

**Storybook Cooks** Whisks, egg beaters, and measuring spoons -- that's only half of the fun. The best part is that our young chefs will get to eat their culinary creations! During prep time and clean-up, children will be entertained by readings from children's literature featuring food. Taught by experienced Afterschool cooking teachers including PS87 Media Specialist **Dawnica Conyette** and pastry chef **Jessica Giannone**, whose Pie Birds bakery has been featured in the *NY Times* as a must-go holiday dessert source.

**Fiesta!** (Latin Culture/Language, Gr. K-1), see below.

## GRADES 1 TO 2

**CAP's Rainbow Stages Musical Theatre** (Gr. K-1), see above.

**Fiesta!** (Latin Culture/Language, Gr. K-2) An imaginary journey through the Caribbean and Central and South America, drawing upon our visits to the American Museum of Natural History People's Center, as well as in-class explorations of the music, dance, cooking, sports, crafts, and traditions of each of the countries the children "visit." An introductory Spanish language component is included. Taught by experienced Dual Immersion teacher **Josephine Mangual**, so you know this will be a lively fiesta!

**ChessKids Club** (Gr. 1-3) Engaging and challenging instruction on the elements of chess and strategies of the game will encourage players' creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills as they have fun playing. Players will be introduced to tournament play opportunities in the New York area as well as resources to use at home. Instruction directed by National Chess Master **Joe Lux**, an experienced coach in NYC school and afterschool programs.

**Note:** ChessKids Club continues Fall 2011 instruction for this age group; new players should consider Monday's Chess & Other Strategic Board Games beginner's club.

**Animation & Digital Design** Working on computers and in the classroom, children will create flipbooks, thaumatropes and other optical toys, publish online comics, and make short stop-motion animated films and other creative media projects. Experienced "Imagination Station" and "Movie Magic" teacher **Amey Goerlich** has been teaching children's film and theatre classes for more than a decade.

## GRADES 2 TO 3

**ChessKids Club** (Gr. 1-3), see above.

**Sew Much Fun** (Gr. 2+) Beginning with instruction in hand sewing, students will progress to an introduction of basic skills using sewing machines. Activities will include creative explorations of fabrics and textures, designing simple projects, and creating soft sculptures and simple clothing. Taught by experienced "wearable art" Afterschool teacher **Arshea Hall**.

**Afro-Caribbean Percussion** (Drums, Gr. 2+) Small group instruction in percussion, with an experienced master. Accomplished drummer and recording artist **Renato Thoms**, a finalist in the prestigious international Thelonius Monk jazz competition and a featured performer in the televised Latin Grammy Awards, has performed solo and with acclaimed Latin artists including Eddie Palmieri, Hilton Ruiz, Paquito D'Rivera, and Ricky Martin.

**Monet, Matisse & Me** (Studio Art, 2+), see below.

## GRADES 3 TO 6

**Sew Much Fun** (Gr. 2+), see above.

**Afro-Caribbean Percussion** (Drums, Gr. 2+), see above.

**Monet, Matisse & Me** (Studio Art, 2+) This exciting class will be conducted in a studio environment in which young artists will work individually on creative projects as they are guided in mastering specific concepts such as line drawing, color mixing, painting techniques, and symmetrical design. A variety of media will be used. For motivated students who want to develop thorough knowledge and use of materials as well as an enhanced artistic eye. Taught by 3rd-grade teacher and juried fine artist **Rosa Alfaro-Carozzi**.

**Mercury Radio Theatre** From the creator of "I Make iMovies" and "Reel Science" comes an amazing project in which children will create, produce, and perform an original radio program for live performance and podcasting. "Mercury Radio Theatre" combines the latest technology, science learning as children devise sound effects, improvisational theatre exercises to develop scripts, and super-fun exploration of classic children's radio clips and projects (secret decoder rings, anyone?) With a creative team that includes Imagine Me director **Jill Ahrold** and actor **Branislav Tomich** -- both veterans of Gotham Radio Theatre's live productions -- you know this will be a fabulous, one-of-a-kind experience!

**Creating Comics** Children will produce their own comics, learning how to create characters, develop story lines, make their adventures come "alive," and publish their own comics. Curriculum will be modeled from the award-winning Comic Book Project ([www.comicbookproject.org](http://www.comicbookproject.org)), an arts-based literacy initiative at Teachers College, Columbia University. Teachers include experienced Afterschool teacher and comic artist **Rafael Velez**.

**Basketball I** (Gr. 3-4)/**Basketball II** (Gr. 5+) This class will develop sports-specific strategies and skills -- dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, offensive and defensive play -- as well as coaching in the rules of the game. Individualized skill-building, working as a team, and sportsmanship skills are emphasized. Coaches include veteran physical education teacher **Mike Vega** and assistant coach **Francis Arena**.

# Thursday Clubs

## KINDERGARTEN

**Scienterrific Kids** A wide variety of hands-on science experiences -- including neighborhood trips and museum visits -- with emphasis on fun activities that can easily be done at home. Taught by experienced PS87 Afterschool teachers, with guest museum and science educators, under the guidance of renowned science educator Mary Stetten Carson, author of The Scientific Kid and Let's Play Science.

**Monster Mash Creative Arts** Have you ever seen a creepy, crawly, friendly monster? If you were a unicorn, what color would you be? Here's a chance for children to create their own world with masks, painting, music, and storytelling. Children will design their fantasy creatures -- playful dragons, wacky monsters -- using a variety of materials, and then engage in inventive activities designed to free creative self-expression. Juried fine artist **Andy Marcus** and Rockinghorse Nursery School founding director **Judy McGerald** have been teaching pre-K creative arts classes for nearly 25 years.

**Judo C** This class will build confidence and develop children's self-awareness and physical fitness. Falling, tumbling, throwing, pinning, and escape techniques are taught. Judo uniforms (available from the instructor) are required. Grouping is by age and ability. Sensei **Robin Rosenthal**, Black belt in Karate, Judo, Aikido, and Jujutsu, and 7-time US Olympic Training Camp champion, has taught martial arts and self-defense to thousands of children, including at PS87, in more than 20 years' teaching. She particularly enjoys teaching children Judo, the so-called "gentle" Japanese martial arts discipline.

**Note:** For more individual attention, children in Judo C and Judo D meet in small groups; each group receives 45 minutes of Judo instruction and spends the other 45 minutes with a PS87 coach in activities reinforcing principles taught by Sensei Robin.

## GRADES 1 TO 2

**Judo D**, see **Judo C**, above. Judo instruction is also available on Mondays for grades K-1 (**Judo A**) and grades 2-5 (**Judo B**); class limits will be strictly observed.

**KidChef Bakery** Children will discover fabulous culinary treats (cupcakes and pie pops to die for!) as they experience the hands-on enjoyment that comes in the preparation. Children will learn to read recipes, try new foods, and create old favorites to share. (If you thought pizza comes only from takeout, just wait until you learn to make your own from scratch!) Taught by dynamic 2nd-grade teacher **Lisa Shlansky** and Afterschool teacher and pastry chef **Jessica Giannone**, whose Pie Birds bakery has been featured in the *NY Times* as a must-go holiday dessert source.

**Ice Skating/City Adventures C** Ice skating in the rink at Rockefeller Center or Bryant Park until April and then -- what's your pleasure? Boating, bowling, or a home sport in Central Park? Or maybe it's the zoo, the wax museum, or a special adventure designed just for us? There are wonderful opportunities for city adventures all over Manhattan, and we're ready to explore them! Teachers include City Adventures enthusiast and PS87 teacher **Bob D'Andrea**.

**Note:** There is a materials fee of \$50 for all children. Public transportation will be used and children will return to PS87 around 5:45 PM.

**Create-a-Play Musical Theatre** (Gr. 1-3), see below.

## GRADES 2 TO 3

**Create-a-Play Musical Theatre** (Gr. 1-3) Caring, dynamic teaching artists from this internationally acclaimed children's theatre organization give students a vibrant fun-packed experience as they work to create an original musical production. In addition to their final production, each student receives a professionally produced CD of the show's music. Director **Stephen Jacobs** has worked with thousands of children in school and summer programs; his Dirty Sock Funtime Band has been featured on Nickelodeon and performed in concerts and festivals around the world.

**Totally Awesome Toy Factory** Let's see, what does Afterschool creative arts teacher **Brittany Hall** have in store for visitors to Totally Awesome Toy Factory this spring? How about a rubber-band-propelled race car, magic bubbles that can encase an entire child, a fishing game that teaches math? Children will have so much fun playing with inventions in the Totally Awesome Toy Factory -- and designing and creating their own toys and games, using materials readily available at home -- that they won't realize they are building science, engineering, and math skills as they go!

**Let's Speak Spanish** (Language/Latin Culture, Gr. 2+), see below.

## GRADES 3 TO 6

**Let's Speak Spanish** (Language/Latin Culture, Gr. 2+) A practical and fun introduction to Spanish language and culture, taught by native Spanish speakers and educators. Emphasis will be on auditory learning of basic thematic units taught through in-class and museum explorations of games, music, arts, food, and cultural traditions of countries throughout the world where Spanish is spoken. Taught by experienced dual-immersion enrichment consultant and teacher **Gloria Zwick**, with dynamic PS87 teacher **Ana Elosegui**, so you know your children will have fun as they build comprehension and confidence.

**Bloody Shakespeare** An exciting exploration of the works of William Shakespeare, through creative projects, character study, theatrical combat, and staging. One of the most popular classes in previous semesters, "Bloody Shakespeare" aims to help students understand Shakespeare's world -- and understand our world through Shakespeare. Teachers include accomplished Shakespearean actor and teaching artist **Sarah Hankins**, 3rd-grade teacher **Laura Resnick**, and Imagine Me founding director **Jill Ahrold**, whose "Spontaneous Shakespeare Sundays" program delights Central Park visitors each summer.

**Softball Sluggers** A popular class that will include skills such as hitting, pitching, fielding, and base running, as well as playing strategies. Instruction will take place in the Gym and outdoor play in nearby yards and the park. Taught by experienced PS87 Afterschool coach **Mike Vega** and 5th-grade teacher **Lauri Posner**.

# Friday Clubs

## KINDERGARTEN

**Danses des Enfants** (Gr. K-1) This class incorporates improvisation, creative visualization, and various dance styles as a means of tapping children's unlimited potential. Children are introduced to

basic steps and a variety of music as preparation for future study of dance. Ballet dance attire is worn. Teachers include dancer/choreographer and lower-grade PS87 teacher **Ana Elosegui**.

**Junior Olympics Sports** By popular request, City Sports for the younger set! Sports may include soccer as well as other popular Olympic team sports. Under the direction of experienced sports coach, NYC teacher, and PS87 Afterschool City Sports teacher **Mike Vega**, we have put together a rotation of sports, inviting experienced guest coaches and outside sports programs to guarantee the best Friday fun ever! Instruction will include adventure games as well as learning new sports skills, with a focus on social interaction and encouraging a healthy, fit lifestyle.

**Totally Amazing Toy Factory** (Gr. K-1) Let's see, what do kindergarten creative arts teachers **Brittany Hall** and **Joan Serpico** have in store for visitors to their Totally Amazing Toy Factory? How about a rolling ball that makes ice cream, magic rainbow wands that change colors as the children move about, a fishing game that teaches math? Children will have so much fun playing with inventions in Totally Amazing Toy Factory -- and designing and building toys and games of their own invention -- that they won't realize they are building science, engineering, and math skills as they go!

**Kids on Keys** (Piano School of NYC, Gr. K-2), see below.

## GRADES 1 TO 2

**Totally Amazing Toy Factory** (Gr. K-1), see above.

**Danses des Enfants** (Gr. K-1), see above.

**Kids on Keys** (Piano School of NYC, Gr. K-2) Group instruction covering introductory piano techniques, theory, and music reading skills, using a varied repertoire. For more individual attention, children will meet in small groups; each group receives 45 minutes of instruction and spends the other 45 minutes in supervised music activities. A year-end (May) recital at Lincoln Center is planned for all Piano School of New York programs. **The Piano School of New York City** has provided engaging keyboard instruction to hundreds of New York City schoolchildren.

**Yummies Around the World** (World Culture/Cooking, Gr. 1-3) Preparing international recipes is a wonderful activity that fosters understanding of other cultures as well as enjoyment of new culinary treats. Dynamic 2nd-grade teacher **Lisa Shlansky** -- whose in-school and Afterschool classes feature cooking explorations whenever possible -- will work with experienced Afterschool cooking teachers **Dawnica Conyette** and **Jessica Giannone** (whose Pie Birds bakery has been featured in the *NY Times* as a must-go holiday dessert source) to create a delightful food journey that will travel around our One Family Under the Sun, from Jamaica to Egypt to Greece and Hawaii.

**All-Star Olympic Sports** Designed to promote an atmosphere of fun, fitness, and positive sportsmanship, this class will develop cardiovascular endurance, strength, and flexibility through activities including running, games, an introduction to ball handling, and related skills. A variety of Olympic sports will be introduced, including team sports as well as individual sports. Taught by experienced coaches and outside sports programs under the direction of experienced physical education teacher and coach **Mike Vega**.

## GRADES 2-3

**Yummies Around the World** (World Culture/Cooking, Gr. 1-3), see above.

**Jazzy Jewels & Terrific Ts** (Jewelry/Fashion, Gr. 2+) Students will learn to use a variety of interesting materials -- including beads from around the world, as well as jewelry materials they craft themselves -- to make their own jewelry, including pins, backpack keychains, and much more! They will also create fanciful wearable art -- including T shirts, jazzy caps and tote bags. Taught experienced Afterschool jewelry/wearable art teacher **Arshea Hall**.

**En Garde! Fencing A** (Introductory, Gr. 2+) This exciting class offers training in a centuries-old Olympic sport in a safe, creative environment. Certified instructors teach the basics of footwork, bladework, rules, and strategy, inspiring an appreciation of teamwork and sportsmanship as they challenge their students to learn to use their minds and bodies in creative and effective ways through games and exercises. **New Amsterdam** fencing teachers compete nationally and have coached children in NYC public and private schools since 1997. **Note:** Two sections of Fencing are offered: Section A is introductory-level; Section B is for more advanced students. Placement in Fencing B is at the discretion of the instructors. New students will not be admitted to Fencing B.  
**Note:** A \$50 materials fee is charged to cover equipment rental fees.

**En Garde! Fencing B** (Experienced, Gr. 2+, see above)

Two sections of Fencing are offered: Section A is introductory-level (and may include current fencing students); Section B is for more advanced fencers. Placement in Fencing B is at the discretion of the instructors. New students will not be admitted to Fencing B.

## GRADES 3 TO 6

**Jazzy Jewels & Terrific Ts** (Jewelry/Fashion, Gr. 2+), see above.

**En Garde! Fencing A** (Beginners, Gr. 2+), see above.

**En Garde! Fencing B** (Experienced, Gr. 2+), see above.

**I Make iMovies A** (Acting) **I Make iMovies B** (Directing) Two exciting classes offering kids the chance to create their own Hollywood-caliber movies burned to DVD. Students will learn to script, direct, and shoot their iMovies, master editing, learn to build in soundtracks and special effects and much, much more. (Students choose their studio: one group focuses on acting; the other concentrates on behind-the-scenes directing, special effects and production skills.) Teachers include award-winning Imagine Me director **Jill Ahrold** and veteran stage and film actor **Branislav Tomich**.  
**Note:** A \$50 materials fee is charged.

**Knit Wits** Students will begin by crafting their own knitting needles, then learn simple stitches and create beautiful projects to wear or give to friends. Knitting is relaxing, creative fun -- especially with Gloria! **Gloria Zwick**, experienced NYC teacher and knitting enthusiast.

**MacKids: Web Wizards** (Computer Lab/iPad) An exploration of exciting technology and software in PS87's Mac-equipped Computer Lab, with a focus on free, downloadable software that students can use to develop their own creative projects, media, online entertainment. Highlight this term will be hands-on explorations of creative apps on our new iPad tablets. Teachers include upper-grade PS87 teacher **Bob D'Andrea**.



