



The 411 on Middle School Aftercare

by Lindsay Kellogg

As an introduction to Aftercare this school year, I want to give you an overview of the program, expectations, and what we hope for this year. (Please note: Aftercare club information will be sent at a later date). **To contact Aftercare call 301-774-7455 x230 between the hours of 3:35-6:30 pm (2:35-6:30 pm on Wednesdays)**

Staffing

My name is Lindsay Kellogg, and I'm the Middle School Aftercare Director. I also teach 7/8th Digital Media Arts and am a frequent sub in the Middle School. I am also an alum of Sandy Spring Friends School, and have frequented working in Aftercare since I was a senior here! This is my seventh year working in Aftercare and my fourth year as Aftercare Director. I graduated from McDaniel College with a B.F.A. in Fine Arts and a degree in PK-12 education. I look forward to an awesome year full of new and fun activities!

Also in Aftercare is Corey Lyman, known to many students as a member of the Summer at Sandy Spring Camp team over the past six summers. Corey also served as a US Marine. He is an active part of the community as a part of Aftercare and the Middle School baseball coach. You'll also see his dog around, so say hi to Mango!

Goals

Our goal is to provide students with a safe and welcoming environment after school hours. For students, being in Aftercare can make for a long day. We want to create an environment where students can get some relief from the school day. This means providing activities that students can enjoy and providing a comfortable space for them.

Students will be given activities to do during after school hours, such as outdoor sports, card games, art, and more. Homework time will start at 4:30; however, students will always have the option and a place to work on homework, e-mail or meet with teachers, and aftercare staff will do their best to support students who need extra help.

Aftercare Overview

- **Aftercare ends at 6:30 PM.**
- **The late fees structure** is as follows: If a student is picked up after 6:30 PM, there will be a **\$20 fee for every 15 minutes**. After 2 late pick-ups, the fee will be \$40 for every 15 minutes. After 4 late pick-ups, the fee will be \$60 for every 15 minutes.



- **Drop-In fees** are scaled to accommodate students who carpool. The **Drop-In fee for 3:45-4:25 PM is \$10**. If a student stays **after 4:25 PM**, the fee will increase to \$20. **After 5:30 PM** the fee will increase to \$30.
- **Aftercare will be open on Professional Days**, when students are out of school but staff is on campus. Professional Days are on the following dates: November 4th, November 25th & 26th, January 27th, February 18th and April 6th.
 - New this year, **Aftercare will be open on October 16th, January 29th, and April 15th early 1:00 pm dismissals**. More information will come out closer to those dates.
- **Clubs** are optional for an additional fee, and provide a variety of activities.
- **Students may go to the Beast Cafe after school**. Students who are in Aftercare must sign in to Aftercare first, and then will be allowed to go. The Cafe closes at 4:00 every day, including Wednesday.
- The **Aftercare Schedule** is as follows:
 - 3:45 - 3:55 PM: **Check-In** (Students will check-in at the computer lab)
 - 3:55 - 4:20 PM: **Outdoor time** (This is a no electronics time; students will be outside, or if weather doesn't permit, inside with an activity or games)
 - 4:20 - 4:30 PM: **Snack** (Students will be inside the middle school for snack)
 - 4:30 - 6:30 PM: **Homework Time/Free Time** (students will be given time for homework, and once it's checked, there will be indoor/outdoor free time)

Students may meet with teachers as needed, and if requested, will be given a space to do homework at any time.

Expectations for our students and parents:

- Students are expected to follow the **same rules in Aftercare as during school**; it is an extension of the school day and students can still receive the same consequences.
- While we are trying to make Aftercare a welcoming environment that students will enjoy, this is a reminder that Aftercare is a mandatory program if students are on campus after school without a parent or guardian. **Students who are still on campus when carpool has ended will be signed into Aftercare**. Carpool officially ends at 3:55 PM (4:25 PM for students participating in sports - see below), and 2:55 PM on Wednesdays.
- Middle School has 2 carpools in the afternoon, the second is after sports end. **Students in sports who are on campus after 4:25 PM will be signed into Aftercare**.



- Electronics need to be away during Aftercare unless given permission by an Aftercare teacher. Students may message or call their parents on their device or the middle school phone.
- When a student is being checked out of Aftercare, Aftercare staff needs to have contact with their parent or guardian. This can be in person or by phone, but this can't be in the form of a text through the student. **To reach us by phone, call 301-774-7455 x230.**
- Students who have older siblings on campus should still be in Aftercare. However, an older sibling may check the student out when the parent has arrived on campus.
- **Students cannot go to sports events without a parent/guardian**, and cannot meet their parents at a sporting event they are not participating in. Students who are not with a parent/guardian or teacher must come back to the Middle School for carpool or Aftercare. Aftercare attends as many sporting events as possible.

For more information about Aftercare, or if you have any questions about the information I have provided above, you can contact me at lindsay.kellogg@ssfs.org.