A.C.E. Fall 2025

~ After-School Community Enrichment ~

Winthrop School is proud to announce the Fall 2025 Session of our A.C.E. after-school program. Volunteers from the community alongside Winthrop School staff volunteers will be leading our enthusiastic learners.

There is no cost for the A.C.E. program.

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If interested SIGN UP to be included in the lottery by Friday, October 10th!

- **Students will be chosen in a random lottery (limited spots); it is not first-come, first-served.**
- Siblings are NOT guaranteed a spot in the same program or in a program that runs simultaneously.
    - Children who have participated in the past need to choose a ***different*** program.
- You will receive a letter by **Wednesday, October 22nd** informing you whether or not your child got into a program.

Questions? Email Katie Norris or Theresa Keenan
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This information may also be found on the Winthrop School Website.

Mondays ~ October 27, November 3, 10, 17	
Kidpreneur Club Grades K, 1, 2 4:00 - 5:00 **please note later start time**	We'll work as a team to learn about business and entrepreneurship by building our own mock lemonade stand business. From creating our logo to research & development (taste testing!), we'll learn about what it takes to start a business and how to bring our ideas to life. At the end of our last session, we'll invite families to test out our business and celebrate what the kids have built together.
Game Club! **Roll the dice, make new friends, have a blast!** Grades: 2, 3, 4, 5 3:00 - 4:00	Calling all game lovers! Are you ready to outwit your friends, solve puzzles, and go on epic adventures—all without leaving the room? Whether you're a master of strategy, a quick thinker, or just love having fun, this is the club for you! Each week, we'll dive into a new board game—some you might know, and some exciting surprises you've never played before. Work as a team, compete head-to-head, and level up your game skills while laughing and making new friends. No experience needed—just bring your game face and get ready for fun!
Crafternoon Grades 3, 4, 5 3:00 - 4:00	Join Crafternoon for some hands-on fun after school! From perler beads to beaded bracelets and bookmarks, you'll get to make awesome crafts, hang out with friends, and show off your creativity.

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Sports Mania Grades 3, 4, 5 3:00 - 4:00	Through a different weekly sport, participants build basic knowledge of sports and athletics while keeping your little player moving around. Diversifying which sports your child plays at this age is a great way to develop athleticism and understanding of athletics. This is a class that will teach movement, strength building, social and emotional learning, teamwork and enjoying competition at a young age!

Tuesdays ~ October 28, November 4, 18, 25 (No ACE Tuesday, November 11)	
STEAM Team Grades K, 1 3:00 - 4:00	Let's have some fun "tinkering" in this STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) ACE program. We will use the engineering & design cycle to build and improve catapults and "grabber" tools. **3 Weeks ~ There will be NO class held on Tuesday, November 25th.**
Puzzle Palooza Grades 3, 4, 5 3:00 - 4:00	Do you have a love for puzzles? Do you like finding which pieces fit together perfectly to make a beautiful picture? Come join this ACE program for a relaxing after school time free of technology and full of jigsaw puzzles!

Wednesdays ~ October 29, November 5, 12, 19	
Spanish Fiesta! ¡Olé! Grades K, 1, 2 3:00 - 4:00	Let's go on a language adventure! Kids will dive right into speaking Spanish while having fun with songs, games, and hands-on activities. Each week, we'll explore everyday words and phrases, sing catchy tunes, and learn about Spanish-speaking cultures through crafts and play. It's all about learning by practicing Spanish in a fun and natural way. Spots fill up fast, grab yours today! Ready to explore? ¡Vamos! Sign up now! 
Arts & Crafts Grades K, 1, 2, 3 4:00 - 5:00 **please note later start time**	Come get crafty (And possibly messy) with us—create sparkly bead bracelets, color your own foam art, paint seashells, plus a special Halloween craft!
Unplugged Game Club Grades: 2, 3 3:00 - 4:00	You will never be bored playing board games in this ACE program. Bring your friends and meet new friends. Play old favorite games and learn some new ones. Let's have some fun with board games and card games! No power cords needed.
Kids 'n Clay Grades 3, 4, 5 3:00 - 4:00	Get ready to sculpt, shape, and create! In this hands-on ACE program, students will explore their imaginations while working with Sculpey clay — a colorful, oven-bake polymer clay that's perfect for kids. Each week, students will have the chance to make a new mini-figurine or trinket of their choice or finish a project from the week prior. Students will bring home their finished creations after they've been baked — ready to display or gift! No prior experience needed. Just bring your imagination!

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Oui! Je joue! Grades 3, 4, 5 3:00 - 4:00	Learn French with no boring memorizing! "Oui! Je joue!" is a French language and play program. Each week we will play a different game and learn French in the process. This is a beginner class to learn to speak a few French phrases and play games while we learn.
GLOBAL CHILD **Spanish Fiesta! ¡Olé!** Grades 3, 4, 5 3:00 - 4:00	Let's go on a language adventure! Kids will dive right into speaking Spanish while having fun with songs, games, and hands-on activities. Each week, we'll explore everyday words and phrases, sing catchy tunes, and learn about Spanish-speaking cultures through crafts and play. It's all about learning by practicing Spanish in a fun and natural way. Spots fill up fast, grab yours today! Ready to explore? ¡Vamos! Sign up now! 
Ping Pong Grades 4, 5 3:00 - 4:30 **please note later pick up time @ Town Hall**	We'll walk to Town Hall and learn to play the greatest indoor sport ever invented! Ping pong, or table tennis, is learner-friendly for kids of all sizes. If you already have skills, get ready to challenge your friends! We'll have three tables (two singles, one doubles) for four weeks. Who knows, maybe we'll get a club started!

Thursdays ~ October 30, November 6, 13, 20	
Expressive Arts Grades K, 1, 2 2:00 - 3:00	Weekly projects aimed to help kids express what's going on inside while having some (messy) fun! Lead by a local mom/trained art therapist.
Junior Police Academy Grades K, 1, 2 2:00 - 3:00	Join Officer Joe as you explore the jobs of police officers and other safety personnel. We will use hands-on problem solving and work on developing our detective skills!
Lego Club Grades K, 1, 2 2:00 - 3:00	Come join us for some unstructured Lego building time!
Soccer! Grades 2, 3, 4 2:00 - 3:00	Do you love to play soccer at recess? Do you like to play soccer at home or in your neighborhood in your free time? Wish the fall soccer season wasn't coming to an end? If you cannot get enough of this sport, or if you just love to run around outside with friends and classmates, come play! No formal soccer experience necessary. The focus will be on having fun, getting exercise, and being good sports. Sneakers required - cleats not necessary :)

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Chess Club Grade 3, 4, 5 2:00 - 3:00	Interested in learning how to play chess? Or looking to sharpen your skills? No matter your level of experience all are welcome here. In this ACE session we will learn the basics of the board and pieces, fundamental tactics, as well as strategies from opening to endgame, all while engaging in friendly competition to test our new skills. Win or lose, playing chess is fun and good for your brain!
Spread the Love Grade 3, 4, 5 2:00 - 3:00	Each week we will focus on kindness and making someone's day. We will make crafts and inspirational items to randomly leave around the town, like a little elf! Just a small way to spread the love in Ipswich!
Craft Competition Grade 4, 5 2:00 - 3:00	Do you like crafting? Each week participants will be given a themed set of crafting materials and will use them to create a finished product. Themes will be seasonally appropriate. Judges will decide the winner each week for a small prize.
"Junk" Journal Club Grade 4, 5 2:00 - 3:00	We will turn everyday paper "junk" into delightful displays to keep memories and get inspired by color, patterns, and themes using recycled and upcycled materials that are cut up and pasted into notebooks. *Bring your own notebook or use one of the small ones we can provide.*

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If you would like a paper copy, please ask the front office.

The ACE program is the direct result of ***community involvement.*** If you would like to see more sessions offered, please consider volunteering.

- Please review all programs with your child.
- **PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDAR** for potential scheduling conflicts before signing up (for example, **Thursday's EDP schedule**, **and SLC meetings**) and consider your child's schedule, interests and stamina when signing up for ACE.
- We have *limited* spots and always, sadly, turn students away from ACE programs. It is disheartening if parents withdraw their child from an ACE program when he or she has taken a valuable spot.
- Students are eligible to participate in one ACE program per session.