

GALACTIC Class Offerings- 4th Grade Fall 2026

***Students sign up for classes on the first day of GALACTIC each semester. Class periods may not be finalized and are subject to change before the first day of classes. There are 3 class periods for 4th grade.

Class and Teacher(s)	Class Description/Period(s) Offered
Law and Government Mrs. Binuyo	Would you like to be the next Student Ambassador at GALACTIC? Then this is the class for you. In this class, you will learn how to exercise your political rights by organizing a campaign to help you get elected. And if you are a behind-the-scenes person — this is the class for you as well. Your creative ideas will come in handy in helping your candidate to become the next Student Ambassador at GALACTIC. #SettingSailForExcellence <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration Course offered: Period 2, 3
Cryptozoology Mrs. Bruns	Ever wonder, “Is Bigfoot real?” If so, why haven’t more people seen it? And if not, why are there stories of Bigfoot-type creatures from all over the world? In this class, we will learn about Cryptids (mysterious animals) from around the world and how their legends have survived the ages. We will discover the stories behind many famous Cryptids, such as Mothman, Yeti, and the Loch Ness Monster. We will see how, by studying these stories, scientists have made some interesting real discoveries. We will use critical thinking skills to determine if sources are credible and believable, and we will hypothesize explanations for some of the most popular cryptid stories. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> Critical Thinking, Communication Course offered: Period 3
Advanced Drawing and Painting Mrs. Buchert	Whether you were a Drawing class student from the previous year or a person who draws as a passion, this class will expand on the basic skills of drawing to venture into more detailed designs, authentic-looking drawings, the basics of painting, and a chance to work on improving your skill individually with drawings you choose! Drawing is a creative outlet that helps with anxiety, depression, and restlessness. Having a healthy passion can lead to more confidence and a relaxed state of mind. This class is not about being perfect; it’s about finding your own style. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> Content, Self-Management Course offered: Period 1, 3
Architecture Mrs. Davison	If you find yourself thinking about home and room designs, this may be the class for you. In this class, you will become an Architect as well as an Interior Designer. You will have the opportunity to meet various client requests to create floor plans as well as interior designs for their homes. We will use lots of math and art to complete these super fun projects! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> Creative Thinking and Self-Management Course offered: Period 1, 2

Sharks Ms. Eckelkamp	Sharks are among the ocean's apex predators, and while we know a lot about them, there is much more we are just discovering. How long have sharks been on Earth? Are they in danger of becoming extinct? How do sharks communicate? Do all sharks eat the same thing? How many ways can they reproduce? How do their senses work? Which one has been found with the strangest items in its stomach? Where are sharks on the food chain? Where are WE on the food chain? We will dive in and begin investigating and researching these amazing and sometimes frightening creatures!. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communication, Content</i> Course offered: Period 2
Go Places! Ms. Eckelkamp	Do you like to travel? What's your dream destination? Would you stay in the United States and venture off to the mountains in the East or the desert in the West? What if you had a larger budget? What other country would you visit? In this class, you become a travel agent. You will research places to travel, use a budget, and create an itinerary for your trip. Then you will try to persuade your "customers" to visit the location you chose. Oh, the places you may go...are endless! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Self-Management, Communication</i> Course offered: Period 3
Raiders of the Lost Arts Mrs. Feazel	Throughout history, we see expectations for children in our society changing. You may have heard people say, "Isn't it a shame kids don't learn that in school anymore?" Raiders of the Lost Arts will give you an opportunity to learn skills that have been taken out of most classrooms. From how to write a well-penned "Thank You" note in cursive handwriting to how to use a needle and thread to create beautiful art or mend a hole in a sock. These arts may have been lost for a time, but join us and help find them a forever home as part of your life! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Creative Thinking and Self-Management</i> Course offered: Period 2, 3
The Word Collector Ms. Fritz	Have you ever wondered where words <i>come from</i> or why some words look and sound alike? In this class, you'll unlock the secrets hidden inside words and discover how English is really a giant puzzle made from Greek, Latin, and even ancient Anglo-Saxon pieces! You'll learn how to crack open big, tricky words, create brand-new words of your own, and use powerful vocabulary that will make your writing sparkle. You'll explore how language traveled across time and uncover the stories hiding inside everyday words. By the end of this class, you'll be a Word Wizard—someone who can figure out almost any word, even ones you've never seen before. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communication</i>

	Course offered: Period 1
Mythology Ms. Fritz	You may have heard of Greek Mythology, but did you know many other cultures have stories to explain how the world works? In this class, students will learn about the different elements of mythology and the stories people created to explain the world around them. We will dive into the world of mythology and even create our own myths! If you enjoy learning about different cultures, this is the class for you. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Communication, Creative Thinking</i></u> Course offered: Period 2
Nutrition Kitchen Mrs. Lauterborn	Grab your aprons and tie back your hair! In this hands-on class, you will learn how to plan for and prepare nutritious, delicious foods! You will learn how to handle knives safely while cutting and chopping our ingredients for a nutritious dish. You will learn to measure properly, read a recipe, understand and apply cooking terms, and above all, be safe in a kitchen. If you're ready to become a kitchen expert, Nutrition Kitchen is the class for you! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Critical Thinking, Self-Management</i></u> Course offered: Period 1, 3
Inventions and Inventors Dr. O'Brien	Get ready to think like an inventor! In this exciting class, students will explore the stories of famous inventors from history and discover how their ideas changed the world. From the light bulb to the airplane, students will examine how creativity, perseverance, and problem-solving led to groundbreaking inventions. Through hands-on activities and design challenges, students will practice the steps of the invention process—identifying problems, brainstorming solutions, sketching ideas, building models, and testing their creations. Along the way, they will learn how inventors use science, technology, and imagination to make life better. The course will culminate with students creating and presenting their very own original invention, showcasing their innovation and creativity. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Critical thinking, Creative thinking</i></u> Course offered: Period 2, 3
Engineering/Robotics Ms. Schneider	In this class, we will be using Legos and other building materials to conduct engineering experiments. We will follow the invention process and learn about various simple machines as we solve real-world problems. We will learn to draw and follow a blueprint design to build a structure. We will also use a variety of materials to learn about robotics and programming while working on STEM applications. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Critical Thinking, Self-Management, Content</i></u> Course offered: Period 1

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National Parks Ms. Skelly	Wallace Stegner once called our national park system “the best idea we ever had”. He was right! In this class, you will learn about the origins and history of the national park system. You will discover its importance in preserving culture, history, and the environment. You will become an expert by creating a research project to teach others. If you like plants, animals, history, and the great outdoors, this is the class for you! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Communication</i> Course offered: Period 1, 2
Piano Mrs. Taylor	Do you enjoy playing or listening to music? Have you ever wanted to learn how to read music or learn how notes go together? In this class, we will learn the basics of playing piano, as well as how to create our own music. We will also learn about different genres of music and express ourselves through music. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Content, Self-management</i> Course offered: Period 1, 3
Harlem Renaissance Ms. Ziolkowski	Have you heard of “The Great Migration?” Do you love learning about different artists and then creating your own version? Do the poems of authors like Langston Hughes seem to speak to you? Do you like jazz? The Harlem Renaissance (1918-37) was a time in U.S. history when many African Americans migrated to Harlem, New York, and other northern cities. We will investigate how this migration greatly influenced the art and culture of the time, including new musical genres, artistic styles, literary works, and more. Come for the history of this important time, but stay for the poetry, jazz, art projects, and more! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Content, Communication</i> Course offered: Period 1, 2