

GALACTIC Class Offerings- 5th 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 5th grade.

Class and Teacher(s)	Class Description/Period(s) Offered
Unsolved Mysteries Mrs. Binuyo	You have been assigned to gather information about a mystery. Instead of a spyglass, you will be using books and the Internet for your investigation. You will then support or refute the findings related to the mystery. Your findings will be shared with the class in a presentation. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communications, Self-Management</i> Course offered: Period 1
Law and Government 2 Mrs. Binuyo	The election is over, Ambassadors for GALACTIC were elected, and NOW it's time to put some of those ideas into action! In this class, you will learn what elected leaders do after the election. You will learn the major duties, powers, privileges, and limitations of a leadership position. You will also learn the importance of individuals working cooperatively to find solutions to make GALACTIC a better learning environment. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Communication</i> Course offered: Period 3
Drama Club Mrs. Bruns	Life's a stage, and you are meant to be on it. With dramatic readings, character development, and improvisation, we will use the art of performance to become storytellers. Students will learn how performance as a means of communication has been a tradition throughout history and across cultures. Dramatic storytelling is an outlet for creativity, expression, and humor. Students will learn basic drama skills and improvisation techniques to culminate in a storytelling performance. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Creative Thinking, Communication, Collaboration</i> Course offered: Period 1
Tabletop Game Design Mrs. Bruns	Humans have been playing games for ages. The popularity of board games and tabletop role-playing has increased in recent years. Board games and card games are more complex and challenging than ever before. Using the Design Process applied to STEM, students will ideate, create a prototype, and test original games. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Self-Management</i> Course offered: Period 3
Creative Writing Mrs. Buchert	Students will embark on a story-writing adventure as they learn to blend writing and technology in this Creative Writing and Presentation class. Using the tools in Google Slides, students will create a "Choose Your Own Adventure" story. The author plans the story in this style of writing, but the reader is in charge of the direction the story takes. If you are creative, love writing, and can't pass up an adventure, this

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	class is definitely for you. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Self Management, Communication</i> Course offered: Period 3
Career Connections Mrs. Davison	What do you want to be when you grow up? A scientist? Video game designer? Doctor? Chef? Engineer? Professional athlete? Entrepreneur? Or maybe a career that hasn't even been invented yet! In this class, you'll explore careers, discover your strengths, learn how school connects to the real world, and start thinking about your own future. You'll take on challenges, earn rewards, and discover that the skills you're building in 5th grade can help you go ANYWHERE! Work hard. Learn new skills. Earn your money. Build your future! Your future career is out there... let's start discovering it! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Communication</i> Course offered: Period 1, 2
Geometry Ms. Eckelkamp	Protractors, compasses, lines, polygons, coordinate graphs, angles, 3-dimensions, and 2-dimensions all have at least one thing in common. They are the tools, ideas, and crafts of geometry. If you like math that is both in and out of the box this is the class for you. We'll draw, build, bisect, and design all through math. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Content</i> Course offered: Period 2, 3
Sew What Mrs. Feazel	Have you ever had a button pop off a shirt, or a hole form in your sock and think... Great, now what? I'd like to help you reframe that question, and the next time you have a textile malfunction, instead of asking "Now What," you ask "Sew What"? This semester you can join me in learning how to manage all of your textile needs. From stitching buttons, mending socks, embroidery, cross stitch, all the way to learning the basics of sewing machine use. While we are at it, we can help keep some of the 17 million tons of textile waste out of our nation's landfills this year by repurposing unwanted or unused fabrics. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Self-Management, Creative Thinking</i> Course offered: Period 2, 3
Wolves Ms. Fritz	Are you a "lone wolf"? Have you ever had "the wolf at your door"? Ran into any werewolves or man-eating wolves lately? Have you met a "wolf in sheep's clothing"? These are some of the sayings attributed to this much-maligned creature. Are you afraid of the big, bad wolf? While we're exploring the misconceptions of wolves and studying their lives, you will develop an appreciation for these awesome creatures. Join us, and hopefully by the end of the semester, you'll find out that wolves might be big, but they're not really bad! Come learn with us in this class, and we'll have a "howling" good time! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communication, Content</i>

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Bake Sale Mrs. Lauterborn	This class is focused on designing and running a bake sale on Project Night. If you like to bake and have a mind to organize, this is the class for you. This class will focus on the science and skills associated with baking goods. Not only that, but we will be planning, organizing, and baking for the Project Night bake sale. This class is available for all students, whether you took Kitchen Nutrition or not. Get ready for the opportunity to prepare for and manage a real-life bake sale! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Self-Management, Critical Thinking</i></u> Course offered: Period 1, 3
Fashion Upcycling Dr. O'Brien	In this project-based course, gifted fifth-grade students explore fashion design, sustainability, and creative problem-solving by transforming unwanted clothing and textiles into original, useful pieces. Students investigate how upcycling differs from recycling, examine the environmental effects of clothing waste, and study how designers use alteration, repair, and fabric manipulation to give garments new value. Working through the design process, students will identify a need, research ideas, create sketches, select reclaimed materials, establish a budget, and construct an upcycled fashion item or accessory. Possible projects include redesigned shirts, denim bags, embellished jackets, wearable art, and accessories. Students will learn age-appropriate techniques such as hand sewing, patching, fastening, knotting, fraying, and visible mending while following tool and material safety procedures. Throughout the course, students will document their decisions, test and revise prototypes, calculate material use and cost, and consider both function and visual appeal. The course concludes with a Fashion Upcycling Fashion Show i, during which students present their finished designs and explain how their work demonstrates innovation, craftsmanship, and environmental responsibility. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Creative Thinking, Self-Management</i></u> Course offered: Period 1, 2
Yearbook Ms. Schneider	Have you ever wondered what goes into creating a yearbook? Here's your chance to find out! In this class, you will be responsible for producing and promoting the GALACTIC 5th Grade Yearbook- both a paper copy and a video version. You will be responsible for planning, writing, filming, editing, and producing of the yearbooks to sell to the GALACTIC 5th Grade!! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Communication, Collaboration, Self-Management</i></u> Course offered: Period 1
Robotics Ms. Schneider	Ozobots, Dash, and Makey Makey are fun ways to learn about programming while being engaged and playing with robots! Dash is a real robot that responds to commands to sing, draw, and move around. Ozobot is a miniature smart robot that can follow lines or roam around freely, detect colors, and can also be programmed. Makey Makey lets

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	you transform everyday objects into computer interfaces. Students will learn hands-on about robotics and programming while working on STEM applications. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Collaboration</i> Course offered: Period 2
Shakespeare: Hamlet Ms. Skelly	This tale of a Danish prince is one of Shakespeare's most famous. "To be, or not to be..." Young Hamlet debates this idea as he grapples with his father's death. This is a psychological tale of deceit, full of power plays, interesting characters, and some of the Bard's best monologues. In this class, we will read, write about, discuss, and watch various versions of this famous play. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Communication</i> Course offered: Period 2, 3
Mini Medical School Mrs. Taylor	Get ready to step into the world of doctors, nurses, scientists, and real-life medical heroes! In this class, you'll explore how the human body works, from the tiniest cell to the biggest body system. Each week, you'll learn hands-on skills-like measuring heart rate, testing reaction time, and even giving first aid. If you've ever wondered what's happening inside you- or dreamed of becoming a doctor someday-this is the class for you! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Content, Self-Management</i> Course offered: Period 1, 3
Coding From "Scratch" Ms. Ziolkowski	Coders wanted!! Scratch is a computer programming language that makes it easy and fun to create interactive stories, games, and animations and share them online. This course introduces computer science using the programming language Scratch, developed by MIT. Major skills covered in this class include using conditionals and variables effectively to create more complex projects. Beginners are welcome! You will learn EVERYTHING you need to know to make a successful project of your choice in this class. Please don't worry if you've never coded before. You'll catch on super quickly! Previous coding skills and Scratch experience are welcome as well! There will be many opportunities to work at a more advanced level, and I have many ideas and resources to challenge you. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking</i> Course offered: Period 1, 2