

CHARLES RIVER CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – SUMMER 2010

**Courses are for all ages unless
otherwise designated*

ART DEPARTMENT

DEPT. HEAD: Maria LaCreta

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AT CRCAP – We will create portraits of people and objects we know by drawing, writing, painting and inventing new ways of showing ourselves and others to the world. Using words, scribbles, stickers, buttons and unusual objects, we will make portraits in ways you've yet to imagine. **(period 6)**

ART SCRAPBOOK – Love to glue stuff down, make memories last, collage a beautiful scene? All this is possible in this art class. You are in charge of making your book the best summer scrapbook ever! **(period 2)**

ART WITH NATURE - Plant seeds, decorate flower pots and combine a love of nature with a love for art. Go outside and be inspired to make a wide range of creative projects. **(period 3)**

BIG SCULPTURE – Try this 3D class of building nothing but BIG structures! What will we make? A boat? A giraffe? A gigantic coffee mug? A HUGE ladybug? Learn how to use new tools and assemble objects into three-dimensional sculptures. This is one place you are allowed to make mountains out of mole hills! We will brainstorm together to decide on a few HUGE sculptures. You name it, we build it! **(period 1)**

CARTOONVERSE – Limit 12 Toon into this course if you love cartoons! Create all kinds of cartoons, from caricatures & single panel gags to full length comic strips. Each class will be making its own collector's edition of weird and wacky work. Strap on your seat belts: next stop, the cartoonverse! **(periods 1, 6)**

CLAY - Limit 12 You will experiment with clay in a variety of ways, anything from practical, functional vessels to imaginative sculptures. We will explore slab construction, press, mold and hand building and generally have great fun squishing in the mud. **(periods 1, 2, 5, 6)**

COLLAGE – Snip, snip --- create a variety of beautiful art work from portraits of friends to portholes into an imaginary world. Paper, glue, scissors have never been used so magically. **(period 5)**

CREATURES of the IMAGINATION – Spiral teeth, scaly tails, hairy eyes, jiggling bellies full of other creatures. Let your monster imagination go on a rampage this summer. Growing monsters will be a daily event. Let the wild rumpus start! **(period 2)**

DICK'S 1-A-DAY ART VITAMIN – Limit 12 Painting, sculpture, collage, assemblage, printmaking, self portrait, mask making, wire, wood and anything good are part of Dick's art vitamins. Take a different one every day and feel the creative juices flow. **(period 3)**

DIGITAL DYNAMO – Limit 12 In this class we'll be using the computer as an art-making tool, creating everything from cartoon characters to mutant animals to movie posters. Using Illustrator (among others), students will learn the same techniques as working professionals, becoming Master Digital Dynamos! **(period 2)**

DROP EVERYTHING & DRAW – Limit 10 In this class we will explore the enjoyment of drawing using a variety of materials. No experience necessary, just a willingness to observe, explore and make multiple masterpieces that might mirror macadamia nuts, a medieval maze, mini microbes or Maria Queen of Matilda. **(periods 3, 6)**

DRAWING, PAINTING & COLLAGE – Limit 12 This class is ideal for the beginning student who would like to try a little of everything as well as the more advanced student looking to expand his/her vocabulary. Let drawing, painting and collage into your mind and out through your fingertips. **(period 1)**

EDIBLE ART - Limit 6 Make your own camp snacks – illustrate a cookbook. This is the most delicious class at CRCAP. Muffins, oatmeal cookies, caramel popcorn, salsa, smoothies . . .yum! **(periods 3, 6)**

LAND OF THE GIANTS– Ever wonder what it would be like to visit a world where giants live? A pencil would be taller than you, a candy bar would never fit in your stomach, and a flip cell phone would be the size of a lounge chair. In this class, we'll make sculptures of ordinary objects that are literally ten times their actual size. Cardboard, glue-guns, utility knives and paper mache are just some of the materials that we'll be using to create these huge structures. **(period 3)**

MEGA MURALS – Limit 8 Make an artist's statement that the world will see. Come experiment with new and different ideas for large scale painting and graphics and transform the Charles River campus into our personal canvas. **(period 2)**

PAPER POWER– Limit 10 Using colored construction paper, cardboard, glue and scissors, this class will construct a large 3 dimensional world of their choosing. A space station, with space ships, a scaled model of the CRCAP campus or a world of dinosaurs are some of the possibilities. Come and make preposterous paper projects! **(period 1)**

PERFORMANCE ART - Limit 16 Come join the wild side of art, fun and absurdity. This multi media performance art experience is for the adventurous who want to explore the nether regions of their minds. Check your inhibitions at the door. We are Performance Art! **(period 1)**

PAINTING PLUS - Limit 10 Beautiful colors, bold strokes, magical moods... experience the art of painting as an adventure. Experiment with tools, surfaces and approaches to discover your own unique creation. If you love art, this class will be a real plus! **(period 2)**

PRINTMAKING– Limit 10 Come and enjoy the surprise-filled world of printmaking. Image after image: keep printing them out! Tee-shirts, greeting cards and posters! See your art multiply and expand your vision. This course is a great combination of patience, technique and spontaneity. **(period 3)**

SET CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN – Ages 11-15 Limit 12 The focus of this course centers on design and construction of sets for the monthly musical production. Careful consideration will be given to set structure, dimension and color with reference to the type of stage and the needs of the particular play. Actors involved in the Production are encouraged to participate. **(periods 5, 6)**

SOAPSTONE CARVING - Limit 14 This class is designed for beginning and advanced soapstone sculptors. Soapstone is a soft rock that can be formed and shaped with saws and files. Sandpaper and soft materials are used to smooth and polish the surface of the sculpture. Carving soapstone is a lengthy process; however, the result is a beautiful stone sculpture that could last forever! Come and join us under the trees! **(periods 5, 6)**

WIRE JEWELRY– Limit 10 Discover the wonders of wire jewelry making. Learn how to design unique bracelets and necklaces using everything from paper clips to beads. Get wired for this trip into the world of arts & crafts. **(period 5)**

WONG'S BRUSH & PEN– Calligraphy, watercolor, the beauty of color and lines come together in an expressive class. Learn new skills, create new art and make new friends, all under the wonderful guidance of Julian Wong. **(period 5)**

DANCE DEPARTMENT

DEPT. HEAD: Ann Brown Allen

NOTE: The first two days of each session will be devoted to assuring correct class placement according to ability.

AFRO BRAZILIAN DANCE - Come and enjoy this mix of West African, Caribbean and Brazilian Dance. No previous experience needed. **(period 2)**

BALLET - This course offers a relaxed summertime approach to a beautiful art form. We will be working on techniques at the barre and combinations in center floor. Come try this new way to Ballet with both classical and contemporary music. **(period 3)**

DANCE COMPANY - Ages 8–11 & 11-15 Love to dance? Can't sit still? Be a member of CRCAP's Dance Company and have original choreography created just for you. We will explore both technique and improvisation. Previous dance experience is suggested for the 6th period class. **(periods 2, 6)**

HIP-HOP - Ages 8–11 & 11-15 Learn Hip-Hop and street funk choreography and get a great workout as well. This is a fun and challenging class! **(periods 3, 5)**

JAZZDANCE - A fun, athletic class emphasizing lyrical jazz styles to traditional and contemporary jazz music. Some dance experience recommended. **(period 5)**

MAKING DANCES - Do you like creating new and interesting movement? Here's your chance to build your own dance works and combine them with music, costumes, and/or text. Bring your friends and learn the different ways to choose music, make costumes and perform your own dances. **(period 1)**

SHOWTIME – Learn and perform choreography from popular musicals - *THE LION KING, GUYS AND DOLLS, WICKED*. Come be a Broadway STAR! **(period 5)**

TAP DANCE - Tap your troubles away. Come make a lot of organized noise. Learn fascinating rhythms, show stopping steps, and be a part of the CRCAP Dance Concert. We have tap shoes to lend. **(period 1)**

YOGA - Come stretch your mind and body. Learn yoga postures, breathing exercises and relaxation techniques. This is a great way to end the day. Bring serenity to your CRCAP experience! **(period 6)**

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

DEPT. HEAD: Sally Campbell

ACTING WORKSHOP - Ages 8–11 Limit 12 A basic acting class for beginners and intermediates. You will learn about preparing a monologue and auditioning. You may also choose to work with classmates on scenes (excerpts from plays) or short pieces based on myths, fairy tales or your favorite books. This is a great place for theatre games and having fun on stage! **(period 6)**

ADVANCED IMPROV AND TECHNIQUE - Ages 11-15 Limit 16 This course is only for those students who have a background in improvisation. The class will review the basic skills of improvisation and then progress to more advanced concepts. The students will work on challenging exercises which they will later perform on Festival Day. **(period 6)**

BEGINNING IMPROV - Ages 10-15 Limit 16 For those interested in learning about improvisation, but have little or no experience. In this class you will play games and learn exercises which will give you the foundation for improvisation. Come and learn the art of improv! This course does not perform on Festival Day. **(period 1)**

BLACK BOX THEATRE - Ages 12-15 Love to act and want to be in a One Act performance? This class is for more advanced students with some previous acting experience who want to flex their acting chops! There will be auditions and a rehearsal period where you will learn to use character and voice along with other advanced acting techniques. You will perform in a professional-style black box theatre on Festival Day. **(period 5)**

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE – Limit 12 In this class we will create an adventure story that will involve many quick decisions. At some of these crossroads the audience will get to choose the next step for the characters. The ensemble will act out the results of these decisions, even if the choices lead to more and more sticky situations. This is a great class for those who love to think up wild plots and have a blast performing. The complicated creation will be performed on Festival Day. **(period 3)**

COSTUMES - Ages 10-15 Limit 12 We need costume designers, sewers, gluers, and people with lots of good ideas to help make the best costumes ever for Charles River Creative Arts plays and musicals. Help create the designs, and build the final costumes for the festival stage production. Sewing skills a plus but not necessary! **(period 2)**

DUELS, DAMSELS & DISASTERS – Limit 12 Do you picture yourself as a troubled princess? Or are you more of a conniving villain or mysterious rogue? In this class we will learn about melodrama, an exaggerated type of acting that involves sensational stories and over-the-top characters. Through improvisation and other acting exercises, we will explore the uses of melodrama before finally writing, designing and performing our own sensational story. **(period 2)**

MAD PROPS! – Limit 8 We'll be whipping up all the crazy props the theatre and media classes need. Have a blast creating fake wedding cakes, movie cameras, campfires, giant erasers, who knows? We'll design and build all kinds of fake stuff, and then watch with glee as it parades across the stage or screen. No experience necessary: all ideas welcome! **(period 3)**

MAKEUP - Limit 12 A fun, exciting course taught on a workshop level. Once you understand how to use the basic materials, we will delve into the world of character makeup and touch upon such favorites as clown and horror makeup. **(period 6)**

MINI MUSICAL - Ages 8-10 Limit 15 The mini-musical will be created by the class using a popular children's story and developing original songs. No previous experience is necessary. This "creation" will be performed at the Arts Festival. NOTE: 10 YEAR OLDS MAY ONLY SIGN UP FOR EITHER MINI MUSICAL OR MUSICAL THEATRE TROUPE. **(period 1)**

MUSICAL THEATRE TROUPE - ages 10 – 12 (Limit 24) A musical specially tailored for performers ages 10– 12. This is a great opportunity to make a splash on stage before leaping into the Production (geared to older actors). We will perform on Festival Day in Foster Hall. Come prepared to audition with a short poem or monologue, and a song. The last week of the session there may be rehearsals held after camp. NOTE: 10 YEAR OLDS MAY ONLY SIGN UP FOR EITHER MINI MUSICAL OR MUSICAL THEATRE TROUPE. **(period 2)**

PERFORMANCE ART – Limit 16 Come join the wild side of theater, art, video interactivity and intellectual absurdity. This year Performance Art joins the Media Department! Come be part of our gang for multi-media performance and experiences. For the adventurous who want to explore the nether regions of their minds. Check your inhibitions at the door. **(period 1)**

PRODUCTION CLASS - (The Musical) **Ages 12-15** Limit 45 The big musical is performed at the end of each session on the Festival Stage. If cast, actors must commit to TWO PERIODS (2nd and 3rd) of rehearsal time. Auditions take place on the first two days of each session. In most cases the production will be limited to the first forty-five students who enroll. There are also classes scheduled separately related to the production involving set construction, costumes and makeup, all of which are open to those who are interested. **For the audition prepare a short poem or reading, and a song. NOTE – The last week of each session there will be rehearsals held in the evening. (periods 2 & 3)**

RADIO PLAY – Calling all writers, actors, reporters and animal impersonators. Perform a live radio show complete with all the sound effects. What goes in it? You decide! The show will be aired live on Festival day. **(period 5)**

SCENES, SKETCHES & SHORTS – Ages 8 – 11 Like to make up your own stories, characters and scenes? Interested in learning how to create short plays, and performing them with a group? In this class we'll use improvisational acting techniques and exercises as well as writing activities to develop our own series of scenes, which we will present on festival Day! **(period 1)**

SHAKESPEARE GONE WILD – Ages 8 – 11 Limit 12 In this class we'll create our own awesome and crazy version of a Shakespeare play and perform it at the end of the session, using as much or as little of the original language as we want. This is your chance to act in some of the best plays of all time. **(period 3)**

SITCOM LIVE! – Ages 11 – 15 Limit 12 Wanna be on a TV show? *Friends! Hannah Montana!, Wizards of Waverly Place!* Play your favorite TV character from old and new sitcoms and perform classic scenes from that show, live and on-stage! **(period 6)**

STREET THEATRE – Limit 12 Theatre happens everywhere, not just on stage! Explore the CRCAP campus and create characters and scenes based on the people and environments you find all around you. By the end of the session we'll write an original, site-specific piece that we'll perform, on location, on Festival Day! **(period 1)**

THEATRE OF THE ABSURD - Limit 16 This course is for those crazy, zany far-out types who are willing to take that giant step into the world of absurdity. Scenes are created by the class and performed for the questionable welfare of the entire summer program. Only prerequisite is an eagerness and willingness to be ABSURD. **(period 5)**

GYMNASTICS

DEPT. HEAD: Angelique Smith

ACROBATICS CLUB - Limit 12 Are you eager to learn gymnastics, but never had the chance to try it? Well, here's your chance to learn the fun basic elements of gymnastics. No experience required. Come and join the Acrobatics Club! **(period 2)**

POWER TUMBLING - Limit 12 Have you taken gymnastics and feel that you are "experienced" and would like to sharpen your skills? Well, here's your chance to perfect basic and intermediate skills while developing the more advanced skills of tumbling. **(period 1)**

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS - Limit 12 Rhythmic gymnastics combines the grace of dance with the skill of gymnastics. We will be using equipment such as hoops, rope, balls and ribbon. Come and learn this Olympic event! No experience required. **(period 6)**

Note: The first two days of each session will be devoted to assuring correct class placement according to ability. Students are required to wear shorts, or leggings and gymnastic shoes, or peds. (NO SNEAKERS OR SOCKS). All students with long hair must have it tied back.

MEDIA DEPARTMENT

DEPT. HEAD: Ian Brownell

ANIMATION - Limit 10 Like to draw, paint, construct scenes, tell stories, take pictures? Animation brings all of those skills together and lets you put any image in motion – from colors and patterns to characters and landscapes. We'll try various types of animation, including flipbooks, animating with sand, paper puppets, objects and even ourselves! **(periods 2, 5, 6)**

ANIMATION PROJECTS – Ages 11-15 Limit 10 Maybe you've got an epic project in mind about a singing monkey. Maybe you love animating with confetti. Whatever your interest, if you're a committed animator and want dedicated time to work on your own projects, this is the class for you. We'll work on storyboarding and making the most of your materials, and we'll also explore new techniques and different ways of thinking about familiar ones. **(period 3)**

BEGINNER VIDEO -Ages 8 – 11 Limit 12 Maybe you've already made home made movies; maybe you haven't! No matter! If you want to work with a wild group of future stars to create your own character, help develop a surreal story with more twists than a sock hop, and then learn all the basics of performing in front of a video camera, this is the class for you! (For all levels of experience). You'll all get to be movie stars on Festival Day when we premiere our short feature film. **(period 1)**

BEHIND THE CAMERA – Ages 12 – 15 Limit 6 This class will teach advanced video techniques in a direct, hands-on way. Rather than making a full length video, as most video classes do, in this class you will work individually or in teams to write, shoot and edit your own 1–3 minute films, with the counselors acting only in an advisory way. The class will cover writing of short pieces, lighting, camera operation, editing with Final Cut Pro and any other film/video technique you can imagine. **(period 2)**

CLIFFHANGER: THE NEW BEGINNING OF THE REVENGE OF THE FINAL CHAPTER, IN 2D! - Limit 14 The class that made the media department famous returns with a comedic twist. This year the goal of this class will be to write and film many short episodes every few days to create a fast-paced comedy that develops over the course of several noontime shows. Campers will help create the characters, shape the plots and come up with funny lines and situations that will keep the audience guessing as to how the story turns out. **(period 5)**

COMPUTER ANIMATION – Ages 10–15 Limit 12 Ever wanted to make computers move? Tired of watching them lie stationary on your desk? Well this is the class for you! We'll photograph computers breaking onto the floor . . . JUST KIDDING! Using the computer animation software (Flash, Imovie) we'll bring your drawings to life in the digital world. **(period 1)**

KOOKY KID COMMERCIALS – (8 & 9 yrs old) Calling all kooky, comedic kids! Want to make crazy kooky TV commercials? We'll write the ads, cast the parts, film the commercials, and even do some voiceovers! If you've ever watched a commercial and thought "Hey, I can do that!" then this is the class for you! **(period 2)**

MOCUMENTARY – Limit 12 Documentaries don't have to be serious, as you will find out in this class. We will make a "Mocumentary" which is the name for a fake, comedic documentary. We will choose a subject and film an extensive, yet hilarious, fake documentary on it. We'll have fun doing interviews (both scripted and improvised) and staging anything else required to make our documentary a comedic masterpiece. **(period 1)**

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ROCK STAR VIDEORAMA - Limit 12 Everyone wants to be a rock star, right? Well here's your chance! Rock Star Videorama will let campers create their own super-famous rock band—writing songs, inventing personas, and promoting themselves. After the hype has been raised, it all comes together with the recording and release of their very own hit single and story boarding, filming and debuting the rocking-est, slamming-est video of their dreams! Come if you want to be on the on-stage talent or behind-the-scenes mastermind. **(period 3)**

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Dept. Head: Aaron Gelb & Bob Johnson

A CAPPELLA – Ages 11-15 Limit 16 If you love to sing modern, pop, rock, R & B and jazz music then this class is perfect for you. We will learn about a cappella music, listen to some different groups and perform in noontime shows and on Festival Day. Previous vocal experience (solo or in groups) is helpful but not required. **(period 6)**

BEGINNING PIANO - Limit 3 This is a class for anyone who has never had music lessons, and would like to learn how to read music and begin playing the piano. **(period 3)**

CABARET! - Ages 12-15 Limit 12 In this class you will have a chance to perform musical scenes in the style of a cabaret. You will play specific characters, and have an opportunity to sing solos and duets with harmony and counterpoint. You will perform songs from Broadway Shows such as RAGTIME, MISS SAIGON, CABARET, etc. Everyone must come prepared with a song to sing, preferably with sheet music, on the first day. (You can sing the same song for the Production audition.) **(period 5)**

CLOMP! - Ages 11–15 Limit 12 It's physical comedy meets theater meets "banging on stuff". We'll be experimenting and choreographing original routines using unorthodox rhythm instruments---buckets, balloons, macaroni boxes, and plenty more---as we pay homage to everyone's favorite "banging on trash cans" show. **(period 5)**

CREATIVE MUSIC ALLIANCE –Ages 11–15 Limit 12 Unleash the musical fire within! Join the Alliance as we create and perform completely original songs. From soul-stirring ballads and anthemic rock odysseys to comedic songs and bizarre sonic absurdity, we will forge our own destiny. **(period 2)**

DRUMS I - Limit 3 Basic skills are taught to the beginning drummer. These skills include proper grip of the drumstick, correct wrist movement, muscle tone and conditioning in the wrists, music reading, keeping strict time, coordination between the right and left hands and control of the stick. We will also spend some time learning how to play the drum set. **(periods 1, 2)**

DRUMS II - Limit 3 This is a class for students who have been taking drum lessons for at least two years. We will be working entirely on the drum set, learning everything from basic "beats" to more advanced rhythms and expanded use of the set. We will also be playing to music (tapes and CDs) – music that students choose as well as a range of musical styles. **(period 5)**

FREELANCERS - Limit 10 Ever want to join the band? The Freelancers are always looking for a few good players. The group focuses on instrumental performance, and the repertoire includes a variety of jazz, rock, blues and pop music. You provide the instrument and training, and we'll provide the gig! NOTE: You must have at least two years practice on your instrument to participate. **(period 6)**

GUITAR WORKSHOP - Ages 10 –15 Limit 6 Do you want to learn a Beatles' tune on guitar? This class is for beginners and intermediates who want to learn techniques and lots of tunes. Just bring your guitar and your enthusiasm! **(period 2)**

IMPROV A MUSICAL – Ages 11-15 Limit 12 Does the idea of improvising a song on stage inspire you, frighten you, or both? Do you like to take risks on stage? Do you have some improvisational background? This class is about learning the techniques and structures to improvise a musical from beginning to end. **(period 5)**

JAZZ & BLUES ENSEMBLE - Limit 14 Learn to improvise. Singers and players, beginners and experts are all welcome. We will play the music that interests you and also explore music you may not know. The ensemble will perform at Noontime Shows and Festival Day. **(period 1)**

MINI MUSICAL - Ages 8-10 Limit 15 The mini musical will be created by the class using a popular children's story and developing original songs. No previous experience necessary. The final product will be performed at the Arts Festival. NOTE: 10 YEAR OLDS MAY ONLY SIGN UP FOR EITHER MINI MUSICAL OR MUSICAL THEATRE TROUPE. **(period 1)**

MINI SHOWTUNES - Ages 8–11 Limit 12 Do you like to sing? In this younger version of the showtunes class we will have fun singing songs such as "Under the Sea" from THE LITTLE MERMAID, "I Won't Grow Up" from PETER PAN and "Hakuna Matata" from THE LION KING. **(period 3)**

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MUSIC REMIX MACHINE – Limit 12 In this magical musical journey the class will form a band and explore musical genres. We will take popular songs and revive them with new tones and beats. Take pop songs and turn them into soft folk tunes. Turn love ballads into hip hop explosions. We might even venture into the world of musical mash-ups. It's up to you and the "remix" band! **(period 5)**

PERCUSSION BAND - Limit 10 Come and join the Percussion Band! In this class we will be drumming as a group to make music from percussion instruments. Using drums from the drum set, hand drums, timbales, cowbells, woodblocks and more, we will create amazing rhythms and beats. This is a great class to end the day at CRCAP! **(period 6)**

PRODUCTION - Ages 12-15 (see description under Drama Department) **(periods 2 & 3)**

ROCK OPERA - Ages 12-15 Limit 16 Think RENT. Think HAIR. Now think again. Calling out to all singers, actors and musicians who want to create an original rock opera. Join us in a spectacle of embarrassment where rock, melodrama and bad costumes collide. The Noontime Shows will never be the same again. **(period 6)**

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SHOWTUNES PLUS - Ages 11-15 Limit 16 In addition to singing and choreographing songs from famous musicals, the class will sing great songs from the pop, jazz and folk repertoire. Participants will learn singing technique and stage presence and have a great time performing at Noontime Shows and the Arts Festival. **(period 1)**

SONGWRITING – Ages 10 -15 Limit 8 Write your own songs and perform your favorite one on Festival day. For inspiration, we'll listen to songwriters from Joni Mitchell to Joanna Newsom, John Lennon to Jeff Tweedy. Note: experience on a chordal instrument (piano, guitar, banjo, harp) is preferable, but all aspiring songwriters are welcome. **(Period 3)**

SOUL/FUNK BAND – Limit 10 James Brown, Otis Reading, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder and...you? Learn to groove like the greats as we lead the CRCAP soul revival. We'll try everything from classic R & B to experimenting around with tunes we write as a class. We're going to need some funky guitar players, bassists, pianists and drummers, plus some dynamite vocalists and a great horn section, so all musicians and instruments are welcome. **(period 3)**

UNPLUGGED –Limit 8 Who needs electricity? In this class, we'll play music the way it used to be played, acoustic and unplugged. But that doesn't mean the music itself will be old! The class will experiment with a variety of genres, exploring the myriad possibilities of acoustic music. Please specify your instrument on the schedule. **(period 1)**

PHOTO DEPARTMENT

DEPT. HEADS: Ben Boyd & Jay Reiter

DIGITAL PHOTO - Ages 10–15 Limit 12 Using digital cameras and computer technology, we will document the evolution and emotion of some of the programs at CRCAP and assemble the work into computer-generated slideshows. This is where art and commentary journalism meet head-to-head and walk into the sunset together whistling! NOTE: A digital SLR camera is needed for this class. **(periods 3&5)**

YEARBOOK PHOTOS - Ages 12-15 Limit 6 Come and take photos for CRCAP's 41st season yearbook. Help select and edit pictures and make this the best yearbook ever! **(periods 1 & 6)**

***Please note:** For Digital Photography classes students will need a functioning digital camera, usb cable, memory card and fresh batteries.*

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

DEPT. HEAD: Jim Rest

AIKIDO - Limit 16 Martial Art Aikido means, "the way of unity with the universal force". Aikido is a martial art that teaches you to defend yourself without attacking or injuring your opponent. By using the round movements, timing and leverage of Aikido techniques, you avoid fighting strength with strength. Therefore size, age, and physical ability do not affect how well you do in Aikido. In this class you will learn basic techniques while working together in a noncompetitive, cooperative way. You will learn how to fall safely, and how to pin and/or throw your partners. While the class offers basic self-defense skills, we also concentrate on safety and having fun! All students should wear loose, long sleeve clothing (sweatpants & shirts are best). **(period 3)**

BASKETBALL - Ages 11-15 Limit 12 A fun and stimulating program that emphasizes skill development, exercises and scrimmages, played inside on the brand new courts! **(period 6)**

BATTER UP – Limit 16 If last year’s playoff run by the Red Sox left you wanting more, then this is the class for you. Wiffleball, Monster Ball, Homerun Derby, Softball, Pickle and just about any game that involves a bat and a ball will be played. A variety of games will be played each day. Skill level is not important, the emphasis will be on having fun. (Sorry, no baseball allowed.) **(period 2)**

B.I.G. GENERAL SPORTS - Ages 11-15 Limit 18 Fun is the name of all the games played in this new edition of General Sports. This class will focus on group activities such as Capture the Flag, Dodgeball and Kickball in addition to camp favorites like 4 Square, Ping Pong, and Super-Ultimate-Doctor-Flagball. **(period 6)**

FENCING – Ages 8–11 and 11–15 Limit 10 Develop basic foil techniques, footwork and strategies to provide the foundation for further enjoyment and achievements in the sport of fencing. **(periods 5, 6)**

GAME ON! – Ages 8-12 Limit 16 If you love to play games, then GAME ON! is for you. This class focuses on team oriented games including Kickball, Monsterball, Wiffleball, Steal the Bacon, Assassin, Newcomb and Capture the Flag to name a few. Each day two or more games are played. The emphasis is on sportsmanship and team fun in the sun. **(period 5)**

GENERAL SPORTS - Ages 8-11 Limit 16 Fun is the name of all the games played in General Sports. This class will focus on group activities such as Capture the Flag, Kickball, Volleyball, and Speedball in addition to 4 Square, Ping Pong, Roof Ball and many others. **(period 3)**

SOCCER – Limit 22 Develop the fundamentals of soccer through exciting skill developing exercises, scrimmages and games. **(period 1)**

TENNIS LEVEL I - Ages 8–11 Limit 8 This class is for young students who are learning tennis or who have played some tennis before but need to strengthen and improve their skills. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamentals of tennis, including the forehand, backhand, serve, and volley as well as the rules of the sport. Come play on our beautiful indoor courts! **(period 2)**

TENNIS LEVEL II - Ages 11-15 Limit 12 This class is for older students who are learning tennis or who have played some tennis before but need to improve their skills. Emphasis will be on improving fundamentals through instruction and play, as well as reviewing the rules of the game. Come play on our beautiful indoor courts! **(period 3)**

TENNIS LEVEL III - Ages 11-15 Limit 8 This class is for the older more experienced players. Emphasis will be on refining their game through instruction and playing. Singles and doubles strategy will also be covered. Come play on our beautiful indoor courts! **(period 1)**

ULTIMATE FRISBEE - Limit 16 Develop frisbee skills and play the ultimate game - Ultimate Frisbee! We will learn a variety of throwing styles and also create our own game of frisbee golf. This class is for anyone who enjoys throwing a frisbee or would like to learn. **(period 2)**

SWIMMING

DEPT. HEAD: Jeni Heylin

POOL GAMES - Limit 12 – Come and play water games – water polo, water volleyball, relay races, treasure hunts and more in this cool class. We will also create our own spectacular, splashy water works! **(period 6)**

SWIMMING LEVELS 1 & 2 - Limit 12 In this course students will work to become comfortable in the water. They will learn to put their faces in, and they will learn to float (stomach and back). Students will develop a foundation of safety skills and learn fundamental rescue techniques. **(period 2)**

SWIMMING LEVEL 3 - Limit 12 Students will learn the front crawl stroke, the back crawl stroke, and the elementary backstroke. Students enrolling in this course must already be comfortable floating and putting their faces in the water. **(period 3)**

SWIMMING LEVEL 4 - Limit 12 Students will learn to swim the breaststroke and sidestroke while working to perfect the front crawl stroke, the back crawl stroke, and the elementary backstroke. **(period 3)**

SWIMMING LEVEL 5 - Limit 16 Students will be introduced to the butterfly while working to perfect the front crawl stroke, back crawlstroke, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, and sidestroke. **(period 5)**

SWIMMING LEVEL 6 - Limit 16 Students will work to perfect all swimming strokes. Students will increase their efficiency and endurance by swimming long distances. Advanced rescue techniques are taught here as well. **(period 5)**

All of the swimming courses are conducted by certified Red Cross instructors.

TEXTILES DEPARTMENT

DEPT. HEAD: Aleta Pierce Deyo

COSTUMES - Ages 10-15 Limit 12 We need costume designers, sewers, gluers, and people with lots of good ideas to help make the best costumes ever for Charles River Creative Arts plays and musicals. Help create the designs, and build the final costumes for the festival stage production. Sewing skills a plus but not necessary! **(period 2)**

CREEPY CREATURES - Limit 10 Let your imagination run wild! Foam and fabric, paint and elastic – monsters and creatures will come to life. We will draw, pattern and build your ideas for your own soft sculpture monsters. Make ‘em goofy! Make ‘em scary! Make ‘em wild! **(period 3)**

CREATIVE CLOTHING – Ages 11-15 Limit 12 We will take your dreams for new and imaginative clothing and make them a reality! Design your own fashions from scratch. It’s all possible! Each student will work on his/her own creations and present them on Festival Day at our CRCAP fashion show. Prerequisite: previous sewing experience a must. **(period 6)**

DOLLMAKING – Limit 10 Why buy a doll when you can make one? In this class for all levels we will be hand sewing, hand stuffing and creating clothes, faces and hair with threads and buttons. Make your own unique, one of a kind doll, just for you and just by you. **(period 1)**

HANDBAGS & MORE! - Limit 10 Handbags, hats, headbands and more! Learn to make a wide variety of fashion accessories with fun fabrics and techniques. Whether you can sew or not, you can make fashion accessories that will turn heads! **(period 5)**

KNITTY GRITTY – Ages 11-15 Limit 12 Have you been eyeing those fabulous scarves and wondering if you could knit one too? Or, are you in the middle of a project and need a little help or inspiration? Knitty Gritty is a class for all knitters – if you don’t know how, we’ll teach you – if you already know, we’ll help keep the needles moving. In this class we will get comfy and creative. Let’s get down to the knitty gritty. **(period 6)**

QUILT–OPIA! – Limit 10 Quilting is cool! We’re going to take the basics of quilting and use that as a jumping off point to make a quilt that expresses your own personality. We’ll be finding inspiration from non-traditional sources, like coloring books and magazines, and incorporating unique fabrics and notions to make quilts unlike any other. **(period 5)**

RECYCLED FASHION –Ages 11 – 15 Limit 12 Starting with bags of thrift store finds, the class will begin to breathe new life into old clothes. Piecing together different parts of the garments while embellishing these new creations with trim, paint and a bit of ingenuity, the students will create new fashion looks for the year 2010! Our designers will show off their talents at the CRCAP Festival Day Fashion Show. Sewing experience required. **(period 1)**

WRITING DEPARTMENT

DEPT. HEAD: Steve Durning

ADVANCED CREATIVE WRITING – Ages 11–15 Limit 12 This year we will focus on images (“as cool as the wet pale leaves”), metaphor, (“When eyebrows are nests of swallows.”) symbolism words, sounds, rhythms; in both prose and poetry. Finish the session with a poem in your pocket, and maybe some new writer-friends as well. **(period 1)**

CREATIVE WRITING - Ages 8 –11 Limit 10 Write something beautiful, spooky, sad, wild. Adventures, mysteries, dreams, poems and plays are all possibilities. Come and share your imagination and creativity with us. **(period 2)**

DAILY DOUBLE - Limit 16 The longest running newspaper in Dover needs you! Help us meet our daily deadline with your stories, opinions, news, reviews, interviews, features, advice columns, cartoons, puzzles, drawings, and personal adventures. Start the presses! **(periods 3, 5)**

DAILY DOUBLE II - Ages 11-15 Limit 12 If you like finding out a lot about a weird subject you're interested in, this class is perfect for you. The world needs to know what you know. Do computer-research. Go deep, go wide, go fiendishly specific. We will work both collaboratively and individually. Your work will appear in the Daily Double and/or in our own special edition of that newspaper. **(period 2)**

ONE-A-DAY WRITE-AMIN - Limit 12 A new project every day. Write mysteries with no solution, 3 word stories, letters from imaginary characters, or lists of unusual names. Why limit yourself to paper? This class will take you all over camp as we write on the sidewalk, search for inspiration, and find ways to share our writing in unusual ways—the stranger the better. At the end of the session we will publish a magazine of our most hilarious, insightful, and downright weird work. If you love to write, or even if you've never written before and want to give it a try, this is the class for you. **(period 6)**

WRITE A NOVEL – Ages 11–15 Limit 8 Or rather...the last seventeen pages of two different novels: one of your own and one you write collaboratively with the class. **(period 5)**