



Blue Oak After-School Classes Winter Trimester 2012

Enhanced Learning, Fully Engaged, and Expert Teachers.....Our after-school classes offer students from Blue Oak School and the larger community a fun and challenging way to go deeper into learning and experiencing a specific topic or skill. A lot of kids need extra movement and creative opportunities, and these classes give them exactly that. Join Us!

En Español: Padres de los estudiantes que desean asistir clases después de escuela necesitan firmar y rellenar esta forma. Las clases están enumeradas en este folleto. Cada clase se reúne después de la escuela generalmente a las 3:30 hasta las 4:30 y la mayoría. Para una lista de las clases y otros detalles en inglés mira por favor en este folleto. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, favor de llamar Sharon: 261.4535 o Diane: 261.4575.

Tuition Assistance: If you have any questions about tuition assistance for families in financial need, please contact Jerry Mullaney, Business Officer, at 707-261-4521 or jmullaney@blueoakschool.org.

Schedule: Most classes consist of 8 sessions. The program runs in rotations of three on a trimester system. Many classes take place at the Lower School campus on Polk Street, while some meet at the Middle School campus on Hayes Street, and a few are held off-campus. Classes meet from 3:30pm to 4:30pm unless otherwise indicated.

Registration: Students **must register** for the Blue Oak After-School Class Program. Fees are noted in the class descriptions.

- To pay by check, complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the reception desk at either campus with a check made out to **Blue Oak School**. Registration forms will not be accepted without payment. *
- Online registration, with the ability to pay by credit card on a secure server, will be available at www.blueoakschool.org - just click the After-School Program registration link on our homepage.

***Note:** Piano teacher Elaine Herrick and Adult Yoga teacher Juan Sacristan manage their own accounting; please pay these teachers directly.

Class Observation: Class observation is permitted at the discretion of the teacher. Please submit a request directly to the instructor before that class begins. If you arrive early to pick up your child, please wait outside the classroom to avoid interrupting the class.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Melinda Cooke, After-School Program Coordinator at 707-363-5598 or mcooke@blueoakschool.org.

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Class Schedule

Monday (7 class days)	Tuesday (8 class days)	Wednesday (8 class days)	Thursday (8 class days)	Friday
Tumble & Dance (K-2) LS • 3:30 – 4:30	Connolly Ranch Jr (K-2) CR • 3:30 – 4:30	Theater Games (K-2) LS • 3:30 – 4:25	Multi-Medium Madness (K-2) LS • 3:30 – 4:30	Location Key: LS = Lower School RZ = Rockzilla MS= Middle School CR=Connolly Ranch
Engineering Fun(LEGOS) (3-5) LS • 3:30 – 5:00	N.V. Mini Singers (1-2) LS • 4:00 – 4:45	Clay Play (3-5) LS • 3:30 – 5:00	Connolly Ranch Hands (3-5) CR • 3:30 – 4:30	
Math Games (4-5) LS • 3:30 – 4:30	N.V. Children's Chorus (3-6) LS • 3:45 – 5:00	Drama!! (3-5) LS • 4:30 – 5:30	2D to 3D Art (6-8) MS • 3:30 – 4:30	
Rock-Climbing (4-8) RZ • 3:30 – 5:00	LS Homework Club (3-5) LS • 3:30 – 4:15	Intro to Photography (6-8) MS • 3:30 – 4:30	MS Homework Club (6-8) MS • 3:30 – 4:30	
Adult Yoga (Adults) LS • 6:30 – 8:00pm	Math Help (6-8) MS • 3:30 – 4:30		Spanish Conversation I (Adults) LS • 3:30 – 4:30	
	Fantasy Art (6-8) MS • 3:30-4:30			

Class Calendar

January '12						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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February/March '12						
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3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10

Calendar Shading Key:

-  After-School Class Dates
-  No After School Classes
(Holidays, Conference Days, etc.)
-  Last Day of This Class
(Unless makeup days are needed)

PLEASE NOTE: These two classes are ongoing throughout the school year and they start the week of Jan 9th.

Private Piano Lessons (Grades K-8)

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Private piano lessons include improvisation, music theory, composition, reading and performance. Thirty-minute private lessons, taught by musician Elaine Herrick are available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 3pm and 6pm.

Contact Elaine directly to arrange your child's lesson day and time at 707-226-9071 or elainebeat@sbcglobal.net. Please pay instructor directly.

Yoga for Adults

Mondays, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Cost \$15/class for drop-ins & \$11/class in bulk

This class will challenge you to connect to your breath, remain aware of your body, tap into wisdom, and connect to your heart and spirit. The teaching style allows for modifications of different levels of ability, which makes this class appropriate for beginning and continuing students. If you would like to sign up for classes in bulk, the cost is \$11/class. Please pay the instructor directly.

Instructor: Juan Sacristan, Hatha Yoga Teacher and Blue Oak Substitute Teacher

MONDAY CLASSES

Tumble & Dance

Time: 3:30-4:30

This fun and energetic program will allow kids to express themselves through tumbling and dance. This class will be a constructive outlet for boundless young energy. Boys and girls are BOTH welcome.

Instructor: Tonya Gonzalez, Little Feet School of Dance teacher

Grades K-2

Cost: \$95

Math Games

Time: 3:30-4:30

Join the fun and hone your math skills at this interactive class! Students will play a variety of math games and engage in an assortment of math activities that aim to sharpen and enhance mathematic capabilities.

Instructor: Andrew Haugen, 2010 UC Berkley graduate with 8 years experience tutoring in math

Grades 4-5

Cost: \$110

Engineering FUNdamentals with LEGO®

Time: 3:30-5:00

Have your child become a Play Well Engineer! Students take on real-life engineering challenges that explore concepts in physics, architecture, mechanical and structural engineering with over 100,000 pieces of LEGO® material. From racecars to Battletracks, this is a hands-on and minds-on program suitable for LEGO novices to "maniacs." Designed by engineers, the curriculum challenges both new and returning students to reach the next level of engineering comprehension, all while having fun.

Grades 3-5

Cost: \$130

Rock Climbing

Time: 3:30-5:00

Improve problem-solving skills, flexibility, endurance, and add strength with this fun class held at "Rockzilla Climbing Gym" (849 Jackson Street, Napa). Students may walk (written permission required) or carpool to the gym, which is .6 miles from the Blue Oak Middle School. Price includes instruction and use of all necessary climbing equipment for 7 classes.

Instructor: Paul Cooke, Blue Oak Science Teacher

Grades 4-8

Cost: \$155

TUESDAY CLASSES

Connolly Ranch Jr. Farmers

Time: 3:30-4:30

This course at Connolly Ranch will immerse your children in the cycles of the farm and surrounding oak woodlands. On nice days we will be hiking, gardening, playing, or caring for the farm animals, and on rainy days we will stay warm and dry in the new greenhouse or in the heated yurt for arts and crafts. This class will take place rain or shine, and children should be prepared with rain jackets and mud boots to play outside. Students are encouraged to carpool to Connolly Ranch. Pick-up at 4:30 at Connolly Ranch.

Instructor: Michael Lauher, Education Director at Connolly Ranch

Grades K-2

Cost: \$130

Napa Valley Mini-Singers

Time: 4:00-4:45

****Napa Valley Children's Mini-Singers will continue through both Winter and Spring terms for the one time tuition of \$150. Enrollees will continue membership through May 2012.**

Napa Valley Mini-Singers welcomes students in grades 1-2 who have received some formal music instruction either in school or through private study. The goal of the Mini-Singers group (the second level in a three-tiered choral program) is to provide opportunities for members to grow in their musical knowledge, refine their singing skills, and experience the joy of singing together. Instruction focuses on developing a pure vocal sound through unison and round singing, an introduction to part singing, as well as learning techniques for developing good posture and correct breathing habits. Through activities, games, dances, and songs, members are taught basic music reading and vocal skills. Boys and girls learn how to work together as a group, begin to refine their performance skills and gain confidence in singing by themselves in front of others. Napa Valley Mini-Singers is strongly recommended as a yearlong course of study, and participation prepares members to sing with The Napa Valley Children's Chorus beginning in the third grade.

Instructor: Susan Woodruff, experienced music teacher in the Napa Valley Unified School District

Grades 1-2

Cost: \$150

TUESDAY CLASSES (continued)

Napa Valley Children's Chorus

Time: 3:45 – 5:00

****Napa Valley Children's Chorus will continue through both Winter and Spring terms for the one time tuition of \$150. Enrollees will continue membership through May 2012.**

The Napa Valley Children's Chorus (the third level in a three-tiered choral music program) is an intermediate singing group that participates in several public performances and festivals throughout the year. Developing a sense of community is a primary focus, and it is fostered through team-building activities, social events and performances. Singers in NVCC, learn how to follow a choral music score and venture into the challenging study of singing in two and three parts. The Children's Chorus repertoire includes songs written in a wide variety of musical styles and languages. During rehearsals and performances, members work on developing their singing technique and stage presence, while learning what it means to become a confident, skilled and independent singer. The main requirements for membership are the ability to match pitch while singing with a group, and a love of singing. In the spring of 2012, Napa Valley Children's Chorus will be joining with the Napa Valley Youth Symphony and Napa Valley Chorale in its performance of "Carmina Burana" by Carl Orff at the Lincoln Theater.

Fostering a life-long love of singing, building self-esteem through musical excellence, and sharing the gift of song with each other and the community are primary objectives.

Instructor: Kim Markovich, Blue Oak School Music Director

Grades 3-6

Cost: \$150

Lower School Homework Club

Time: 3:30-4:15

This is a perfect place for students to complete their homework. Megan will be there to offer a guiding hand and some extra help. For those who could use a little extra attention while completing homework, this class can help.

Instructor: Megan Conroy, Blue Oak School Learning Specialist

Grades 3-5

Cost: \$80

Fantasy Art

Time: 3:30-4:30

Whether you like dragons in castles, fairies and gnomes, or science fiction creatures, in this class you will have fun drawing, painting and molding make-believe characters. We will work in a variety of mediums including pen & ink, colored pencil, permanent marker, watercolor, acrylic paint and clay. We will watch videos and look through books made or written by contemporary fantasy artists while completing fantastic works of our own creation. Projects are tailored to age and ability, ensuring success for beginners and advanced art students alike.

Instructor: Mona Lea, Middle School Art & Humanities Teacher at Blue Oak School

Grades 6-8

Cost: \$125

Middle School Math Help

Time: 3:30-4:30

The main goal of this class is to provide consistent support for students so they feel ready for math class in school and confident about their math skills in general. The classwork will focus on what students are learning in class, with an emphasis on conceptual understanding of the material.

Instructor: Andrew Haugen, 2010 UC Berkley graduate with 8 years experience tutoring in math

Grades 6-8

Cost: \$110

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Theater Games

Time: 3:30-4:25

Calling all budding actors and closet comics! Learn the basics of improvisation! Get up on your feet for a fast-paced class that'll teach you how to think on your feet, be silly in public, and spin a good yarn! We will start each class with some basic warm-up exercises to get our creative muscles ready for a seriously silly workout and then LET THE GAMES BEGIN! We will turn fairytales upside down, create a fantastic machine using our bodies, and learn how a sweatshirt can make you a superhero, a celebrity chef or bank robber! And that's just one class!

Instructor: Dina Hayes, Teaching Artist

Grades K-2

Cost: \$110

Drama!

Time: 4:30-5:30

Finally! A class where you don't get into trouble for acting out! Play theatre games, make up stories, act up – it's all about character building here! We will read, rehearse and perform a text just like the pros. Learn how to bring the page to the stage when you go after your objective, and how to connect with your individual character.

Instructor: Dina Hayes, Teaching Artist

Grades 3-5

Cost: \$110

WEDNESDAY CLASSES (continued)

Clay Play!

Time: 3:30-5:00

In this class, students will explore the world of clay. They will pinch it, roll it, pound it, pull it, coax it and glaze it. Let creativity roll as students create whimsical animals, bird houses, three dimensional fish, soap dishes, fantasy dragons, mugs for hot chocolate, a personalized cereal bowl and much more. Seasonal projects vary.

Instructor: Deborah Donahower, Napa Valley Artist and Art Teacher

****Class Starts January 18 & Ends March 7**

Grades 3-5

Cost: \$125

Intro to Photography

Time: 3:30-4:30

Learn how to see the world differently through the lens of your camera! In this introduction to photography class, we'll explore camera basics, different types of photography (portraiture, photojournalism, landscape photography and many more!), composition, lighting and more! Each week we'll discuss a new topic together, then put our ideas into practice during the class and with a weekly photo assignment. Have fun and learn to take better photos - you'll never look at a photograph (or the world) the same way again! Students will need to bring a digital camera and be able to email class assignments.

Instructor: Lori Paladino, Award Winning Bay Area Wedding & Portrait Photographer, and Blue Oak parent

Grades 6-8

Cost: \$115

THURSDAY CLASSES

Multi-Medium Madness

Time: 3:30-4:30

This class will stimulate children's imaginations and skills through drawing, painting, collage, printmaking, sculpture, pastels, etc. Each week students will explore a new and different medium, and will gain an overview of many of the different ways people express themselves through art. Join the fun!

Instructor: Deborah Donahower, Napa Valley Artist and Art Teacher

****Class Starts January 19 & Ends March 1st**

Grades K-2

Cost: \$110

2-D to 3-D ART

Time: 3:30-4:30

Looking for a creative outlet after school? Come and create objects made from cut and folded tagboard, decorated with color markers. Starting with basic geometric shapes (cubes, pyramids, etc.), students will learn how to make 3-D structures of houses, cars, airplanes and animals. We will make connections with Japanese cut and fold websites for ideas to work toward original paper sculptures.

Instructor: David Clark, Bay Area Art Teacher from Head-Royce School

Grades 6-8

Cost: \$125

Connolly Ranch Hands

Time: 3:30-4:30

This class at Connolly Ranch is geared towards the older child and the weekly rhythm of farm chores and organic gardening. We will be in charge of feeding the animals, growing our own food, and learning to cook from the garden, while still allowing plenty of time for free play and outdoor fun. This will be rain or shine, so children need to be prepared with jackets and rain boots. On rainy days we will take advantage of the new greenhouse, the barn, or the heated yurt for indoor activities. Students are encouraged to carpool to Connolly Ranch.

Pick-up at 4:30 at Connolly Ranch.

Instructor: Michael Lauher, Education Director at Connolly Ranch

Grades 3-5

Cost: \$130

Middle School Homework Club

Time: 3:30-4:30

This is a perfect place for students to complete their homework. Caite will be there to offer a guiding hand and some extra help. For those who could use a little extra attention while completing homework or have busy afternoon and evening schedules, this class can help.

Instructor: Caite McNeil, Blue Oak School Humanities Teacher

Grades 6-8

Cost: \$110

Adult Spanish Classes, Conversation I

Time: 3:30-4:30

Cost: \$110

¡Bienvenida! These classes will include listening, speaking, reading and writing skill development of basic Spanish language. Vocabulary will include a combination of everyday Spanish and content topics developed by participants. Instructor: Sharon Bontrager, Blue Oak Spanish Teacher

