

Deer Meadow Academy

Programs of Excellence

Philosophy: When students are engaged in learning something they are passionate about, they achieve their full potential and love learning.

Academy Foundation Principles: Programs of Excellence require that students achieve and maintain high standards to remain in the academies. Academies offered will be based on student choice; only viable programs will be offered. Students unable or unwilling to put forth the effort required to remain in an academy may be enrolled in an alternate academy after consultation with parents at the discretion of school administration.

Academy Streams / Programs of Excellence: Academies will fall under 4 major categories: Student Leadership Academy, Fine Arts and Languages Academy, Career and Technology Academy, and Sports and Recreation Academy.

Student Leadership Academy: Focus will include: fundamental study skills, student leadership projects (community legacy opportunities), community involvement (adopt a street, seniors web surfing, food bank drives), resiliency, school climate initiatives (organizing assemblies, spirit days, intramurals, composting, recycling), school communications media (newspaper/newsletter, video arts, morning announcements), student council, global citizenship (organizing charity initiatives, awareness of issues). Partnership opportunities with Olds High School Student Leadership and Olds College will be explored.

Fine Arts and Languages Academy: Offerings may include: Band (traditional woodwind and brass), Jazz Band, Guitar, Choir, STOMP (percussion performance art), Theatre Arts, Visual Arts (painting, sketching, sculpture), French, and Spanish (when staffing allows).

Career and Technology Academy: Students will have the opportunity to explore their interests, passions, and skills while making personal connections to career possibilities. Offerings may include Foods, Sewing, Woodworking, Quiltmaking, and Computer Coding.

Sports and Recreation Academy: All students will receive instruction and training in the foundations of athletics. Core strength training, agility training, and training principles will be taught and continuously addressed. Sports psychology, ethics and nutrition will also be part of the general sports academy program. While primary instruction will come from Deer Meadow professional staff, partnerships will be explored with various community athletic organizations (Olds Grizzlies, Olds College, Red Deer College) to take advantage of their expertise. Academies may be offered in the following areas: Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball/Baseball. Other offerings may be explored should there be student interest or qualified staff.

Costs: There is a General Academy Fee of \$40 for the year. In addition, tuition will be charged on the principle of cost recovery, with some programs costing more than others.

Transportation: Students will walk or be bussed to facilities off-site (Arena, CLC)

Deer Meadow Career and Technology Academy; Programs of Excellence

Students interested in the science, technology, resources, business, and human services Academies.

Coding

Challenge: How can we use computer science to create usable apps and program-specific tasks?

Computer science first is a programming course that involves block-based and theme-based coding using Scratch. These skills students will then apply to making their own digital games.

Career Games

Challenge: How can I explore careers that match my talents, interests, and work preferences?

This is a game about real life. Each student plays an adult character in a work role. They will discover unique personal skills and talents with respect to career choices. Students will also have an opportunity to explore some of their own work-related interests and values as an important part of career planning.

Beginner Foods

Challenge: How can we understand and create healthy, nutritious snacks and meals for students?

This class will be a combination of a more traditional Foods Class, a study into specific food choices and how we are able to feed ourselves a diet that is healthy, and nutritious. Kitchen and food safety will be the starting point of this class. Students will then be challenged to use a select amount of ingredients to make nutritious and delicious meals.

***This class is open to anyone who has not taken a foods class at Deer Meadow before.**

The cost for this Academy is \$30 per semester

Quilting

Challenge: How can I develop new creative skills using fabric?

You will learn the fundamental basics of how to properly and safely use quilting tools and equipment needed for measuring, cutting, and piecing. In this class, we'll put together basic quilt blocks where you will learn proper piecing, seam allowance, as well as ironing and pressing, squaring and sizing techniques. This class will work its way up to creating a baby blanket quilt.

There will be a \$40 fee for this academy.

Deer Meadow Leadership Academy; Programs of Excellence

Students interested in the Leadership Academy must demonstrate skills in organization, communication, public speaking, problem solving and taking initiative.

Interact

Challenge: How can I have a positive impact on our world?

Students will work together to exchange ideas, build relationships, and TAKE ACTION on school-wide, local, and global social issues. Students will research areas of greatest need, develop project plans, and carry out these plans to see the impact they can have. We will develop leadership skills, such as listening, cooperating, collaborating, and public speaking.

Deer Meadow Fine Arts Academy; Programs of Excellence

Students interested in the Fine Arts Academy must demonstrate skills in music, art, French, theatre, technology, and/or writing.

Arts & Crafts

Challenge: How can I demonstrate my creative side using a variety of materials?

In this academy, students will create sketch book designs and craft projects using a variety of materials. They will be working with popsicle sticks, paper rolls, yarn, straws, paint, paper, and much more.

Art Through the Ages

Challenge: How can I use my knowledge of master artists and time periods to find my own unique artistic style?

Embark on a captivating journey through the ages in this academy class! Dive deep into the fascinating world of art as we explore masterpieces from various time periods and cultures. From the intricate details of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics to the vibrant colors of the Renaissance, and beyond, students will unravel the stories behind the world's most renowned artworks. Through interactive lessons and engaging discussions, you'll gain a profound understanding of art's evolution and its profound impact on society. Get ready to unlock the secrets of artistic expression and travel through time with brushes, sculptures, and canvases as your guide. Join us and become a true art connoisseur!

Introduction To Ceramics

Challenge: How can I use clay to demonstrate my creativity and create functional pieces of art?

Discover the magic of clay in this academy class! Unleash your creativity as you embark on a hands-on journey into the world of pottery and sculpture. In this engaging course, students will learn the fundamental techniques of working with clay, from shaping and molding to glazing and firing. Explore your artistic potential, express your unique ideas, and craft beautiful, functional pieces of art. Join us in this exciting adventure where imagination meets craftsmanship, and where every student becomes a clay artist in the making!

POP Art

Challenge: How am I able to explore my artistic side through the creation of POP Art?

Join us on a vibrant journey into the world of Pop Art through the lens of two iconic artists, Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol. In this art class, we will delve into the fascinating and dynamic movement that shook up the art world in the mid-20th century. The movement presented a challenge to traditions of fine art by including imagery from popular and mass culture, such as advertising, comic books and mundane mass-produced objects. Pop art will focus on various subject matters, techniques, and mediums. These will be explored through drawings with pencil crayons, markers, oil pastels, and chalk pastels. Let's explore these artists and their groundbreaking creations that shook the world!

Harry Potter Book Club

Challenge: How can I enhance my understanding of a book I read and have thoughtful discussions about it?

Welcome to Hogwarts Haven, a magical gathering for all fans of the Wizarding World! Whether you're a die-hard Potterhead or just discovering the enchanting world of Harry Potter, our book club is the perfect place to immerse yourself in the captivating stories, delve into the intricate characters, and experience the magic of the Wizarding World. Join us on this spellbinding journey as we explore the books, discuss our favorite characters, and engage in themed activities that will transport us to Hogwarts and beyond while we read the first novel, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone!

Band

Challenge: How can I begin to develop my band skills to improve myself as an individual and as a group?

This program is designed to be the 2nd and 3rd year of the middle school band program. Grade 7 and 8 students will be combined for both classes of Band A and B. Grade 7 students will be introduced to more advanced music, which will require improved skill and technique on their instrument. Grade 8 students will continue to build on skills and technique learned last year. Requirements: a commitment to practice, to take part in the winter and spring concert (Dec 6, May 29), and perform in the concert band. *Students will also have the opportunity to participate in the band trip at Camp Caroline for two nights (Feb 7-9) for a cost.* **Band is a full year commitment.**

Improv Games

Challenge: How can I begin to develop my acting skills and abilities to create?

Ready, set, go! Prepare to embark on an exciting journey of creativity, spontaneity, and laughter as we explore the world of improvisational theatre. You will learn the art of thinking on your feet, embracing your imagination, and working together to create hilarious and memorable scenes. Improvisation, or improv, is a form of theatre where the script is unwritten, and the actors rely on their quick thinking and wit to bring scenes to life. Dive with me into games, activities and exercises full of fun and surprises.

Spoken French

Challenge: How can I explore spoken French by using media techniques ?

In the grade 7 and 8 Program of Excellence, students will explore French as a modern language that incorporates communicative approach using a variety of multimedia techniques to speak French in variety of situation such as like school, people around me, weather, and holidays and celebration, animals, clothing, food and nutrition, are some of them student learn to communicate faster with appropriate standard accents. In this program, mostly real life situations will be taught. Students will have opportunities to expand their bilingual skills as that might help them for their future career growth and job skills. Students will also investigate various aspects of French and Canadian culture. The program will extend to a high level of communication in coming Terms.

Ukulele

Challenge: How can I explore my musical interest and self expression using ukulele?

This program is designed for students with little to no experience on the ukulele. You will learn a variety of chords, strum, read tabs, and sing along to many different songs. The skills learned in this academy can help build the skills that you need for life-long music making. Students will both be singing and playing, as well as playing along with recordings of songs. Ukuleles will be provided by the school but students may also bring their own if they wish.

Deer Meadow Sports Academy; Programs of Excellence

All Sports Academy students will receive instruction in the area of fitness and nutrition and how they apply to individual needs, while examining the importance of nutrition for optimal health and sport performance.

Fun Fit

Challenge: How can I find enjoyment from a variety of physically active endeavors?

Students that do not have an interest in any of the sport specific Sports Academy choices will enroll in this course. All students must fulfill the Alberta Education requirement that states that students at these grade levels must have instruction in Physical Education. This class will operate like a traditional Physical Education class with a variety of units of study that introduce students to many sports and fitness activities.

Rec Pursuits

Challenge: What activities and environments can I discover and enjoy to stay active?

This class will be used to seek out alternate ways to stay active, outside of our traditional activities. Be prepared to be both outside and inside, and most of all to BE ACTIVE! We hope to spend most of our time outside of the classroom, so be prepared to get outside! You will learn how to plan and prepare for activities in less popular environments.

Grizzlys Hockey Academy

Grizzlys Hockey Academy will be offered again this year in terms 1 & 2. Participants will commit to all academy periods 5-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the term.

Please see the following page for pricing and information.

***Participants will need to complete the registration at the website listed on the flyer:**

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/398591>*



TRIUMPH SKILLS ACADEMY

GRADE 7 & 8

SPEED DEMON SKILLS PROGRAM

OUT-THINK * OUT-PACE * OUT-PLAY

The Triumph Skills Academy program will help grow a young player's game by exposing them to the most effective techniques and tactics to take their game to the next level. The Speed Demon Skills program is an all-encompassing execution plan for success in today's aggressive, attacking, and fast-paced game of hockey.

**Focus: Hockey Skill, Athletic-Motor Skill,
Athletic-Cognitive Skill & Mental Skill Development**

Term 1- Oct 24 to Dec 14, 2023

Tuesday and Thursday - \$200

Term 2 - Feb 1 to Apr 4, 2024

Tuesday and Thursday - \$225

(No Academy on Non School Days)

***Facilitated By: Olds Grizzlys Coaches and Players**

Register at:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/398591>

**For more information: 403-507-9167 or
email admin@oldsgrizzlys.com**

