

Soldiers Memorial Middle School LEAPS Program Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The SMMS LEAPS Program has some exciting new changes! Please read and discuss the different club options with your child. Students **do not** have to be part of the current LEAPS program to participate in the clubs. If you have any questions, contact Jonica Campbell or Billy Johnson.

Before School

The computer lab will be open from 7:00-7:45 each morning for ANY student who needs to catch up on IXL, Study Island, or classroom assignments. In order for students to go to the computer lab, they must have a note from their classroom teacher. Notes can be written on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. If you wish for your child to go to the computer lab in the morning, please have your child request a note from his or her teacher. Upon arrival to school, your child should eat breakfast, then show the note to the teacher on bus duty and report to the computer lab.

After School

Each day, we will be offering after school clubs. Clubs are open to **ALL SMMS students, parents, and teachers**. In order for your child to participate in a club, he or she must return a completed permission slip to the office before the club meeting begins. Please read the full list below to decide which club(s) you would like your child to join. Each club will meet once per week.

- **Mondays:**

- Sewing Club 3:30-4:30

- Students will learn some basic sewing helps, learn how to use a needle and thread, learn how to sew on buttons, and learn how to sew up rips and tears. We will also work on sewing projects.

- Healthy Eating Class 3:30-4:30

- Students will learn about healthy food choices, and they will learn how to prepare healthy options. Students will get to sample different foods and earn small prizes! This class will be presented by a representative from the Claiborne County Health Department.

- **Tuesdays:**

- Kindness Club 3:30-4:30
 - Students will perform kind acts for others, engage in community service projects, and enhance their growth mindset.
- Dance Exercise 3:30-4:30
 - Students will complete a cardio dance workout led by the instructor.
- Cooking Club 3:30-4:30
 - Students will learn how to prepare simple meals and make them look elegant. Students will create their own cookbook and challenge each other to cooking competitions. Students will also learn about proper food hygiene and safety, and they will learn how to pair foods together.
- **Wednesdays:**
 - Fitness/Games 3:30-4:30
 - We will work on areas of fitness such as stretching, cardiovascular endurance, increasing strength levels etc.. We will also play games that will keep students active and learn some lifetime games as well. Activities will take place in the gym and outside when weather permits.
 - Art 3:30-4:30
 - The teacher will introduce the students to various art techniques, famous artists, and examples of each art technique. The teacher will then instruct students on how to accomplish the technique including the use of various mediums. Once students have an understanding of the technique, they will try their hand at producing their own works of art using the technique.
- **Thursdays:**
 - Open HW Lab 3:30-5:00
 - Students will work on missing assignments, make-up work, and extra credit opportunities. A teacher will be in the room to help students and parents complete homework assignments. Students will also have computer access to work on internet-based assignments.
 - Movie Club 3:30-5:00
 - Students will watch movies and discuss questions related to current events and academic standards.
- **Fridays: There is no after school program on Friday.**

Parents,

Please complete the form below and return it to the front office if you wish for your child to participate in one of the after school clubs. Transportation will not be provided; someone will need to pick your child up by 5:00 each day. Students are welcome to do as many or as few clubs as they like. Students do not have to be part of the current LEAPs program to participate. If you would also like to participate in a club, please let us know! Clubs will start on Tuesday, January 22. We look forward to working with you and your child!

After School Club	<u>My child</u> is interested in this club	I am interested in participating in this club
Sewing Club (Mondays)		
Healthy Eating Class (Mondays)		
Kindness Club (Tuesdays)		
Dance Exercise (Tuesdays)		
Cooking Club (Tuesdays)		
Fitness Games (Wednesdays)		
Art (Wednesdays)		
Open Homework Lab (Thursdays)		
Movie Club (Thursdays)		

Student's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Known Allergies or Health Concerns: _____

Please list all persons to whom your child may be released: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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