



CLAXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL ARTS (ASA)

SPRING 2019 INFORMATION



Claxton's After School Arts serves Claxton students by offering enrichment classes for two sessions (fall and spring) each year. Classes are taught by local artists and leaders, Claxton staff, and Claxton parents. Our spring class line-up is loaded with opportunities for our students to explore interests and develop talents! All Claxton students are welcome at ASA and we hope you'll join us! Please read below and let us know if you have any questions.

SCHEDULE: Our Spring 2019 classes begin the week of Feb 4-7. Each class meets once per week for ten weeks total. Class occurs immediately after school. Class ends promptly with student pick-up at 4:00pm. Students must have transportation arrangements (unfortunately, bussing is not available). ASA follows the ACS calendar, so classes are not held on holidays or on early dismissal days. According to the current ACS calendar, our Mon, Tues, and Thurs ASA classes are scheduled to end the week before Spring Break with Wed classes scheduled to end in early May. Each class has two make-up dates reserved at the end of each season. No refunds/credits are given for any missed days or cancellations.

COST & PAYMENT: Each class costs \$70 per student, but we encourage students to participate, regardless of ability to pay. Scholarships are available and can be requested during registration; you can select "Scholarship Requested" as payment and you will be contacted about your request. For registration payment, we recommend online credit card payment if possible. You may also select to pay by "Cash or Check"; payment must then be brought to Claxton's office on the next school day. *Please select classes carefully before registering; no refunds or credits will be given.* Registration requests are not complete until payment is received.

REGISTRATION: We use an online registration system for ASA. Phone registration is available for those with limited internet access. Registration is first-come-first-served and will be open online at <https://claxtonafterschool.jumbula.com> from 6:00pm Sun, 1/20 until 9:00pm Sun, 1/27. Online pre-registration is available beforehand; please read below for details.

Registration with Limited Internet Access:

Please call 828-419-0327 to request registration. If you leave a message, please note your Claxton student's name, your name, and your phone number, and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Online Registration

- You can register and pay online for all students and all classes at one time.
- Visit <https://claxtonafterschool.jumbula.com/> to register (or pre-register). We strongly recommend that you use Chrome or Firefox as a browser (not Internet Explorer or Safari) to register.
- Pre-Registration is encouraged and will be available by Thurs, 1/17 at 6:00pm. Pre-Registration allows you to set up your account and select class preferences by adding them to your shopping cart; it DOES NOT guarantee a spot in any class. Once registration opens, you will need to log back into our Jumbula registration website and complete your registration request and payment for classes.
- To Pre-Register or Register--Click on the "Register for Spring 2019 Classes" tab and then click on the red "REGISTER HERE" button. If you registered for ASA in Fall 2018, please use the same log-in information (email/password), or create an account if your family has not used Jumbula previously. Please note--you are creating a parent account so please complete the information for the primary parent.

Questions about ASA? Contact Miriam Scott at claxtonASA@gmail.com or 828-419-0327.

MONDAY



Make Mine Music (Grades K-5) We will write our own songs and make an instrument to accompany them. We will conclude with a skiffle performance party and invite the school! **Instructor Joanna Best**, parent of a 3rd grader at Claxton, is a musician and educator in Asheville.



Beginning Tennis (Grades 1-3) Students will learn the basics of tennis – racquet and ball skills, strokes and positioning. No prior tennis lessons/ skills are necessary. A fun, active learning environment using a variety of games will keep students moving! Tennis shoes required – all other equipment provided. **Instructor Mary Ann Myers** is currently a USTA 4.5 player with tennis teaching experience. She was a college basketball player (jersey retired at Miami University) and went on to coach college basketball for ten years at UNC Asheville and Iowa State.



'Everyone Has a Story' Creative Writing (Grades 1-4) Students will be encouraged to write either a fiction or non-fiction story. The class will include making up character names, editing and keeping a writing journal. "Thinking like a Writer" will also be encouraged as well. A goal of the class is for every student to publish their own book to take home. **Instructor Tom Godleski**, a long-time teaching assistant at Claxton, is a musician with local band "Buncombe Turnpike," an award-winning short story writer, and a playwright. Mr. Godleski looks forward to sharing his love of words by teaching a writing class at Claxton.



AMOS Tinkers (Grades 3-5) Students will invent and design creations of their very own! Students will have opportunities to create cardboard automata, take apart old toys and redesign new ones, and make paper circuits that light LEDs! **Instructors are Educators with the Asheville Museum of Science.**



Marionettes (Grade 5; Grade 4 with instructor approval/prior class) Create your own marionette, designed and constructed by you! This class includes rendering a design, paper mache, painting, stuffing and sewing with the end result being an original string puppet. **Instructor Rachelle Vachon** moved here recently from the Boston area, having taught theatre and puppetry in a private school for 18 years. She holds a Master's in Theatre Education from Emerson College.

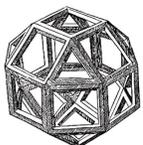
TUESDAY



Introduction to Tae Kwon Do (Grades K-2) This class series will introduce the beginner student to many of the fundamentals of traditional Tae Kwon Do. Some of the physical fundamentals will focus on balance, strength, flexibility and reflex development and self-defense application. Emotional and character development will focus on courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit. The energy and culture of the class will be in the context of healthy choices, respectful interactions and the pursuit of excellence through goal-setting and goal achievement. This class series will help students grow in confidence and positive identity and help them develop many healthy habits for life! **Instructors are from Asheville Sun Soo Martial Arts.**



Measure My Song (Grades K-2) Students will create musical instruments, meanwhile learning about how we measure elements in both music and art (rhythm, pitch, color mixing, ratios of light). Lessons are based on a storybook of same title. **Instructors are Joanna Best and Rachel Bradley.** Joanna Best, parent of a 3rd grader at Claxton, is a musician and educator in Asheville. Rachel Bradley, parent of an elementary-aged daughter, studied Art at AB Tech and uses her creativity in a local bakery.



Math Attack (Grades 2-5) Join us to build polyhedra, learn an awesome card trick, draw Celtic knots, and much more! Let's work together to solve some interesting and unusual math problems. We'll be exploring topics in mathematics through games, logical problems, math and art, the fourth dimension, and problems that require creative thinking. **Instructor Dr. Leslie Hayes** is a Claxton parent and served as Assistant Professor of Mathematics at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia for 10 years before moving to Asheville in 2017.



Board (Not Bored) Games (Grades 3-5) Come out for board game fun! We will explore the exploding board game hobby and have lots of fun. Students will learn to play new and exciting games like Splendor, Forbidden Island, Kings of Tokyo, and Kingdomino, and every student will know how to play Chess by the end of the semester. Both competitive and cooperative games will be explored. **Instructor Chad Dickenson** has been a part of the Asheville gaming community for 25 years and has witnessed the hobby blossom. He and his wife host a biweekly board game night they like to call the Tabletop Titans. Dickenson's children have all attended Asheville City Schools and he hopes that board games become a lifelong hobby for many of Claxton's students!



These Fifty States (Grades 3-5) We will explore several states each week, learning the state song and creating memorable arts and crafts noteworthy of each state's unique aspects; digital daycations included! **Instructors are Joanna Best and Rachel Bradley.** Joanna Best, parent of a 3rd grader at Claxton, is a musician and educator in Asheville. Rachel Bradley, parent of an elementary-aged daughter, studied Art at AB Tech and uses her creativity in a local bakery.

WEDNESDAY



Dulce Sweet Spanish (Grades K-2) Join us for a Latin world experience of fun activities that combines music, art, language, and other adventures. Students will focus on Spanish language acquisition through traditional songs, celebrations of the Latin holidays, and traditional Latin arts. Second language experience teaches students about the wonder and splendor of differences and opens up a whole new world. **Instructor Carmen Ybarra** loves teaching her native language to children. She has been a Spanish instructor to both children and adults for 12 years. She is also a mother and has worked as a pre-K teacher and a language academy director.



FEAST (Grades K-2) FEAST Students will explore fresh, local produce through music, art and cooking. This class will teach basic food preparation skills and students will enjoy the snacks they make at the end of each class. Lessons and recipes rotate with availability of seasonal produce. FEAST is a project of Bountiful Cities, a local urban agricultural non-profit, aiming to empower youth and families to grow, prepare, and enjoy fruits and vegetables through hands-on cooking and garden education. **Instructors are Educators with the FEAST Project of Bountiful Cities.**



Poetry in Action (Grades K-5) This class is a great place to sharpen your skills as an actor through the beautiful and hilarious works of Shel Silverstein. We will work on bringing these short poems to life through action and expression. Students will learn body awareness while being on stage and how to manipulate the dialogue into an interactive experience with yourself and your audience. All interest and ability levels are welcome. Let's have fun with an amazing collection of poems! **Instructor Shannon Morgan** was a theatre major in college, performing in several plays, and has taught drama to ages 5-12. Ms. Morgan currently teaches second grade at Claxton and is excited to share her love of acting with all ages.



All about Honeybees (Grades 3-5) Learn basics of honeybees! Explore the story of Claxton's observation hive and how it has been affected by Colony Collapse Disorder. Help plan and plant our new pollinator garden and prepare for Bee Day in the spring! **Instructors are Tricia Johnson and Amy Brown.** Tricia Johnson, a Claxton parent and second-generation beekeeper, obtained a BeeCause grant in 2016 with former Claxton Principal Dechant to install and maintain our observation hive in the media center. Amy Brown has been Claxton's media coordinator for the last three years and loves learning about bees along with our students. Ms. Brown coordinated efforts to build our pollinator garden in partnership with Asheville Greenworks, collaborated with other Claxton staff for our up-cycled garden art project, and organizes Bee Day each spring.



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THURSDAY



AMOS LEGO Exploration (Grades K-2) Take LEGOs beyond basic building! Students will use LEGOS to replicate the surface of Mars, to build a model rover, and to learn basic mathematics. **Instructors are Educators with the Asheville Museum of Science.**



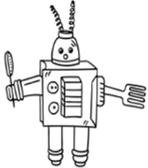
Meet with a Beat (Grades K-2) Students will enjoy music making with drums and various percussion instruments in group drumming activities. We will explore various ways to make rhythms in a drum circle format, including nursery rhyme rhythms, name games and other drumming games. We will explore some genuine west African rhythms and their cultural significance. **Instructor Brooks Butler** is in his 12th year of teaching Music at Claxton. He particularly enjoys leading group drumming as it is an engaging music making experience for students of all ages. Mr. Butler, a Western Carolina University alumni, also holds a Master's in Education from UT Knoxville, has a Level III certification in Orff music pedagogy, and has taken private instruction in West African drumming.



Drawing in Pen & Ink (Grades 3-5) Take your drawing skills to a higher level as we learn the basics of pen and ink drawing (with a bit of color added in) and create flowers, landscapes, magical and mythical creatures, buildings, and more. Go wherever your imagination takes you! If ever you've wanted to sharpen your drawing abilities, this is the class for you. **Instructor James Cassara** has more than 35 years of experience teaching art, 28 of which were at Claxton. He is a member of the North Carolina Landscape Painters Society and a working artist in a variety of mediums, including a passion for pen and ink illustration.



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Junk Drawer Robotics (Grades 3-5) "Junk Drawer Robotics" is a curriculum developed by the 4-H organization. Students build their own robotics projects using mostly common household materials. It's a great way to develop robotics knowledge and skills, and it's a whole lot of fun. **Instructor Jeff Hampton** is a former science, social studies, and special education teacher who has been tinkering with technology for nearly three decades. Hampton has coached an award-winning middle school robotics team and is the proud father of a Claxton 5th grader.