MAS AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT (ASE) PROGRAM - SPRING 2025

After-school enrichment at Milton is designed to provide children with enjoyable and educational experiences in the creative arts, sciences and athletics – all without leaving the building. Led by experienced teachers, many of whom are Milton faculty and trusted vendors, students engage, explore and experiment as they pursue their varied interests. Courses take place weekly and registration is based on a trimester schedule (fall, winter and spring). The program is run by a committee of parent volunteers who are always looking at new options, so no two trimesters ever look the same. The ASE program is the <u>PTO's biggest fundraiser</u>, helping to fund assemblies, field trips and other events and activities.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

- REGISTRATION ON COMMUNITY PASS: You may register for classes at <u>https://register.communitypass.net/chatham</u>. Your child is registered on a first-come, first-served basis. If a class is full, you will automatically be placed on the waitlist. If enrollment for a class is too low, the class may have to be canceled. Confirmation will be received via email upon completion of registration on Community Pass. See the ASE FAQs on page 8 for further details.
 - Registration begins Monday, March 17th at 8pm
 - Registration closes Monday, March 24th at 10pm
- **REFUNDS**: A full refund will only be given while registration is open. Refunds will not be offered for missed classes, canceled classes or withdrawals. A full refund will be given if the committee must cancel the class due to low enrollment BEFORE it begins.

 \star NO refund or transfers once the registration has closed.

★ NO refund or credit if a child is asked to leave the class (see Code of Conduct).

- **DISMISSAL:** All K-3 classes will run from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Preschool classes will run from 3:15 to 4:00pm. <u>Please pick up your child promptly and wait outside the front entrance for them to be dismissed</u>.
 - Please be aware of our three strike late pick up policy. The first late pick up is a warning. The second time, you will be fined \$50 per every 30 min started, payable to MAS PTO, and the third time your child will be withdrawn from the class with no refund.
 - Only those students who have parent authorization to walk home (as per the Daily Dismissal Authorization form) may do so. Work Family Connection students are dismissed into the gym.

• ATTENDANCE AND DISMISSAL CHANGES:

- If your child is not attending school, they are not permitted to attend ASE that day. If your child is attending school, but will not be attending their ASE class, kindly email your child's teacher AND the relevant ASE Coordinator by 10am that day on Monday, Branden Lowe (blowe@chatham-nj.org) and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Samantha Aquilina (saquilina@chatham-nj.org.). Attendance is taken for all classes and parents are notified of absences.
- DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL THE MAIN OFFICE ABOUT CHANGES IN ASE DISMISSAL. THESE CHANGES NEED TO BE DIRECTLY COMMUNICATED TO THE ASE COORDINATORS.
- **ASE COORDINATORS**: Please call the ASE Coordinators in the event of an emergency pick up change or late pick up.
 - o Monday: Brendan Lowe (973) 580-4025
 - o Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: Samantha Aquilina (631) 495-0976

- EARLY CLOSING / SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS: If school is closed for any reason, ASE classes for that day will also be canceled. If school is not canceled, but weather is a factor for ASE pick up, then ASE classes may be canceled. There will not be any make-up classes.
 - PLEASE NOTE: All ASE communications regarding class changes and cancellations will be done via email and/or text. PLEASE read your emails from MAS Enrichment so you and your children are informed of any schedule changes and your child is appropriately picked up at the end of the school day. Please be sure your email address and mobile phone is correct in Community Pass.
- **HEALTHCARE:** There is no school nurse on-site during ASE classes. Instead, there is an attendance monitor who is Epi-Pen certified.
 - For Food Classes: Peanuts and tree nut ingredients are prohibited however the class may take place in a room that is not "nut free". All allergies (no matter how minor) must be disclosed for any child taking a cooking class. If any information is not disclosed to the ASE staff, the child may be removed from the class and a refund will not be given.
- ADDITIONAL SUPPORT: If your child(ren) benefits from additional paraprofessional support during school hours and may require similar assistance in our after-school setting, we ask that you please let us know during the registration process. If a child's needs are not disclosed at registration and we find that additional support is required to maintain a constructive learning environment for all students, the PTO reserves the right to remove the child from the class in accordance with the Code of Conduct (see next bullet). This will help us plan effectively to support your child's learning and enjoyment. While the PTO has paraprofessional support available, we do ask that any associated costs for these additional resources be covered by parents or guardians.
- **CODE OF CONDUCT:** The Milton Avenue School Code of Conduct applies to all ASE classes. You can find the Code of Conduct in the Documents section on the Genesis Parent Portal.

Questions: MAS PTO ASE Committee at masenrichment@gmail.com

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5 sessions 4/14, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19	6 sessions 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/20, 5/27	6 sessions 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21	6 sessions 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/29
Ninja Training Grades K-3 Chris Calvaley	Dodgeball Grades K-3 Mr. V	Spring Craft Workshop Grades 1-3 Ms. Kim	Art Around the World Grades 2-3 Ms. Massa NEW!
Heartfelt Fashion Forward Grades 1-3 Warm Hearts Family NEW!	Cooking Fun Grades 1-3 Ms. Kim	Kids Can Code (Coding II) Grades 1-3 Mrs. Johnson	Creature Creator Robotics Grades K-3 Snapology NEW!
Junior Scientists Grades K-1 Horizons in Learning	Pokemon Training Club Grades 1-3 Ms. Vega	Spanish for Littles Grades K-2 Ms. Vega	Fun with Food Grades 1-3 Ms. Vega
Dance* Preschool Dance Innovations	Milton Mural Magic Grades 2-3 Mr. Hasegawa	Keyboarding (Piano Basics) Grades K-3 Music Path Company	Stage Stars Grades 2-3 Horizons in Learning

*Preschool classes are 45 minutes only (3:15-4pm)

Register <u>HERE</u>.

Please remember this is a PTO program run by parent volunteers.

MONDAY ENRICHMENT CLASSES Dates: 4/14, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 (5 sessions) 3:30-4:30pm*

Ninja Training (Grades K-3) \$160

Instructor: Chris Calvaley from FC Futbol

Maximum: 12

Unleash your inner ninja! This exciting and action-packed class is designed to combine physical fitness, agility training, and tons of fun! Kids will engage in challenging yet playful obstacle courses that test their balance, strength, and coordination, all while boosting their confidence and teamwork skills. This class is perfect for energetic kids who love to move and explore! Our instructor will guide kids through fun, interactive challenges and provide supportive feedback to help them reach their ninja potential. Classes will be held outdoors weather-permitting (otherwise, they will take place indoors).

Heartfelt Fashion Forward (Grades 1-3) \$160

Instructor: Ms. Kippy from Warm Hearts Family **Maximum**: 10

Calling all the Fashionistas! In Heartfelt Fashion Forward, students dive into the exciting world of fashion design and illustration! They'll learn to sketch fashion ideas, create superhero characters, and use fabrics to bring their designs to life in their sketchbooks. Alongside designing, students can express their creativity by drawing superhero figures and creating unique styles for their characters. The ASE class even includes a fun runway activity where students can showcase their creations in a mini "fashion show"!" This program is perfect for young designers to build confidence, imagination, and style!

Junior Scientists (Grades K-1) \$160

Instructor: Horizons in Learning

Maximum: 12

Get ready to dive into the Junior Scientists adventure, where every class is a new opportunity to explore and have fun with exciting hands-on experiments and activities! In this super cool class, you'll be a science explorer, discovering amazing things about the world around you. From bubbling chemistry potions and fun physics experiments to cool STEM projects and amazing biology discoveries, there's always something new and thrilling to learn. Each class is packed with giggles, experiments, and "wow" moments that will make you love science even more. So come on, little scientists—let's explore and experiment our way to adventure!

Dance (Preschool) \$150 *3:15-4pm

Instructor: Miss Cassidy from Dance Innovations **Maximum:** 12

Come join us for dance party fun - from Hip Hop to Ballet to Broadway Jazz to dance party crazes - this class is sure to get your heart pumping, your feet moving, and most important - your face smiling. The class will be taught by seasoned teacher Miss Cassidy from Dance Innovations with music tailored to fit the desires of the students, added props, solid dance basics...& lots of FUN!

TUESDAY ENRICHMENT CLASSES Dates: 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/20, 5/27 (6 sessions) 3:30-4:30pm

Dodgeball (Grades K-3) \$170

Instructor: Milton's own Mr. V

Maximum: 24

Grab life by the ball! Get ready for some action-packed fun after school with dodgeball and Mr. V. Students will have a blast as they learn all the rules and skills of this high-energy game. Dodgeball is a perfect way to get moving, build strength and burn off some energy. Along the way, students will also develop teamwork and communication skills and make friends.

Cooking Fun: Cool Creations (Grades 1-3) \$170

Instructor: Milton's own Ms. Kim

Maximum: 10

Hey kids, are you ready to whip up some tasty treats without turning on the stove or oven? Join us for a super fun cooking class where we'll make delicious and creative snacks using only our hands and cool kitchen tools! We'll mix, mash, and layer our way to tasty creations, all while exploring exciting flavors and textures. Our kitchen adventures will be full of laughter, learning, and of course, tasting! Get ready to become a no-heat culinary superstar as we make snack time the best part of the day. So put on your chef's hat, roll up your sleeves, and let's get cooking – cool style!

Pokemon Training Club: Gotta Catch 'Em All (Grades 1-3) \$170

Instructor: Milton's own Ms. Vega

Maximum: 15

Get ready to unleash your inner Pokémon Master in this exciting, fun-filled club! Join us at the Pokémon Training Club where you'll dive into the world of Pokémon the Card Game with tons of energy and enthusiasm. You'll learn how to play, battle, and strategize with other Pokémon fans while exploring the awesome STEAM magic behind the game. Discover how to build the ultimate deck, spot sneaky fake cards, and create your very own Pokedex. With friendly, non-competitive games and lots of hands-on fun, you'll bond with your peers and become a Pokémon pro in no time. Grab your Pokéballs and get ready to level up your game skills and Pokémon knowledge. Don't worry about trading cards—just bring your excitement and we'll supply all the cards you need for epic adventures!

Milton Mural Magic (Grades 2-3) \$170

Instructor: Milton's own Mr. Hasegawa

Maximum: 12

Join Mr. Hasegawa for epic mural-making magic right here at Milton! You'll team up with your friends to create a HUGE, amazing painting that will brighten up our walls for years to come! Put on your smocks (to keep those clothes splash-free) and dive into a world of creativity. Turn a big blank wall into a vibrant masterpiece while having a blast working together. This is your chance to be part of something truly special and leave your mark on Milton's walls. So grab your brushes and let's make some mural magic! *Students who have previously participated in Milton Mural Magic are asked to give new students an opportunity.*

WEDNESDAY ENRICHMENT CLASSES Dates: 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21 (6 sessions) 3:30-4:30pm

Spring Craft Workshop (Grades 1-3) \$170

Instructor: Milton's own Ms. Kim

Maximum: 10

Step into our spring craft workshop, where we will embrace the spring season through fun and imaginative crafts. In this engaging class, students will explore a variety of craft techniques such as origami (the Japanese art of paper folding) and jewelry making and create unique projects that celebrate spring.

Kids Can Code (Coding II) (Grades 1-3) \$170

Instructor: Milton's own Mrs. Johnson

Maximum: 12

Students who have previously taken Coding for Beginners are invited to level up and dive deeper into the world of computer science! Using Code.org's CS Fundamentals courses, students will continue to expand their coding knowledge through interactive games, fun challenges and hands-on activities. As they build more complex projects, they'll develop critical problem-solving and logical thinking skills—all while having a blast!

Spanish for Littles (Grades K-2) \$170

Instructor: Milton's own Ms. Vega

Maximum: 15

Learning Spanish has never been more fun! Learn Spanish through activities that include arts and crafts, fun games, music/movement lessons, storytelling, literacy lessons, and cultural activities. Themes are sequential with constant review of vocabulary to ensure mastery and with an emphasis on oral comprehension and speaking skills. This class incorporates auditory, visual, and kinesthetic learning styles. Spanish enrichment is a fun way to open the minds of children to other languages and cultures with the hopes that they become more aware of others as they mature.

Keyboarding: Piano Basics (Grades K-3) \$190

Instructor: Music Path Company

Maximum: 12

Learn to read music and play tunes! MusicStart® is a patented progressive music learning system that balances fun and development of skills. Using familiar songs, it teaches all the necessary basics to get started playing music. The MusicStart® Keyboard uses four instructive attachments that vary the challenge from color matching to letter matching to note matching and reading standard musical notation. MusicStart® is preparation for (or a supplement to) playing any instrument and teaches step-by-step problem solving.

THURSDAY ENRICHMENT CLASSES Dates: 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/29 (6 sessions) 3:30-4:30pm

Art Around the World (Grades 2-3) \$170

Instructor: Milton's own Ms. Massa

Maximum: 8

Young artists - explore the works of master artists! Each week, students will study the techniques and styles of renowned artists, gaining insight into their unique approaches to color, form, and expression. After diving into a master's world, students will then create their own original artwork, allowing them to incorporate what they've learned while adding their personal touch. This class encourages self-expression, artistic exploration, and appreciation for art history, as students discover their own styles and develop confidence in their creative abilities. Come ready to paint, draw, and innovate as you transform inspiration into stunning works of art!

Creature Creator Robotics (Grades K-3) \$190

Instructor: Snapology

Maximum: 16

Discover the wild side of robotics in Creature Creator Robotics! This immersive program invites your young innovator to blend their love for animals with cutting-edge technology by designing, building, and programming their very own animal-inspired robotic creations. As students construct everything from agile insects to majestic dolphins and powerful gorillas, they will explore key concepts such as gear ratios, sensor technology, simple machines, and basic programming. With hands-on challenges and creative problem-solving at every turn, your child will not only learn valuable STEM skills but also unleash their imagination in a fun, engaging, and collaborative environment.

Fun with Food (Grades 1-3) \$170

Instructor: Milton's own Ms. Vega

Maximum: 10

Get ready for a yummy adventure in our Fun with Food class, where we'll have a blast without even cooking! You'll dive into hands-on activities like making colorful fruit kabobs, crafting veggie creatures, and creating amazing food art. Along the way, you'll learn all about kitchen tools, healthy ingredients, and how to follow fun recipes. This class is all about using your creativity to explore good nutrition, try out new flavors, and develop cool skills. Whether you're decorating your own snack or discovering new foods, every session is packed with fun, learning, and tasty treats. So put on your chef's hat and let's get crafting with food!

Stage Stars (Grades 2-3) \$190

Instructor: Horizons in Learning

Maximum: 15

Get ready to step into the spotlight with Stage Stars—a super fun and exciting class where you'll have the chance to perform and shine like never before! In this awesome class, you'll dive into interactive theater games and exciting scripts that let your imagination run wild. Whether you're acting out silly scenes, creating your own characters, or just having a blast on stage, you'll discover what it's like to be a real performer. Get ready to laugh, play, and show off your unique talents. With each session full of fun and creativity, you'll build confidence and make new friends who love performing just as much as you do. So grab your courage and come join the fun—it's time to be a Stage Star!

ASE FAQs

1. How do I register?

You may register for classes at <u>https://register.communitypass.net/chatham</u> from Monday, March 17th at 8pm until Monday, March 24th at 10pm. If you are new to the system, you will need to create a profile. Simply click "Create an Account" and follow the steps. Creation of a profile is required to be able to register and the grade must be accurate for registration. If you encounter any problems during the registration process, email **masenrichment@gmail.com**.

2. Should I put my child on the waitlist if a class is filled?

Yes! There is some movement after registration closes and spots may open.

3. Why are some classes canceled?

A class may be canceled if enrollment is too low and does not meet the minimum to run the class. If this happens, you will be refunded and given the chance to select another ASE class that is available.

4. Why are certain classes offered to only certain grades?

Since there is a significant developmental difference between a kindergartner and a third grader, instructors decide the grade levels that would benefit most from the class curriculum.

5. If my child does Work Family Connections (WFC), can they participate in Enrichment? Yes, students who are enrolled in WFC can still participate in an ASE class. Please make sure to note their WFC status during registration for ASE. Students will be brought directly to their normal WFC location following the conclusion of ASE unless otherwise notified by the parents ahead of time.

6. How does my child get to his/her enrichment class?

Your child's teacher will dismiss children taking ASE to the gym where they line up by class. The ASE Coordinator takes attendance, and then they are taken to the assigned classroom. It is important to update Community Pass with your child's grade and teacher so class lists are accurate.

7. What should I do if I am not sure a class will be in session?

Check the website calendar or your confirmation. Check your e-mail in the event of weather or other emergency cancellations. Please try to avoid calling the school.

8. What should I do if my child is sick and cannot go to school and/or enrichment? In addition to reporting your child's absence to the school, please also e-mail your child's teacher <u>AND</u> the ASE Coordinators (<u>blowe@chatham-nj.org</u>; <u>saquilina@chatham-nj.org</u>) by 10am that day. Note that we will not be able to issue a refund for missed classes.

9. Can I add information or change who is allowed to pick up my child?

Your child will ONLY be dismissed to AUTHORIZED ADULTS. Please be sure all possible guardians/caretakers are listed as Alternate Pickups in Community Pass. Note that emergency contacts in Gensis are *not* used for ASE dismissal.