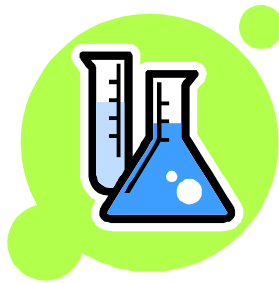


Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley

After School Fun Catalog Fall 2008



**Registration
deadline: August
27th, 2008**

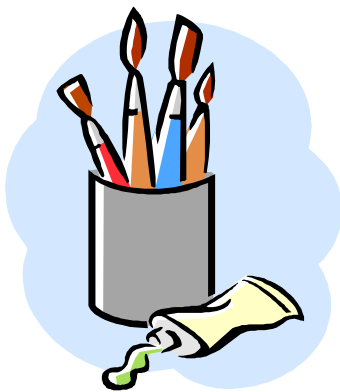


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General Information

Where and when: Activities meet after school, approximately 3:45-4:45 P.M. **Please send a snack with your child (there will be a snack period from 3:30 to 3:45 P.M.).** Carpool students should be picked up promptly after their activity. Aftercare students will be sent to Aftercare after their activity.

To Register: Please fill out the “After School Fun Registration” form on pages 13-14 of this catalog and make your check payable to SSDS PTA. Send to the SSDS Office, Attn: After School Fun.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 27th, 2008

Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Tora Dojo Grades 1-8	“All Sports” with Mr. Z Grades K-5	Israeli Dance Grades 1-3	Cooking with Morah Ricki Grades K-3
NYSC “IGNITE” Fitness class Grades 2-5	Art Studio Grades 3-6	Arts & Crafts Grades K-1	Rovers Soccer Grades K-4
Beginning Guitar Grades 6-8	Footlights Drama** Grades K-2		
Footlights Drama** Grades 3-5			
Mad Science Grades K-4			

** *FOOTLIGHTS DRAMA WORKSHOP* meets from 3:45 to 5:15 P.M., and has a separate registration and payment process (see pages 15-18 of this catalog). Please **do not** use the “After School Fun Registration” form to sign up for Footlights Drama Workshop.

Instructions and Policies

1. After School Fun is a PTA fundraiser. Proceeds benefit our children and the School; therefore, refund checks will not be issued for cancelled class sessions or illness. We will make every effort to reschedule if inclement weather forces a cancellation.
2. **Volunteer, and we will register your child for free!** After School Fun is run by the PTA and depends on volunteers to help make sure your children go to the correct place after each class and to otherwise ensure that the classes run smoothly. Please volunteer to be the Parent-in-Charge for one weekday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) for the entire semester. You will be asked to “look in” periodically on each activity scheduled for that day, to provide ice or bandages if a child is injured, to call a child’s parent if necessary, and to monitor children leaving activities to use the bathroom. **As a Parent-in-Charge, you are entitled to enroll your child in one activity of your choice, at no charge.** Please call Ron Goldstein, 732-821-8298, for more information. (Note: Free classes do not include “Beginning Guitar.”)
3. As enrollment is limited, registration will be on a first-come, first served basis.
4. In the event a program does not achieve the minimum enrollment, your check will be returned. If space is still available, you will be encouraged to select an alternate program.
5. If a child wishes to drop a class after the first meeting, a full refund will be issued. However, you must notify us (by e-mail to ronaldbgoldstein@hotmail.com) before the second class meeting. After that, no refunds will be issued.
6. “Trying out” a class is not permitted. Full payment must be made before a child can begin a class.
7. Confirmation of enrollment and any future announcements will be by e-mail, so an e-mail address must be included with the enrollment form.
8. All forms must include information regarding where the child will go after the activity. Any changes must be reported to the School Office by the morning of the particular class. All forms must also include emergency contact information. If a child is not picked up by 4:55 P.M., the child will be sent to Aftercare, and the parents will be charged a fee by Aftercare.

Monday Activities



Tora Dojo

Grades 1-8

Dates: 9/8 - 12/15

3:45-4:45 P.M.

Cost: \$144 for 12 weeks



Sensei Gene White is back! The Tora Dojo Martial Arts Association (TDA) teaches a mixture of Japanese and Chinese Martial Arts, and is taught only in Jewish schools and community centers. To learn more, check out www.toradojo.co.il or call Sensei White at 732-381-2365. TDA has a traditional grading system from White to Black Belt, but emphasizes effort and quality of technique, not promotion through the belt system. Uniforms not required. Additional fees for Belt Test.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. Isn't martial arts training at odds with traditional Jewish values?

A. Preparation for defense and avoidance of unnecessary conflict are principles that have been part of Jewish tradition from before the time of the Maccabees down to the current philosophy of the Israel Defense Forces 'Tzahal'.

Q. My child is rather shy and unassertive. Will martial arts be overwhelming and therefore make it too difficult to achieve any success?

A. We realize that each child participates at his or her own level of ability and that each new achievement is the foundation for further growth and increased confidence.

Q. What is Jewish about White Tiger Jewish Martial Arts?

A. We teach how sanctity of life and working out a balance between the physical, intellectual and spiritual are Jewish values. Our heroes are people like Rabbi Akiva and King David rather than contemporary media figures. We operate on a Jewish calendar so our activities never conflict with Shabbat or other holidays. And we teach in synagogues and other Jewish locations because our values and goals are consistent with and a part of Jewish life and survival.

Q. My child is rather wild and unfocused. Won't martial arts training encourage and exacerbate this behavior?

A. White Tiger Jewish Martial Arts helps channel the child's energy into a coordinated activity which rewards self-control not only with promotions but also with improved self-esteem that comes from mastering techniques.

Q. I find martial arts movies, television shows and computer games very offensive and unrealistic. Won't enrolling my child in a martial arts class bring this violence from the media into my home?

A. Unrealistic is the key word here; White Tiger Jewish Martial Arts teaches real-world, defensive actions that are not to be confused with fantasy and are intended to minimize mayhem.

Monday Activities (cont.)



NYSC "IGNITE" Fitness

Grades 2–5

Dates: 9/15 - 12/8

3:45-4:45 P.M.

Cost: \$150 for 10 weeks

New York Sports Club proudly presents IGNITE! IGNITE is a conditioning program that incorporates fun and game play, with a focus on good fitness habits and proper techniques. The goal is to get the students excited about training and to give them the tools they need to develop a healthy lifestyle, while they improve their athletic ability. The program is designed to build strength, stamina, balance, flexibility, agility and coordination – all as part of a fun workout.

IGNITE is led by Michael Carroll, who has over 12 years of experience in the fitness and sports training industry, and is certified and experienced in working with kids and young athletes.

Beginning Guitar

Grades 6–8

Dates: 9/8 - 12/15

3:45-4:45 P.M.

Cost: \$264 for 12 weeks (includes sheet music and charts)

Guitar Rental: \$38.00 (or student can bring his/her own acoustic guitar)

Guitar Tuner: \$25.00 (if student does not already have a tuner or piano, he/she will need a tuner)



This class is a great way to get started on playing the guitar. Learn to play notes, basic chords and simple tunes and you're on your way to playing your favorite songs!

Instructor: David Rattner

Mr. Rattner is an experienced music teacher and performer on multiple instruments. He received his Bachelor's Degree in music education from the Mason Gross School of the Arts and has been teaching middle school band and marching band for 6 years. Mr. Rattner is currently the band director at Applegarth Middle School in Monroe. He has been teaching private guitar, piano and brass instruments at the Academy of Music on Main Street (Spotswood) for 7 years.

Monday Activities (cont.)

Footlights Drama

Grades 3-5 ("B" Group)

Dates: 9/15 - 12/8

3:45-5:15 P.M.

Cost: \$180 for 10 weeks

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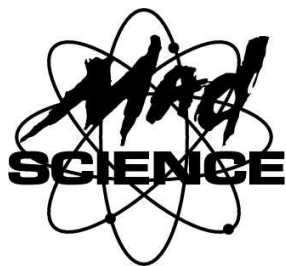
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FOOTLIGHTS is a fresh new approach, which provides young people with the environment and opportunity to develop an appreciation of others as well as a better understanding of themselves. Youngsters apply these skills in all situations, on stage, in the classroom and in social situations.



See Footlights' special information and registration procedures at pages 15-18 of this catalog.

Monday Activities (cont.)



Mad Science

Grades K-4

Dates: 10/27 - 12/15

3:45-4:45 P.M.

Cost: \$108 for 8 weeks



***** ALL NEW PROGRAM FOR THE FALL!*****

Bugs!

Welcome to the realm of insects. Learn about their fabulous flying abilities, their unique eyesight, and the way that they defend themselves against predators. See how camouflage works and investigate how bugs can be helpful to our environment. Explore what characteristics insects have and create grasshoppers that really jump!

Kitchen Chemistry

Cooking is all about chemistry! Students will be introduced to the virtual laboratory we call a kitchen in a novel and practical application of science! Dinnertime will never be the same....



Detective Science

Step into the role of a detective and discover how forensic science plays a central role in solving crimes. Create and analyze fingerprints, examine dental records, make teeth impressions and discover how written materials can be analyzed to help solve a crime. Find out if you would make a good witness when your observation skills are put to the test and take home an identification kit to record your fingerprints and other vital information.

Mad Science Machines

Peek into a class to watch elementary-age engineers hard at work with pulleys and levers. They will design, problem-solve, and have a whole lot of fun! Students will even take home a cool Mad Science Machine that they build themselves!

Science of Toys

Did you know that some of your favorite toys work using basic science principles? Use bouncing balls, yo-yos and other classic toys to discover the science of motion through fun hands-on activities. Find out how vector toys and string things work and how fun they can be.

Walloping Weather

Welcome to the wild world of weather! Investigate why it rains, what causes lightning and even how weather can be predicted via a science called meteorology. Step into the shoes of a meteorologist and create some of your own regional weather forecasts. Create your own "weather" with Mad Science thunderbolts.

Earthworks

Find out that the earth beneath your feet is more than meets the eye in this introductory program on earth science. Discover what the Earth is composed of and how various forces combine to create rocks and minerals. Uncover the forces that create earthquakes, the natural faults in the Earth's crust and even how mountains are formed. See minerals fluoresce before your very eyes and take home beads that do the same.

Movie Effects

Grab your popcorn but don't sit back...we're going to learn first-hand how advances in science and technology make our favorite special effects possible! Children will take home a movie-style prop they've made themselves! It's Einstein meets Spielberg in a class of 3..2..1... action!

Tuesday Activities

“All Sports” with Mr. Z

Grades K-5

Dates: 9/9 - 12/16

3:45-4:45 P.M.

Cost: \$144 for 12 weeks

Get ready for some action! Under the supervision and instruction of Coach Louis Zimmerman (“Mr. Z”), students will get together and play a different sport every week, such as indoor football, hockey, basketball, safety baseball, dodgeball, parachute games, beach volleyball, relay races and Frisbee. The program emphasizes skills, fun and physical conditioning, while teaching derech erez and sportsmanship.



Mr. Z has a Master of Arts in Teaching. He has taught gym and supervised athletics at a number of well-known schools and summer camps. He is a 13-time World Maccabi Medalist, as well as the winner of several triathlon competitions in New York and New Jersey. Mr. Z was inducted into the New Jersey Shore Athletic Club Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.



Art Studio

Grades 3-6

Dates: 9/9 - 12/16

3:45-4:45 P.M.

Cost: \$144 for 12 weeks (includes material cost)

In this fun class, aspiring artists will learn the basics of several art media, including: painting, watercolors, sculpture, and drawing. Activities will be designed to stimulate students' creative thinking, promote interpersonal and cooperation skills, and build self-esteem through art making. The instructor is Melania Atzori of the Highland Park Academy of Art.

Tuesday Activities (cont.)



Footlights Drama

Grades K-2 ("A" Group)

Dates: 9/16 - 12/9

3:45-5:15 P.M.

Cost: \$180 for 10 weeks

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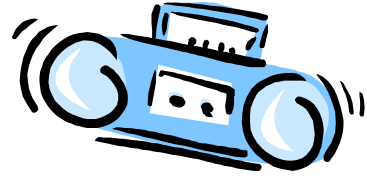
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Wednesday
Activities

**Israeli Dance
With Morah Vera**

Grades 1-3
Dates: 9/10 - 12/17
3:45-4:45 P.M.
Cost: \$108 for 9 weeks



Calling all dancers! Get a great workout and have a blast dancing to the beat of popular Israeli tunes. Taught by our very own, wonderful Morah Vera.

Registration for this class will be limited, and will be “first-come-first-served.”

Arts & Crafts with Morah Ricki

Grades K-1
Dates: 9/10-12/17
3:45-4:45 P.M.
Cost: \$117 for 9 weeks



This fun and creative activity will be led by our own Morah Ricki. While creating works of art, the children also will be learning and practicing the Hebrew language in a relaxed setting. Our young creators will take home a variety of projects, from mezuzot to challah covers to mouse pads and many more colorful, imaginative Jewish crafts!!!

Thursday Activities



Cooking With Morah Ricki

Grades K-3

Dates: 9/11 - 12/11

3:45-4:45 P.M.

Cost: \$144 for 12 weeks

Enjoy mixing, measuring, rolling and kneading with friends and Morah Ricki. Bring home samples and recipes to share with the family. Past recipes included breadsticks, swirl cookies, Borekas, and apple turnovers.



Soccer

Grades K-4

Dates: 9/11-12/11

3:45-4:45 P.M.

Cost: \$144 for 12 weeks

SOCCER by ROVERS is back!!! Learn soccer fundamentals, play scrimmages and small-sided games and have lots of fun in our very own gym! In nice weather there is the possibility that classes will be held outside. Children will be in age-matched groups for competitive balance. This activity will be run personally by Spencer Rockman, the founder of Rovers Soccer and one of New Jersey's premier soccer instructors.

After School Fun Registration*

Please circle the chosen activity or activities:

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NYSC "IGNITE" Fitness Grades 2-5 \$150	Art Studio Grades 3-6 \$144	Arts & Crafts Grades K-1 \$117	Rovers Soccer Grades K-4 \$144
Beginning Guitar Grades 6-8 \$264			
Mad Science Grades K-4 \$108			

*Please use the form provided on page 17 to sign up for the Footlights Drama Workshops.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____
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Name of Student: _____

Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

DEADLINE AUGUST 27TH, 2008
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Form continues on page 14

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Transportation:

Carpool

Person to pick up child: _____

Aftercare

Emergency Contact

1) Name: _____

Number: _____

2) Name: _____

Number: _____

Please make checks payable to SSDS PTA.

Send to School Office

(Attn: After School Fun)



Parents-in-Charge

I _____ would like to be a Parent-in-Charge on _____ day.
[please print name]

FOOTLIGHTS



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Fall 2008 semester of an exciting 28th year of **FOOTLIGHTS DRAMA WORKSHOP**.

For the second year, we are delighted to announce our affiliation with Solomon Schechter Day School.

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Staff Biographies

Bobbi Blumenthal

For the past 30 years, Bobbi has worked with young people of all ages and is the founder and director of **FOOTLIGHTS DRAMA WORKSHOP**. She has produced and directed plays at Rutgers University, the East Brunswick Jewish Center, East Brunswick High School Arts Festival, Frost Elementary School and the Highland Park Temple. In addition, she has been Drama Director in local day camps (Pine Grove, Lake-Vu) from 1980-88. Bobbi has conducted workshops for Middlesex and Monmouth County Teen Arts Festivals, North Brunswick Board of Education, Play Schools Inc. in New York, Creative Theater Unlimited and has been an Artist in Residence in Lawrenceville Elementary schools and Solomon Schechter Day School. She has also recently conducted cultural diversity workshops for the Sayreville and Union County schools systems. Currently, Bobbi is on the faculty of Arts High School, Edison, Moishe Aaron Yeshiva High School and has directed plays for The Mighty Oak Players, Clearbrook and Regency at Monroe. Bobbi holds a B.A. in Theater Arts from Douglass College, Rutgers University.

Janet Berkowitz

Janet returns for her fifteenth year with **FOOTLIGHTS**. She has been a mime for 23 years and has taught creative drama for 19 years. She studied psychology at Clark University and theater at Mason Gross School of the Arts. Janet taught at Creative Theater of Princeton and was the drama specialist at High Road School for special children. She has designed and implemented creative arts programs for nursery, elementary and high school students. Janet is an associate faculty member of Arts High School in Edison. She has performed as a mime throughout New Jersey and New York and has also worked with Shoe String Players of Rutgers University.

We also plan to have a student teacher assisting the workshop instructor.

(Footlights cont.)

CLASSES

Exciting new plans are being developed to make this year interesting, challenging and fun for your children. To acquaint you with some of our new plans, we have prepared this synopsis of our 2008-2009 goals. All of these goals are based on expanding techniques developed in previous years. There must, of course, be a certain amount of review but then on to new and exciting vehicles for growth. Please be assured that new students will have no problems adjusting to the classes.

"A" Group – (Grades K-2) - Tuesday 3:45-5:15*

The "A" group's curriculum will include improvisation, pantomime and character building and general theater appreciation. They will learn prop-handling, make-up application (usually done near Purim) and simple creative play-making. They will also learn how to constructively evaluate their own and each other's work. All of this will build upon any previous drama experience and excite newcomers.

"B" Group – (Grades 3-5) – Monday 3:45-5:15*

The "B" group moves into challenging improvisation, elementary scene study, simple character analysis and memorization skills. This is in addition to prop-handling, make-up application (usually done around Purim) and general theater appreciation. They will also be introduced to advanced creative play-making, musical theater and will learn how to constructively evaluate their own and each other's work.

*Please note: If your child attends SSDS, Janet will meet them at the gym by 3:30 and Footlights will supply snack and beverage until the 3:45 drama workshop begins.

FOOTLIGHTS
REGISTRATION FORM



NAME OF CHILD _____

BIRTH DATE _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

“A” Group (Grades K-2) - Tuesday 3:45pm-5:15pm (at E.B.J.C.)

“B” Group (Grades 3-5) - Monday 3:45pm-5:15pm (at E.B.J.C.)

I hereby give my child _____ permission to participate in all the activities and/or trips related to **FOOTLIGHTS DRAMA WORKSHOP at SSDS.**

Signed _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

DISMISSAL PLANS- Please fill these in carefully

Please note whether your child will be in After-Care or will be picked up after class. _____

Who will be designated to pick up your child?

Please make checks payable to Bobbi Blumenthal

Mail checks to: Bobbi Blumenthal
15 Chalmers Road
East Brunswick, NJ 08816-4101

FOOTLIGHTS at SSDS
SCHEDULE

Fall Semester 2008

FOOTLIGHTS classes will be held as per the following schedule:

	Group "A" 3:45-5:15PM <u>Tuesday</u>	Group "B" 3:45-5:15PM <u>Monday</u>
SEPTEMBER	16 23	15 22
OCTOBER	7 -- -- 28	6 -- -- 27
NOVEMBER	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24
DECEMBER	2 9	1 8

Please note - All cancellations, due to snow, will follow SSDS policy, EBJC policy and EB Public School policy, unless otherwise notified by Janet or Bobbi.

In order for your child to get the maximum benefit from these workshops, class size will be limited to **14** in the "A" Group and **14** in the "B" Group.

Registration for the FALL SEMESTER is now through August 26, 2008. The workshops will consist of Ten (10) class sessions. Each class lasts one and one half hours. Fees for siblings enrolling in **FOOTLIGHTS** are as follows:

One child.....\$180.00
Two children.....\$300.00