

FALL 2012 Grades K-8

**Saturday Mornings
October–December**

LANGUAGE ARTS

Stories in Motion
Creative Writing Workshop:
From Stones to Stories
Happy Hunger Games!

CULINARY ARTS

Learn to Make Pasta
Halloween Cuisine
Create Carnival Food
Bread, Butter and Jams
Gluten-Free is For Me!
Cooking Asian Cuisine
Holiday Cookie Extravaganza

MATH

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SCIENCE

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TECHNOLOGY

Tech Tool Time: Web Design,
Computer Animation & More
Video Production & Screen Writing Workshop
Digital Photography & Editing
Computer Animation
Computer Game Design

ART

Art with Dr. Seuss
Art with Beatrix Potter
Art with Where the Wild Things Are
Art in the Round: Sculpture Workshop

October				
Grades	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
K-2	No Classes Columbus Day Weekend	Art with Dr. Seuss	Art with Beatrix Potter	Math in Motion! #1 Art with Where the Wild Things Are!
3-5	No Classes Columbus Day Weekend	Struggling to Survive (Grades 2-4) Delicious Math: Fractions & Percentages	Tech Tool Time: Web Design, Computer Animation & more	Spiders, Scorpions & Centipedes! (Grades 2-4) Art in the Round: Sculpture Workshop
5-8	No Classes Columbus Day Weekend	Happy Hunger Games! Video Production & Screen Writing: Part 1	Learn to Make Pasta! Video Production & Screen Writing: Part 2	Halloween Cuisine! Video Production & Screen Writing: Part 3
November				
Grades	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
K-2	Math in Motion! #2: Exploring Algebra Little Scientists!	Stories in Motion	Spectacular Seussical Math	No Classes Thanksgiving Weekend
3-5	Explore the World of Dinosaurs and Fossils	All Charged Up: Electrifying Science	Creative Writing Workshop: From Stones to Stories	No Classes Thanksgiving Weekend
6-8	Digital Photography & Editing Carnival Food! (Grades 5-8)	Computer Animation	Bread, Butter and Jams! (Grades 5-8)	No Classes Thanksgiving Weekend
December				
Grades	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22
K-2				
3-5			Holiday Cookie Extravaganza (Section A)	
6-8	Computer Game Design: Part 1 Gluten-Free is For Me! *Gluten-Free	Computer Game Design: Part 2 Create Asian Cuisine! *Gluten-Free		Holiday Cookie Extravaganza (Section B)

A LETTER FROM THE COORDINATOR

Dear Excursions in Learning Students & Families,

We are so excited to be offering fall enrichment classes once again! This fall we have thirty-one classes for students in kindergarten through eighth grades! Nineteen of these classes are brand new to Excursions in Learning!

Come learn to make pasta, create holiday cookies to share or create your own fresh bread and herb butter to bring to your family's Thanksgiving table! Learn all about animals' struggle to survive or explore the world of dinosaurs! Become a scientist for a day in "Little Scientists"! Challenge your Mathematics skills through movement and imagination in "Math in Motion"! Create sculptures in "Art in the Round" or strengthen your technology skills in "Tech Tool Time". Does your child love to read and create works of art? Come discover some of our most unforgettable, classic works of children's literature such as *Where the Wild Things Are* and create themed art projects from the story to cherish forever.

Whether your child is interested in Language Arts, Science, Math, Art, Technology, or Culinary Arts there is something interesting for them to investigate!

Come join us for a wonderful autumn full of learning adventures!



Carleigh Cappetta
Coordinator of Excursions in Learning



The mission of Excursions in Learning is to provide unique enrichment opportunities to gifted, high achieving and highly motivated students in elementary and middle school grades.

WHO: Students in grades K-8

DATES: Saturdays, October through December, 2012

TIMES: Academic enrichment classes: 9 a.m.-12 noon, Culinary Arts enrichment classes: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

TUITION: 1 session academic classes: \$40 / 3 session academic classes: \$100 / culinary arts classes: \$70

REGISTRATION: Registration is open on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be received at time of registration. Registration can be faxed, scanned and emailed, or mailed via USPS. Parents will receive official confirmation of class placement and room locations via **email only**.

REFUND POLICY: All refund requests must be written and either emailed to ccappetta@mcc.commnet.edu or mailed (see address on Registration Form).

REFUND REQUEST DEADLINES:

10/5/12 for all October classes	NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER THESE DATES.
11/5/12 for all November classes	
12/3/12 for all December classes	

Cancellations due to extreme circumstances after the refund deadline will follow the refund policy of MCC's Continuing Education programs, found at: www.mcc.commnet.edu/students/depot/Refund-Policy-and-Refund-Appeal-Form.pdf

CANCELLATIONS: MCC reserves the right to cancel or postpone a class and/or substitute instructors as needed due to unforeseen circumstances. If MCC cancels a class, registrants may transfer their fees to another class for the same semester, or receive a full refund. Registrants will be notified by phone or email if a class is cancelled.

POSTPONEMENTS & MAKE-UPS: Classes postponed by the instructor's request or extreme weather conditions will be made up on Saturday, December 1, 2012. Even if you have the slightest doubt, please check our website www.mcc.commnet.edu or call the college hotline at 860-512-3004. If the MCC campus is closed or classes cancelled, all Excursions classes for that day and time are also cancelled and will be rescheduled on the make-up day, 12/1/12.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS: Excursions students are expected to be kind and respectful, to always try their best, and to follow instructions. Our goal is to provide a safe, encouraging and nurturing learning environment for children to explore their academic and artistic passions.

Primary Grades:

Art with Dr. Seuss (Grades K-2)

The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss is a tale about the privileged few with stars "upon thars," and the no-account "plain bellies." Children will love hearing again this classic tale and responding to its timeless message about acceptance and bullying. Students will create watercolor stars to wear as their costumes in several dramatic renditions from this beloved story. In addition, each child will make a bean-bag star to use in several outdoor (weather permitting) games of ring-toss, tic-tac-toe, and more. Additional selections from Dr. Seuss's children's library will complete this fall adventure class! Students will create many art projects to take home!

CRN #31700 1 session, Saturday, 10/13, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP139**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Amy Burris**

Struggle to Survive (Grades 2-4)

How do the animals of the forest, field and meadow survive the darkness and chill of winter? Remarkably, they use the same strategies as humans. But do wolves have a recipe for chicken soup? Do mice use an electric blanket? Do ducks have foot warmers? You bet they do, in their own way! From winter vacations to animal migrations, we'll compare and contrast the world of beasts with that of humans. You'll even construct a winter dwelling to accommodate the needs of a special animal.

CRN #31832 1 Saturday, 10/13, 9 a.m.-noon **MCC Bldg. LRC B214** Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Winthrop Ford**

Art with Beatrix Potter (Grades K-2)

The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies by Beatrix Potter is a classic loved by generations. Children who love to read will love to read again this charming story of Benjamin and Flopsy Bunny and their large and mischievous family. After reading, we will explore the MCC campus garden to see some of the plants that inspired the bunnies' many adventures. Back in class, each child will make his or her very own Chinese Flutter Book, filled with bunnies and other garden visitors. We will use ribbons, rice paper, watercolors and colored pencils to create a beautiful book to treasure.

CRN #31702 1 session, Saturday, 10/20, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP139**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Amy Burris**

Art with *Where the Wild Things Are* (Grades K-2)

Over the ocean and into the forest is where Max finds himself after being a "wild" boy. In a tribute to this wonderful writer and beautiful illustrator, *Where the Wild Things Are* is the focal point for this fall Excursions class. After reading this adventure book, children will have the opportunity to create a "wild" mask of their own with paints, feathers, teeth and "terrible" eyes. In a rumpus, they'll encounter other "wild" creatures in their class. Weather permitting; some of the rumpus will be "in the forest." A peaceful watercolor painting of sailing home will complete our visit to Sendak's much-read story of Max and his adventures.

CRN #31703 1 session, Saturday, 10/27, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP139**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Amy Burris**

Math in Motion #1: Decoding Word Problems (Grades 1-2)

Students will partake in an on-your-feet, in-your-body experience of MATH! We won't be using pencils and paper to figure out math problems, but physicalizing the concept of place value using our own bodies as the placeholders. Students will each choose a numeric character and create a situation (often referred to as a "word problem") where his or her "Six" or "Nine" needs the number zero! Together we will tell our own version of the Reader's Theatre script "Don't Forget Zero!" and conclude with our own rendition of "Zero, My Hero" from Schoolhouse Rock, Live! CT State Curriculum Standards: Mathematics Grades 1 & 2: Numbers & Operations in Base Ten: Understanding Place Value.

CRN #31704 1 session, Saturday, 10/27, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP142**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Ayla Kapiloff**

Math in Motion #2: Exploring Algebra (Grades 1-2)

Each student will receive a script of the story *Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys and Their Monkey Business* by Esphyr Slobodkina. Except in this script version of the story, the Peddler needs the monkeys' help to count his hats, which miraculously keep disappearing and reappearing (much to the monkeys' amusement!) Full of addition and subtraction problems, the script will have students memorizing these math facts (and their lines!) in no time, all while monkeying around! CT State Curriculum Standards: Mathematics Grades 1 & 2: Operations & Algebraic Thinking: Add and Subtract within 20.

CRN #31706 1 session, Saturday, 11/3, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP138**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Ayla Kapiloff**

Explore the World of Dinosaurs and Fossils (Grades 1-3)

Six hundred million years! That's how long plants and animals have been living on earth. How do scientists learn about life that occurred so long ago? Become a paleontologist as we study real fossils and make some pretend ones. We'll find out about some of these fantastic creatures—some huge and scary, some strange, but all interesting!

CRN #31714 1 session, Saturday, 11/3, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP139**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Susan Harrington**

Little Scientists (Grades K-2)

Calling all scientists! Get your lab coats and safety glasses ready! If you love science and want to see what it feels like to be a scientist then this class is for you! We will make invisible ink, make old pennies look new again, and create our very own volcanic eruption! Get ready to investigate, test and explore science in a messy, hands-on approach to learning!

CRN #31713 1 session, Saturday, 11/3, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP136**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Samantha Cyr**

Stories in Motion (Grades K-2)

This is not your typical Language Arts class! In this class, students will use creative movement exercises to explore the deep lessons and concepts in the story: *Zen Shorts* by Jon J. Muth. In this poignant children's book, Stillwater the Panda explains many of life's most intriguing questions through wise stories. Through the guidance of storyteller and teaching artist, Ayla Kapiloff, students will awaken their creativity and re-tell these stories through drama and movement. Students will become an ensemble of story tellers in a Circle Story activity. They will find and develop these characters with a Memory Walk. Ms. Kapiloff will also lead students through thought-provoking activities that emphasize the main character's change over time and the lessons learned. Finally, students will use the skills learned to tell our own "Stillwater Story" for their families and guests!

CRN #31701 1 session, Saturday, 11/10, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP138**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Ayla Kapiloff**

Spectacular Seussical Math (Grades K-1)

Let's go on a whimsical Mathematic journey through Dr. Seuss' most loved books! We will read *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* and create and analyze bar graphs. *The Foot Book* will inspire us to measure our surroundings with nonstandard units of measure. Then we'll read *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* and practice our culinary measuring skills to create Oobleck! We will explore patterns to make a *Cat in the Hat* hat and even have a "fishy" snack! Get ready for a Seussically-fun (and maybe even messy!) day with Dr. Seuss and Math!

CRN #31705 1 session, Saturday, 11/17, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP136**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Jillian Frederick**

Elementary Grades

Struggle to Survive (Grades 2-4)

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CRN #31832 1 Saturday, 10/13, 9 a.m.-noon **MCC Bldg. LRC B214** Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Winthrop Ford**

Delicious Math: Fractions & Percentages (Grades 3-5)

Let's explore all kinds of Math concepts with food! We will create a bar graph of a small bag of Fruit Loops, calculate the fraction of each color Fruit Loops and figure out the percentages of each color in each child's bag. We will also determine the probability of pulling out a certain color. We will also practice our fraction skills by making a small snack using measuring cups. Get ready to dish up a big, delicious helping of Delicious Math!

CRN #31712 1 session, Saturday, 10/13, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP142**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Jillian Frederick**

Tech Tool Time: Web Design, Computer Animation & more! (Grades 3-5)

Love computers? Come explore online using Web 2.0 tools. In this course, we will sample internet sites that let you be creative! We will have fun exploring the latest new ways to express ourselves on the web such as making online posters, animating a story, or creating a wiki/webpage. Internet tools change daily so the actual tech tools we use will be decided just before the start of the class. Be on the cutting edge of technology and join Mini Tech Tools.

CRN #31710 1 session, Saturday, 10/20, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. LRC B219**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Linda Marchisio**

Spiders, Scorpions & Centipedes! (Grades 3-5)

Oh what a tangled web! Explore the incredible world of spiders, scorpions and centipedes. Discover how webs are spun and the many uses for spider's silk. How do legs become fangs? What is the shocking story of the real Miss Muffet? Learn why scorpions must dance. Meet a centipede that eats bats. Spin your own web and create the creature that lives on it!

CRN #31716 1 session, Saturday, 10/27 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP214**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Winthrop Ford**

Art in the Round: Sculpture Workshop (Grades 3-5)

Sculpture dates back to ancient times. Become an artist producing free-standing, three-dimensional art that can be viewed from any direction. We will construct with paper and wire and model with clay. Come and create a mad-cap abstract amusement park scene and protective gargoyle.

CRN #31707 1 session, Saturday, 10/27 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. Lowe L142**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Linda Marchisio**

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CRN #31714 1 session, Saturday, 11/3, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP139**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Susan Harrington**

All Charged Up: Electrifying Science (Grades 3-5)

When you turn on the light switch, you expect the lights to come on. We are so used to having electricity that we rarely think about it. But what is it? We will try to discover the answer as we first observe static electricity and then investigate the basics of current electricity. Plenty of wires, bulbs, batteries and switches will help solve the mystery as we put our new knowledge to work to make an electrical device. It will be shocking!

CRN #31717 1 session, Saturday, 11/10, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP137**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Susan Harrington**

Creative Writing Workshop From Stones to Stories (Grades 3-5)

In this playwriting workshop, students will learn the art of writing and performing monologues. Students will first try their hand at performing someone else's monologue, and then experimenting with writing their own. We will use these individual writings to make a "Stone Soup" performance, where each towns person contributes to the pot a personal monologue instead of a vegetable or soup ingredient. In the end we will feast with our audience on a Stone Soup filled with the rich ingredients of our ensemble, proving the fact that the stronger an ensemble is, the stronger the performance will be!

CRN #31709 1 session, Saturday, 11/17, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. GPA GP138**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Ayla Kapiloff**

Holiday Cookie Extravaganza! Section A (Grades 2-4)

Get ready for the holiday season with this all day cookie class! Parents: go shopping while your junior chefs whip us some tasty treats! We will be creating decorated sugar cookies, layered bar cookies, snicker doodles and much more! Create lots of holiday cookies to bring home and give away as gifts to loved ones this holiday season! Please bring a decorative container or tin to class to bring home your delectable desserts!

Section A: (For Grades 2-4) CRN #31708 1 session, Saturday, 12/15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

MCC Bldg. GPA GP213 Fee: \$70

Instructor: **Rachael LaPorte**



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Middle School Grades:

Happy Hunger Games! (Grades 5-8)

If you can't get enough of the Hunger Games trilogy, come celebrate this exciting book series with us. We will play survival games - may the odds be ever in your favor! We will also make a mockingjay pin and other crafts. Of course, we will discuss the book while sharing bread from Peeta's bakery. It is strongly suggested you read all three books before attending so we won't spoil the ending for you.

CRN #31727 1 session, Saturday, 10/13, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. LRC B219**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Linda Marchisio**

Video Production & Screen Writing Workshop (Grades 5-8) (3 Sessions: Oct 13, 20 & 27)

Learn how to effectively write several styles of TV shows and commercials. Activities will include a writers meeting and pitch, a TV commercial and a short movie. The final class will be a screening and evaluation of the videos. Student will also learn how to use film editing equipment and digital video cameras. Family members are welcome to attend the final screening - just like a Hollywood premiere!

CRN #31718 3 session, Saturdays, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 9 a.m.-12 noon

MCC Bldg. LRC B218 Fee: \$100

Instructor: **Chris Buonacquisti**

Students must register for all 3 sessions.

Learn to Make Pasta! (Grades 5-8)

In this class you will learn how to make fresh linguini and three cheese ravioli with red and white sauces. We will also taste the difference between dried and fresh pastas as well as learning about unusual pasta shapes and their uses. We will talk about the interesting and debatable history of pasta including the origin.

CRN #31720 1 session, Saturday, 10/20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **MCC Bldg. GPA GP213**

Fee: \$70

Instructor: **Rachael LaPorte**

Halloween Cuisine! (Grades 5-8)

Come join Chef Rachel in crafting some ghoulish creations just in time for Halloween! We will be making Halloween cookies and "witch" cakes. As well as stuffed serpents and nubby fingers with a few surprises in store. Chefs may bring a pumpkin to carve and we can roast the seed's to snack on.

CRN #31721 1 session, Saturday, 10/27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **MCC Bldg. GPA GP213**

Fee: \$70

Instructor: **Rachael LaPorte**

Digital Photography & Editing (Grades 5-8)

So you already know how to use your digital camera. Take the next step; refine your skills and learn different techniques used by professional photographers. Discover new applications in Adobe PhotoShop like collages and composite images. Make a slide show and create a soundtrack with Garageband software. Share your projects on Facebook, Google Groups, Flickr or Picasa Web albums. Combine your technical and artistic talents to travel beyond the basics of digital photography. *Please bring your own digital camera and flash drive.

CRN #31719 1 session, Saturday, 11/3, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. AST D211**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Rich Hoyer**

Create Carnival Food! (Grades 5-8)

Who doesn't love the delectable treats at carnivals! Come join us to learn how to create many popular carnival favorites such as candy and caramel apples, flavored popcorn, sweet and savory fried dough, funnel cakes, vegetables and dip, meat on a stick, and exotic fruit smoothies. You will dazzle your friends and family with all the amazing treats you can make!

CRN #31722 1 session, Saturday, 11/3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **MCC Bldg. GPA GP213**

Fee: \$70

Instructor: **Rachael LaPorte**

Computer Animation (Grades 5-8)

Create web animations on your PC with the Flash software package. Learn the basics of putting words and pictures into motion, then "move on." Challenge your creativity as you hone your Flash skills. Please bring a CD-R or flash drive to save/store your creations! Basic computer skills are helpful.

CRN #31728 1 session, Saturday, 11/10, 9 a.m.-12 noon **MCC Bldg. AST D211**

Fee: \$40

Instructor: **Rich Hoyer**

Bread, Butter and Jams (Grades 5-8)

If warm fresh bread and homemade jam sound good to you this is the class. We will be creating sweet and savory homemade butters and jams. To compliment these treats will be French Baguettes, butter flake rolls and muffins of your choice. Please bring an 8oz canning jar with lid to class to take your treats home!

CRN #31723 1 session, Saturday, 11/17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **MCC Bldg. GPA GP213**

Fee: \$70

Instructor: **Rachael LaPorte**

Computer Game Design (Grades 5-8)

In this two-session class students learn the basics of game design with hands-on GameMaker projects that demonstrate sprites, animation, events, actions, collisions, sound, timing, variables, and more. By the end of the class, students will have two complete games that they can play at home and share with their friends. Prerequisites are basic computer skills, such as typing, using a mouse, and using Microsoft Windows. Please bring a USB flash drive (at least 2GB) to save your work.

CRN #31729 2 sessions, Saturdays, 12/01 & 12/08, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

MCC Bldg. LRC B221 Fee: \$80

Instructor: **Clayton Walnum**

Gluten Free Is For Me! (Grades 5-8)

In this full day class we will create a four course menu that is all gluten free! We will start with fresh corn tortillas chips with tomato and bean salsa followed by buck wheat and flax seed cheese stuffed crepes our entrée will be a herb roast chicken with rainbow potatoes and sautéed vegetables with homemade apple sauce. This gluten free meal is finished off with a decadent flourless chocolate cake with berry sauce. So come and enjoy our feast.

*This Class is Gluten-Free

CRN #31724 1 session, Saturday, 12/01, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **MCC Bldg. GPA GP213**

Fee: \$75

Instructor: **Rachael LaPorte**

Cooking Asian Cuisine! (Grades 5-8)

Let's take a trip around Asia in this full day cooking class. We will discover different types of dim sum, vegetable stir fry, won ton soup, spring rolls and dipping sauces! We will also learn how to use chop sticks, bamboo steamers and a wok. So join Chef Rachael on an adventure for your taste buds.

*This class is Gluten Free.

CRN #31725 1 session, Saturday, 12/8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **MCC Bldg. GPA GP213**

Fee: \$70

Instructor: **Rachael LaPorte**

Holiday Cookie Extravaganza! Section B (Grades 5-8)

Get ready for the holiday season with this all day cookie class! Parents: go shopping while your junior chefs whip us some tasty treats! We will be creating decorated sugar cookies, layered bar cookies, snicker doodles and much more! Create lots of holiday cookies to bring home and give away as gifts to loved ones this holiday season! Please bring a decorative container or tin to class to bring home your delectable desserts!

Section B: (For Grades 5-8) **CRN #31726** 1 session, Saturday, 12/22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

MCC Bldg. GPA GP213 Fee: \$70

Instructor: **Rachael LaPorte**

Meet Our Instructors

Christopher Buonacquisto is currently a Technology Education teacher at the Odyssey Community School where he specialized in Media and Television Production. He is CT certified in Technology Education (K-12) and has over 11 years of teaching experience.

Samantha Cyr is currently a teacher of the hearing impaired for Bloomfield Public Schools. She has a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and a master's degree in Deaf Education and Aural Habilitation from the University of Hartford. She has experience teaching grades kindergarten through fifth.

Winthrop Ford earned a master's degree in science and has been a consultant, team leader, guest speaker and teacher in many public school enrichment programs. Mr. Ford's passion for making science fun is contagious.

Jillian Frederick is a graduate of Westfield State College and the University of Bridgeport earning a bachelor's and a master's degree in Elementary Education. She is currently working as a Math and Literacy tutor in a Southington Elementary School. Miss Frederick brings an enthusiastic and creative attitude to her teaching. She loves to teach children to learn through hands-on-activities and experiments.

Susan Harrington is a popular enrichment teacher in the area, who specializes in science and natural history enrichment classes. She has a bachelor's and master's degree in Biology, as well as graduate course work in Education. Mrs. Harrington enjoys inspiring students to explore science in unique ways.

Richard Hoyer is a fine art, portrait and location photographer, with more than 20 years of fun in the business. He is an adjunct faculty member at Manchester Community College, and also teaches photography at the Worcester Art Museum for youth and adults. His work is exhibited regularly at galleries around the state.

Ayla Kapiloff has a bachelor's degree in Theatre and Education from Bennington College and a MAT in Elementary Education (certification K-6). She has classroom teaching experience as an educational actor and a Resident Teaching Artist with students ages 3-18. Ms. Kapiloff has also taught in cities across five different US states and in Italy. In addition to teaching, she is trained in studio dance, acting, voice, and loves arts and crafts.

Rachael LaPorte is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University with a degree in Culinary Arts and a graduate of Central CT State University with a degree in Education. She has traveled across the country working as a chef in dozens of restaurants, mastering various styles of cooking. Having decided that teaching was her passion, Rachael returned to her alma mater, Windham Technical High School, to teach Culinary Arts and inspire the next generation of chefs.

Linda Marchisio is a professional storyteller, published author, and educator for the talented and gifted. She has taught in West Hartford's gifted program, "QuEST", and the advanced math placement program, "Math QuEST". She now works as a Library Media Specialist.

Clayton Walnum has a degree in Computer Science and has been programming games and other applications since the early 1980s. He's written many books on game programming and graphics, including PC Picasso: A Child's Computer Drawing Kit. He is currently employed as a technical writer at a Tolland-based software company.



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