

Weston Parks and Recreation WOW Programs!

Spring 2024

WOW! After-School Programs



Weston Intermediate School (WIS)

Grades 3 thru 5

Weston's One World After-School Programs

Weston Parks and Recreation is pleased to offer WOW! After-School programs for students in 3rd – 5th grade at Weston Intermediate School this spring! Please note that program enrollment is limited in order to keep class size small. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. **Please register early because programs fill quickly!**

Registration:

Weston Parks and Recreation WOW! Program online registration will open on **Tuesday, February 13th at 10:01 p.m.** If a program is full, you still may register and your child's name will automatically be placed on the wait-list (**No payment is required at this time**). If space does become available, you will be notified via email.

IMPORTANT NOTE: To create an account, click [here](#), where you will be able to add all family members to your account before registration opens on **Tuesday, February 13th at 10:01 p.m.**

Note: If you already have an account with Weston Parks & Recreation, you're all set, but please double check that your child's grade is correct and that you've added any family members if they are currently not on your account.

Fees:

Please see each course listing for specific fees. ALL materials are included in the class fee. Financial Aid is available; please contact Allison Lisbon, Director of Human Services, at 203-222-2663 or alisbon@westonct.gov to inquire about eligibility for assistance.

Payment:

- ALL payments must be made online by credit card via our secure site.
- **Full payment of program fees must be made at time of registration.**

Refund:

Once a class begins, we **do not** issue refunds or credits, unless with a doctor's note.

Program Dates:

Classes begin the week of April 22nd and run through the week of May 27th.

Class Length:

All classes are scheduled from 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **unless otherwise noted.** Please check individual programs for program descriptions, grade eligibility, room assignments, start dates, and program end times.

Important information:

1. Please be sure to log into The Dismissal Manager System **each week** to record your child(ren)'s WOW! after-school activity. Please note that the system allows you to record your child's activity for the entire session at one time and then make edits if, and when, necessary. Please indicate if anyone other than yourself will be picking up your child at dismissal time. **Additionally, given our unpredictable Weston weather, please indicate what your child's dismissal plans are in the event of an unplanned after school activities cancelation.**
2. In the event of an early dismissal due to inclement weather or any other school emergency, all after-school programs will be **cancelled** and the children will be sent home per school policy. In the event of a cancelation, we will send a reminder via email and also post this information on the Weston Parks and Recreation WOW website. If we are unable to contact you in the case of a last minute cancellation by an instructor, children will stay in the main office with the WOW! Supervisor until a parent arrives. We will make every effort to make up missed classes due to cancelations.
3. There is **no** nurse on duty after normal school hours. In the event of illness or emergency treatment, we will call 911 and then contact parents, or the emergency contact if necessary.
4. **If your child has any special medical needs, please contact Charlene Monn at 203-222-2586 prior or email cmonn@westonct.gov before the start of the session.**
5. Weston Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel a class due to lack of student enrollment. If insufficient enrollment causes an activity to be canceled, participants will receive a full refund.
6. If a student is dismissed for disciplinary reasons or withdraws from the school or the program, the parent forfeits the entire program fee.

Health & Safety:

Please note that the pandemic may cause changes in our operations that are unpredictable. Our in-person WOW! after school programs will follow guidelines established by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, our local health district and the Weston Public School District. We'll continue to adjust our health and safety policies and procedures as updates become available.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Monn, Weston Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator, at cmonn@westonct.gov or (203) 222-2586.

Monday Programs
5-week session
April 22nd thru May 20th

Yoga (3rd thru 5th grade)**Maximum # of participants: 10 students****Fee: \$ 125.00****Location: Room # 202**

Yoga is for every...body! We're thrilled that Judy Orr is bringing her very popular yoga program to WIS again this spring! Students who have taken her class at HES, will agree that after a full day at school, Judy welcomes her students and inspires them to explore and discover the mind and body connection in a fun-filled way. Judy takes a creative approach to yoga that can be very helpful for children whose bodies are still developing. The use of animated poses and basic stretching exercises promote strength,

flexibility, coordination and body awareness. Breathing and visualization techniques teach children how to focus, relax and develop self-control.

Special Note: Students should bring their own yoga mat each week to class.

NEW: Debate Club (3rd thru 5th grade)

Minimum #/ Maximum # of participants: 8 minimum / 12 maximum

Fee: \$ 145.00

Location: Health Room 101

Due to the popularity of this program in the fall, we're bringing it back this spring! Students in this program will learn the art of persuasion. They will work in rotating groups and practice their debating skills in a supportive environment, including developing arguments, issuing rebuttals, providing examples, rebuilding their case and summarizing points of view. Young debaters will learn to think on their feet and enhance their public-speaking skills, while gaining self-confidence in the process.

Instructor:

Spark Business Academy

**Tuesday Programs
6-week session
April 23rd thru May 28th**

NEW! Advanced Paint, Draw & More! (3rd thru 5th grade)

Maximum # of participants: 12 students

Fee: \$ 156.00

Location: Room 117

Paint Draw & More is proud to have perfected the art of igniting children's creative instincts. Our fun and informative drawing and painting classes are specially designed to build on your child's knowledge of drawing and teach them technical skills as they develop their own unique style. This program will provide a variety of drawing and painting mediums, or students can choose to bring their own. We encourage students to work in black and white, or color; whichever best achieves their vision. Students are asked to bring a sketchbook to class, but it's not mandatory.

Instructor:

Agata Tria is an accomplished and award-winning artist, exhibiting her soft pastel drawings in the United States and Europe. Her style is mostly minimalistic nature portraits emphasizing color and composition. She loves to create in all kinds of mediums and earned her Master's degree from the European Academy of Arts in Warsaw, Poland. Agata arrived in the US in 2000 and while learning English worked as a senior Graphic Designer. Agata loves teaching art and cartooning and we're thrilled to have Agata as one of our WOW! instructors.

Broadway Bound (3rd thru 5th grade)

Maximum # of participants: 12 students

Fee: \$ 174.00

Location: Room # 202

Special Note: This is a 1 ½ hour class; 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

WOW! is so excited to bring Amy MacRae and Broadway Bound back to WIS this spring! This class is for thespians of all levels. Whether you've learned theatre basics and done prior scene work, or you are completely new to the stage, students will work on their skills in improvisation, movement, and character

building. Students will build confidence on the stage through theater games, vocal coaching, and choreography in a fun and encouraging environment.

Instructor:

Amy MacRae, an actress and Weston mom of three, has brought her love and experience of the craft to WHS and WMS as parent producer. She also works as the Producing Director of The Giving Theatre, a non-profit immersive community theatre and as an Independent Film Producer.

Baking with Gabriela (3rd thru 5th grade)

Maximum # of participants: 10 students

Fee: \$ 174.00

Location: Staff Room/Kitchen (next to music classrooms)

Special Note: This is a 1 ½ hour class; 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Gabriela Low returns on **Tuesdays** (and we also offer a Wednesday program) with her yummy baking class, one of our most popular WOW! after school programs! Students will learn how to bake like pros as we master the techniques for homemade breads, pies, scones, cookies, and cakes! Each week we'll learn a new baking skill from cutting butter into flour for pie crusts, kneading dough for sweet breads and buns, and much more!, We can't guarantee that your child will save any of the delicious baked goods that they make during this very popular **1 ½ hour** class!

SPECIAL NOTE: Items used in this class may contain nuts or gluten or may be processed on shared equipment with nuts or gluten. Unfortunately, we **cannot** accommodate individual dietary needs or restrictions.

NOTE: If your child cannot attend the Tuesday class, we also offer Baking with Gabriela! on Wednesday!

Instructor:

Growing up and going to school in Switzerland, Gabriela Low was always interested in cooking and baking. Today she enjoys providing "hands on and learning by doing" classes to kids and adults.

Wednesday Programs

6-week session

April 24th thru May 29th

Morning Chess (3rd thru 5th Grade)

Maximum # of participants: 12 students

Fee: \$ 108.00

Location: Room 213

Drop Off: 7:30 a.m. In the event of a delayed opening, we will not hold class and will extend the program for an additional week.

Start your day off right with chess, now beginning at **7:30 a.m.!** We're thrilled that Mr. Anderson is offering morning chess for students in Grades 3-5 this spring. Beginners and intermediate players will learn the rules, strategies and tactics of chess. So why not get up a little earlier and join the fun of the game!

Instructor:

Before becoming a teacher, Mr. Anderson worked as an actor touring the U.S., Canada, and Europe in shows such as CATS, West Side Story, and A Chorus Line. When he is not at school, Mr. Anderson enjoys spending time with his wife, Tracy, and their two girls, Lily and Ella. Mr. Anderson also loves to spend time outdoors hiking, camping, or fly fishing and hopes to one day thru-hike the Appalachian Trail.

NEW! Design-Invent-Play Maker Club (3rd thru 5th grade)
Minimum/Maximum # of participants 7minimum / 14 maximum
Fee: \$ 156.00
Location: Health Room 101

Do you want to build a cool wearable that can detect obstacles, create your mini sports games, or make remote-controlled cars? Come to join this Maker club. We'll use electronic building blocks and craft materials to create playful inventions. And... you'll learn about modular electronics and basic coding concepts. Let's use these new STEM skills to create fun projects!

Note: Devices, software and materials will be provided by Citizen Invention.

Instructor:
Citizen Invention

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Maximum # of participants: 10 students
Fee: \$ 174.00
Location: Staff Room/Kitchen (next to music classrooms)
Special Note: This is a 1 ½ hour class; 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Gabriela Low returns this spring on **Wednesdays** (and we also offer a Tuesday program) with her yummy baking class, one of our most popular after school programs! Students will learn how to bake like pros as we master the techniques for homemade breads, pies, scones, cookies, and cakes! Each week we'll learn a new baking skill from cutting butter into flour for pie crusts, kneading dough for sweet breads and buns, and much more!, We can't guarantee that your child will save any of the delicious baked goods that they make during this very popular **1 ½ hour** class!
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Thursday Programs
6-week session
April 25th thru May 30th

Acting and Improv (3rd thru 5th grade)
Maximum # of participants: 12 students
Fee: \$ 174.00
Location: Room #202
Note: This is a 1 ½ hour program and ends at 4:45 p.m.

We're happy to offer the Acting and Improv after school program to students this spring! This class is for performers of all levels. Whether you're a pro or are completely new to the stage, students will explore the

joy of acting and learn the fundamentals through theatre games, scene study, movement, character building, and improvisation in a fun and encouraging environment.

Instructor:

Robin Reiser is a Weston local mom who began her acting journey as a kid on Sesame Street and later trained with William Esper Studios, the Groundlings, and Improv Olympic. She spent 20 years in Los Angeles working on stage and screen while teaching acting and improv to kids and teens and is thrilled to share her passion for performance with the WOW! program.

Sew Fun! (3rd thru 5th grade)

Maximum # of participants: 10 students

Fee: \$ 150.00

Location: Health Room 101

Come learn something new this spring and experience the relaxing qualities of sewing, finger knitting, crocheting, and much more with Gabriela! Students will spend some time with their friends, while making accessories to wear and creating pretty decorations for the home. What a great way to relax, while building concentration, gaining confidence with your projects, and having **soooooo** much fun!

Instructor:

Gabriela Low discovered her love of crafts as a child in the Swiss school system. Today she enjoys sewing, knitting, and needlework, and is especially pleased when she sees a child's enthusiastic discovery of their own creativity.