

SLEEPY HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB DIRECTORY **2011/12**

Explorations in Science – Advisor: Mr. Benedict, Sr.

Students in grades 6-8 who would like to explore science concepts outside of the classroom are invited to join the Explorations in Science Club. The club will meet on Tuesdays at 3:15 in Room 205S. Contact Mr. Benedict, Sr. at dbenedict@tufsd.org.

Middle School Math Club – Advisor: Mr. Large

The Middle School Math Club is open to all students interested in Math Counts as well as the Math Olympiad. Math Counts is a national enrichment, coaching, and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every US state and territory. The competition provides extra incentives and the perfect atmosphere for students to push themselves to achieve more in mathematics. Consisting of fun and creative problems, the Math Counts competitions have written and oral rounds, as well as individual and team components. Students from grades 6 through 8 are invited to participate on the Sleepy Hollow Math Counts Team. Sixth grade students interested participating in the Math Olympiad should also join the Math Club in order to prepare for the five mathematics competitions that occur during the course of the school year. Contact Mr. Large at glarge@tufsd.org.

Strategic Games Club – Advisor: Mr. Garguilo

Using knowledge learned in the classroom to achieve victory in games is the goal of the Strategic Games Club. Students in grades 6-8 enter into honorable competition using board games and video games. Students are instructed in the art of good sportsmanship and are required to shake hands after every match. Mr. Garguilo strives to foster a positive relationship among peers and the school during enjoyable competition. Strategic Games Club meets Tuesdays from 3:05-4:15 in room 203S. Contact Mr. Garguilo at mgarguilo@tufsd.org.

The Middle School Drama Club– Advisor: Mr. Kennedy

The Middle School Drama Club gives students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to express themselves through drama and comedy, as well as hone their skills as actors. We will focus on voice, physicality, and language as a means of expressing character. Through the use of improvisation exercises and the performance of monologues and selected scenes, aspiring actors will have an outlet for their creativity and develop their craft. Contact Mr. Kennedy at pkennedy@tufsd.org.

ESL Club – Advisors: Mrs. Hull and Ms. McGraw

The objective of the ESL Club is to introduce middle school and high school ESL students to popular leisure-time activities for young adults and to give them an opportunity to spend time with friends outside of school. Some of our activities over the year include apple picking, ice skating, open gym nights, going to the movies, making holiday crafts, and going on hikes and picnics. The club plans an activity or excursion approximately once a month. Contact Mrs. Hull at khull@tufsd.org or Ms. McGraw at bmcgraw@tufsd.org.

The Environmental Action Club – Advisor: Mr. Garguilo

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Rethink. This is, of course, our motto in the Environmental Action Club (EAC) here at Sleepy Hollow Middle School. Our members, along with Mr. Garguilo, will do their best to make sure that SHMS is a sustainable environment and that all staff and students do their best to keep SHMS beautiful and efficient throughout each school year. Additionally, the EAC will also reach out to the community for support, ideas, and short or long term projects. In the end, we hope to beautify our surroundings in the most efficient manner possible. Come see Mr. Garguilo in the fall for more details, and listen to announcements for meeting times and places! Stay green, Sleepy Hollow! Contact Mr. Garguilo at mgarguilo@tufsd.org.

Cinemanía Club – Advisor: Ms. Ressa

Travel the world without leaving your seats. Cinemanía gives middle school students in grades 7 and 8 the opportunity to explore the experience of childhood through film in all corners of the globe. Weekly meetings include a film screening, interactive discussion, and writing and reading film reviews. We take a bus to the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. See Ms. Ressa in the middle school office if you would like to join. Contact Ms. Ressa at cressa@tufsd.org.

Yearbook Committee – Advisor: Ms. Lintean

This year's Sleepy Hollow Yearbook Club will be responsible for capturing the history of SHMS from the fall of 2011 through the spring of 2012. Along with our yearbook company, we will design a book online from start to finish that sums up our year together. Our team of yearbook advisers will work together to come up with a theme, format and discuss the display of spreads, and create text and add text features, etc. Future yearbook employees will work with senior yearbook advisers to format spreads, take and Photoshop photographs, copy and edit text, etc. If you consider yourself a

visual genius, you are great with words, and/or you are a natural photographer - then apply first thing in the fall with Ms. Linteau! There will be a meeting for interested students the first week, so listen closely to announcements and read everything posted on the walls! (Grades 6-8 are welcome to apply) P.S. Yearbook looks great on a college transcript! Contact Ms. Linteau at alinteau@tufsd.org

National Junior Honor Society – Advisor: Ms. Sullivan

This is the fourth year Sleepy Hollow Middle School is a part of the NJHS. It is open to students that have a specified cumulative grade point average and are part of the school community. Students who meet the criteria will be invited to apply and a 5 member faculty council will read the applications and decide if the candidate meets the standards. Membership must be applied for each year. The National Honor Society continues through high school and college. Contact Ms. Sullivan at dsullivan@tufsd.org.

Student Government – Advisors: Ms. Sullivan/Ms. Ressa

Student Government is open to students in grades 6-8. Representatives from each homeroom and class officials will be elected to help lead activities throughout the school year. One of the main goals of the Student Government this year will be to focus on raising funds for a number of school wide activities, as well as the 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC. A book fair and coffee sale are just a couple of the fundraising activities taking place this year. Contact Ms. Sullivan at dsullivan@tufsd.org or Ms. Ressa at cressa@tufsd.org.

African American Heritage Club – Advisors: Dr. Burton and Ms. Carty

The African-American Heritage Club is in its 15th year. It is open to all students of Sleepy Hollow Middle and High School and meets weekly on Thursdays after school. The mission of the Club is to provide information, and celebrate the contribution of Africans and people from the African Diaspora to the larger society. For students of African descent, the goal is also to instill pride in their heritage. The Club travels to Africa to dispel myths about Africa and to acquaint students with the African culture. In addition, the club has hosted school-wide assemblies and local cultural trips. Issues affecting people of African descent are among topics of discussion in meetings, as well as planning fundraising activities. The Club has adopted the John William Montessori School in Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa, and has made monetary and material contributions over the years. Club members have had the opportunity to visit the school, observe its growth, and host some of its students during their visit to the U.S. The club members and some faculty traveled to Egypt in April, 2009. Contact Dr. Burton at cburton@tufsd.org or Ms. Carty at gcarty@tufsd.org.

Yoga Club – Advisor: Ms. Ocasio

The Yoga Club is open to all Middle School Students in grades 6-8. Students will learn basic Yoga moves and breathing techniques that will help reduce stress and anxiety. The club will meet on Tuesday at 3:15. Contact Mrs. Ocasio at mocasio@tufsd.org for more information.

Garage Band Club – Advisor: Ms. DiNome

Garage band club is open to 7th and 8th grade students who are not in a performing group, who have interest in creating original music with music technology. No experience is required and students do not need to play an instrument. Students will create original music compositions on Mac Book computers by learning musical form, instrumentation, dynamics and recording techniques. Each student will create and receive a CD of their musical works at end of session. Limit 10 students. Meets Mondays 7:45-8:30am in 514 A. Contact Mrs. DiNome at ldinome@tufsd.org for more information.