

Enrich and Extend Your Curriculum With A Montessori Studio Program

Most Montessori Schools offer art, music, dance, movement, foreign language and other extra-curricular program to enrich and extend their classroom curriculum. Such programs are considered essential by many schools. They are highly attractive to parents, who expect their children to have a wide array of interesting opportunities to stretch their limits and enjoy a well-rounded education. Any school that offers at least one foreign language and what appear to be well-organized programs in the arts and physical education tends to be taken much more seriously by parents.

On the other hand, these “specialist” programs often leave Montessori educators concerned and frustrated. Why?

First, salaries for art, music, movement and foreign language teachers are an additional burden on limited school operating budgets.

Secondly, scheduling different specialists among several classrooms often becomes a logistical challenge. Special classes typically end up interrupting the children’s morning work cycle, at the cost of their focus and concentration on extended projects. Due to parental expectations, many schools feel compelled to shuffle the children off to their next specialist, whether or not it would be their individual preference at that time.

Finally, both parents and teachers tend to become frustrated with uneven program quality and at times lack of real skill development over the years. I’ve heard many Montessori parents express the opinion that their children are doing the same things in foreign language that they’ve done for several years previously.

The Studio Program model is one approach that allows you to enhance your school’s co-curricular activities program, while reducing or eliminating interruptions in the children’s prime work cycles by concentrating special classes in the late morning and afternoon. Finally, by moving specialist activities out of the mornings into the afternoons, it is possible to extend them beyond the present school day, thereby making high quality programs available to all students in place of the typically mediocre after-school child care program.

Studio programs are typically offered at different times for the early childhood and elementary levels.

For the early childhood (Primary) classes, studios may be offered in two blocks.

For the elementary students, classes will meet either once or twice a week as shown on the tentative schedule that follows.

Optional studios can be held after school, offering additional courses and activities to students who are interested and able to stay. With a few exceptions involving some extraordinary activity, such as riding lessons, we did not charge an additional fee for after school studio activities. Some activities may take longer than one period: for example, our golf studio left school at the start of Studio A and parents picked their children up at the driving range at the end of their lesson.

At the elementary level, studios are typically scheduled in twelve-week trimester blocks. Students sign up for the next three-months of studios by registering on sheets prepared for each studio. These sheets include the name of the studio, the instructor, the time when it meets (e.g. studio A or B), and numbered lines where children sign their names. Space in each studio will naturally be limited, and while there will hopefully always be several choices available in each period, your school will not always be able to guarantee that every student will be able to enroll in his or her first choice.

The intention of a studio program is to offer a wide-range of elective classes over the year, some twelve-week classes basically fitting together to create a course that will run for the entire year, but organized into independent three-month-long units.

Studios are organized in the areas of art, music, dance, drama, foreign languages, computer education, physical education, sports, academic enrichment programs, and clubs. A scout troop could, as one example, fit into the studio program.

Classes can be taught by any specialist teachers on your school's faculty (such as art, music, drama, Spanish, and movement/physical education), by the elementary teachers who can be expected to offer various clubs and programs during at least one of the studio periods during the school day, by guest instructors who are either be hired on an hourly basis or enticed into donating their time for a few hours a week over one or two months, and by interested parents.

A sample two-week rotation studio schedule

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Children arrive ----->				
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
1:00	Studios A	Studios A	Studios A	Studios A	Studios A
1:15	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
1:45	Studios B	Studios B	Studios B	Studios B	Studios B
2:00	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
3:15	Studio A	Studio B	Studio A	Studio B	Studio A
3:15	Class meetings / Dismissal / Free Play ----->				
3:45	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
5:00	Studio C	Studio D	Studio C	Studio D	Studio C
5:00	Optional after studio child care ----->				
6:00					

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Children arrive ----->				
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
1:00	Studios A	Studios A	Studios A	Studios A	Studios A
1:15	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
1:45	Studios B	Studios B	Studios B	Studios B	Studios B
2:00	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
3:15	Studio B	Studio A	Studio B	Studio A	Studio B
3:15	Class meetings / Dismissal / Free Play ----->				
3:45	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
5:00	Studio D	Studio C	Studio D	Studio C	Studio D
5:00	Optional after studio child care ----->				
6:00					

Primary Studios A & B reflect a schedule of specialists who work with the children in class. The children do not sign up for them, although they may choose not to attend the lesson

Elementary Studios A and B alternate days, so that each normally meets 5 times in a two week cycle

Elementary Studios A & B meet during the school day – All elementary students participate

Elementary Studios C & D meet after school and are optional

A few examples of studio programs

Skin diving
Volleyball

Student Clubs and activities

A student newspaper
Student government (Grades 1-7)
Yearbook
Kids' Court/Future Lawyers Club and Moot court
Future doctors/holistic healers of America
Career club
Stamp collecting club
Outdoor model railroad club
Future architects club
Cooking club
Chess club
Veterinarian's clinic
Young peacemakers
Community service club

Academic enrichment

French club
Russian club
Marine biology
Young naturalists
Gardening
Future farmers club
First aid
Open computer lab
Astronomy club
Math club
History club

Sports and Physical Ed.

Track and field
Tennis
Golf
Tee-ball
Soccer
Swimming
Basketball
Horseback riding
Ice skating
Yoga
Tai Chi
Massage
Bicycling club/ bike repair

The Arts

Creative drama
Countryside Players
Chorus
Folk dance
Computer keyboarding class
Computer art
Desktop publishing
Photography
Video production
Needle point
Suzuki violin group lessons
Wood working
Open art studio
Sculpture
Drawing and painting
Pottery
Print making
Folk crafts
Jewelry making

NewGate After School Activities and Studios



We are thrilled to be able to offer a variety of afterschool clubs, sports, and classes for our elementary and secondary students this semester. See our **SPECIAL Saturday SOCCER** for Primary Students. Here are some questions and answers about the programs.

Are there fees for these activities?

Most of these afterschool activities are free of charge but a few have nominal fees to cover the cost of materials/ingredients. See course descriptions for details.

Are there limits to the number of students in each Club, Class, or Sport?

Yes, in some cases. Refer to the descriptions for those details.

What ages can participate?

Each activity has a designated age group. Please read the descriptions carefully to find out.

If my Upper Elementary student signs up for soccer, will she be able to participate in the NewGate Players as well?

Yes. The rehearsals will be scheduled in a way that makes that possible.

How do we register?

Outside the front office there will be a table with sign up sheets for each afterschool activity on Thursday, Sept. 1 and Friday, Sept. 2 from 8-9am. You can register for your child or with your child.

My child is enrolled in the Full Year After Care Program. Can he sign up for these activities?

Yes. In fact, he will need to sign up because Dave will be busy with Running Club and PE Extensions. Your child can and should register for any of the offerings.

Please read over the descriptions on the next pages with your child and decide what your child might wish to participate in. Notice that there are specific levels that the activities are geared towards.

NewGate After School Activities and Studios



Club/Class Descriptions:

Running Club – Coach Dave – M, W, F - 3:45-5:00pm
Upper Elem. & Secondary ***Starts – September 12** – NGS Field Bleachers
NewGate Running Club is a beginning running program, for the students of NewGate School. It is meant to be an informal introduction to running both individually and with a group. Each practice includes some different courses and new goals for the students to try to complete. We will participate in local running events in the Sarasota area on the weekends. Students will pay their own entry fees for races.

Secondary Science Club – Dr. Alina – Mondays – 3:30-4:30pm
***Starts – September 12** – Jacques Cousteau Rm.
This club is designed to provide students with opportunities to learn more about science and to enhance positive experiences by allowing them to explore their own ideas and interests. They will explore various aspects of science through experiments and activities on campus, presentations by speakers, and occasional field trips. The topics covered will depend on member interest. Projects may include: spearheading a recycling program, building and maintaining an aquarium, creating and maintaining butterfly

gardens, organic vegetable gardens, sea turtle research, botanical research, or campus beautification projects. No matter what, we will all have fun and become better scientists!

German Club – Dr. Eva – Mondays – 3:30-4:30pm
Elementary ***Starts – September 12** – Maria Montessori Rm.
Elementary students can relax after school with German songs, coloring, and games. Pack an afterschool snack (or drop off a box of granola bars for the week) please. Students can spend an hour enjoying friends and German culture.

PE Extensions – Coach Dave – Thursdays - 3:30-4:30pm
Elem. & Secondary ***Starts – September 8** – NGS Bleachers
If you can't get enough P.E. during the week or you just want to get some exercise and have fun after school, then "PE Extensions " is just for you! Students will participate in a variety of organized games and sports with Coach Dave. (minimum of 10 students)

Elementary Science Club – Dr. Alina – Tuesdays – 3:30-4:30pm
*** Starts – September 6** – Jacques Cousteau Rm.
See **Secondary Science Club** for description. Each club will have similar activities but geared for the specific age groups involved.

NewGate Players – Ms. Debbie – T & Th – 3:30-4:30pm
Upper Elementary *** Starts – September 27** – Mary Cassatt Rm.
Come join the New Gate Players in this year's Shakespeare production, *Taming of the Shrew*. All Upper Elementary students are invited. Performance will be on Thursday December 8. Everyone who auditions will get a part. This is one of Shakespeare's most famous comedies. A rehearsal schedule will be handed out at the first rehearsal. ***Students only need to come to the rehearsals for the scenes in which they will participate, so they can sign up for other activities, too.**

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NewGate Voices – Dr. Liz – Tuesdays – 3:30-4:30pm

Secondary *Starts – **September 6** – Maria Montessori Rm.

During this rehearsal time we will be honing our skills as singers, working on a variety of styles, including some *a cappella* works. We are preparing for spectacular performances that will resound and touch the hearts of our NewGate Community.

German Class – Dr. Eva – T & F – 3:30-4:30pm

Secondary *Starts - **September 6** – Maria Montessori Rm.

The German program at NewGate is a 6 year academic program, grades 7-12, open to students in the secondary program. The program is designed for the beginning, intermediate and advanced students and can prepare students for advanced exams such as the AP (advanced placement) German exam, the IB exam and the SAT German exam. 11th and 12th year students may also be able to earn college credit from SCF (former MCC). The course format and lessons are available for students and parents to look at on Moodle: <https://www.montessori.org/moodle/>. Dr. Eva is happy to adjust the curriculum according to students individual needs and goals. She can be reached at evabogard@newgate.edu

Art Extensions – Ms. Robby – Wednesdays – 3:30-4:30pm

Elementary *Starts – **September 7** – Wassily Kandinsky Rm.

Art Extensions is a chance for elementary students to think and work creatively under the guidance of Ms. Robby. Lower Elementary students will have a chance to choose from two workstations to explore their creativity and work on newly acquired skills. Upper Elementary students will use this time to refine ongoing projects.

NewGate Soccer – Coach Charlie – Thursdays 3:30-4:45pm

6-14 year olds *Starts – **September 15** – NGS Bleachers

During these sessions soccer skills will be taught and refined

with an emphasis on shooting/finishing, midfield passing skills, defending and goalkeeping. We need at **least 20** participants from our school to hold sessions at NGS. Otherwise, these sessions will be held at the 17th St fields from 6:00PM to 7:15PM. This activity will be a precursor a NewGate spring team to compete with other area schools.*This group will play small-sided games against other teams every Saturday morning from 11:00AM to noon at the 17th St fields. These games will be designed to help the players use the skills they are acquiring at the Thursday training sessions. The cost for this ten- week program is \$135. (minimum 20 players)

Cooking Club – Ms. Cheryl – Fridays - 3:30-4:30pm

Elem. & Secondary * **Starts September 9** – Wassily Kandinsky Rm. Students will make a variety of items, one each week. Recipes will be available to take home. Our students loved this class during the school year as well as in summer camp. Eleven classes for \$55. As always, allergies will be taken into account, please contact Ms. Cheryl prior to starting class – cherylallen@newgate.edu (maximum 10 chefs)

EXTRA SPECIAL OFFERING – NGS Soccer for Primary Students!

NGS Primary Soccer – Coach Charlie – Saturdays - 9:15-10:15am

Primary *Starts **September 17** – NGS Bleachers

Our 3, 4, & 5 year olds will meet every Saturday morning. We will play a variety of soccer skills and development games for 40 minutes followed by an actual small-sided soccer game. The cost will be \$60 for this ten-week program. We had a blast with this last year! Parents and children playing together. You will love it!

NewGate After School Activities and Studios

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays

Running Club – 3:45-5:00pm

Upper Elementary & Secondary

Coach Dave - NewGate Bleachers

(Entry fees for races will be paid by students)

Science Club – 3:30-4:30pm

Secondary – Jacques Cousteau Rm

Dr. Alina

German Club – 3:30-4:30pm

Elementary – Maria Montessori Rm

Dr. Eva

Tuesdays

German Class – T & W – 3:30-4:30pm

Secondary (for credit)

Dr. Eva – Maria Montessori Rm

Science Club – 3:30-4:30pm

Elementary – Jacques Cousteau Rm

Dr. Alina

Wednesdays

Running Club – see Mondays

German Class – see Tuesday

Art Extensions – 3:30-4:30pm

Elementary – Wassily Kandinsky Rm

Ms. Robby

Thursdays

PE Extensions – 3:30-4:30pm

Elementary & Secondary

Coach Dave – NewGate Bleachers

NewGate Soccer – 3:30-4:45pm

6-14 year olds

Coach Charlie – NewGate Bleachers

Ten weeks - \$135

NewGate Players – see Tuesdays

Fridays

Running Club – see Mondays

Cooking Club – 3:30-4:30pm

Elementary & Secondary

Ms. Cheryl – Wassily Kandinsky Rm

Eleven classes - \$55

NewGate Players - 3:30-4:30pm

Upper Elementary – Mary Cassatt Rm

Ms. Debbie

NewGate Voices – 3:30-4:30pm

Secondary – Maria Montessori Rm

Dr. Liz

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Are there limits to the number of students in each Club, Class, or Sport?

Yes, in some cases. Refer to the descriptions for details.

What ages can participate?

Each activity has a designated age group. Please read the descriptions carefully to find out.

How do we register?

In Lorna's office there will be a table with sign up sheets for each afterschool activity March 19-22 from 8-9am. **You can register for your child or with your child.** *Students who sign-up on their own must have written permission for specific studios and applicable fees.

My child is enrolled in the Full Year After Care Program. Can he sign up for these activities?

Yes. In fact, he will need to sign up because Dave will be busy with Running Club and PE Extensions. Your child can and should register for any of the offerings.

What if my child doesn't want to continue in a studio that he/she has registered for?

Please strongly encourage your child to stick with their studio choices. Often they will find that as the studios get going the activities become more involved, fun, and challenging. We want our students to learn about making a commitment and following through with it. If there is serious reason for wanting to withdraw, please contact Lorna.

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Extended Day/Year Round Care – Ms. Kristi - Mondays – 3:45-5:00pm
Primary & Lower Elem *Starts – **March 25** – Krista McAuliffe Rm.
Students who are enrolled in the Extended Day or Year Round Care Programs will participate in a variety of activities including cooking, nature studies, and art projects as well as indoor and outdoor games. *This studio is open to students not enrolled in Extended Day Primary & Toddler or Year Round Elementary Care. \$40 for 10 sessions

PE Extensions – Coach Dave – Tuesdays & Thursdays - 3:45-5:00pm
Elem. & Secondary *Starts – **March 19** – NGS Bleachers
If you can't get enough P.E. during the week or you just want to get some exercise and have fun after school, then "PE Extensions " is just for you! Students will participate in a variety of organized games and sports with Coach Dave. (minimum of 10 students)

Chess Club – Rick Knowlton – Tuesdays – 3:45-5:00pm
Elementary & Secondary * **Starts March 20** – Maria Montessori Rm.
Don't be tricked! The first Chess Club will be on Wednesday March 20 and there after it will meet on Tuesdays. Learn the mysteries of the world's greatest board game! Beginners are welcome to learn the basics of chess. Experienced players will work on higher levels of strategies and prepare for tournament playing. There will be several local tournaments that students can participate in. Chess sets will be provided. \$50/10 weeks

Cartoonists Workshop – Ms. Robby – Wednesdays – 3:45-5:00pm
Elementary & Secondary *Starts – **March 20** – Wassily Kandinsky Rm.
Learn to draw cartoon scenes and characters using the "Drawsquad" method by Mark Kistler. This class is open to all students, lower elementary through high school. *Participants will be asked to supply snack once in the 10 weeks for 10 students. Please provide healthy peanut and tree nut free snacks. Ms Robby will let you know what week your child should provide snacks. Thanks.

Chef's Club – Ms. Sabrina – Thursdays – 3:45-5:00pm
Elem & Secondary *Starts – **March 21** – Wassily Kandinsky Rm.
This studio is geared for students who enjoy cooking and eating. Participants will be creating French and Italian dishes. They will mainly be meat free but not always. We expect to have an enjoyable, tasty, and safe time together! ***This studio is limited to 10 students and has a \$15 fee for ingredients.**

Elementary Science Club – Dr. Alina – Fridays – 3:45-5:00pm
*Starts – **March 22** – Jacques Cousteau Rm.
This club is designed to provide students with opportunities to learn more about science and to enhance positive experiences by allowing them to explore their own ideas and interests. They will explore various aspects of science through experiments and activities on campus. The topics covered will depend on member interest.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

All Studios – 3:45-5:00pm

Mondays

Running Club – M, W, F

Upper Elementary & Secondary

Coach Dave - NewGate Bleachers

(Students will pay their entry fees for competitions.)

Extended Day Primary/Toddler or Year Round Care

Primary & Lower Elementary

Ms. Kristi – Krista McAuliffe Rm.

Students not enrolled in Extended Day Primary/Toddler or Year Round Elem Care may participate. \$40/10 weeks

Tuesdays

PE Extensions – T, Th

Elementary & Secondary

Coach Dave – NewGate Bleachers

Chess Club

Elementary through 14 year olds

Rick Knowlton – Maria Montessori Rm.

\$50/10 weeks

Wednesdays

Cartoonists Workshop

Elementary & Secondary

Ms. Robby – Wassily Kandinsky Rm

*Each participant will provide snack for 1 session.

Running Club – (see Mondays)

Thursdays

PE Extensions – (see Tuesdays)

Elementary & Secondary

Coach Dave – NewGate Bleachers

Chef's Club

Elementary & Secondary

Ms. Sabrina – Wassily Kandinsky Rm

\$15/10 weeks

Fridays

Running Club – (see Mondays)

Science Club

Elementary

Dr. Alina – Jacques Cousteau Rm

*Each participant will provide snack for 1 session.