

# **Sonoran Sky PTO**

## **Spring 2017 Enrichment Course Catalog**

*Enrichment classes provide extra-curricular learning opportunities for Sonoran Sky students before and after regular school hours.*



**Registration Opens January 9, 2017**  
**Registration Closes January 20, 2017**  
**Classes Begin February 6, 2017**

**Register online at [www.sskypto.com](http://www.sskypto.com)**

**For questions contact  
[enrichment@sskypto.com](mailto:enrichment@sskypto.com)**

### **Enrichment FAQs**

#### **What is the Enrichment Program?**

The PTO sponsored Enrichment Program offers 45-60 minute elective classes before and after school. These are non-graded courses with very small student to teacher ratios. Participating in the Enrichment Program enhances your child's learning with special experiences.

#### **What does the PTO do with the registration fees?**

Taking an Enrichment Class is a fun way to contribute to our school. About half of the fees collected are used to pay for supplies and to reimburse our enrichment teachers for their time. The rest of the money raised through Enrichment is directed to the General Fund and used to help pay for school enhancements, such as technology, magazines and books, Artist-In-Residence, STEM Night, Art Walk, and many, many other Sonoran Sky programs.

The money raised through Enrichment is essential to maintaining the wonderful programs and events that are provided to our children. Each year presents us with a new need or endeavor, and the PTO is committed to using all money received to provide the best educational experiences possible.

#### **Who teaches Enrichment Classes?**

Enrichment classes are taught by our highly qualified Sonoran Sky teachers and staff. Our District and school administration works hard to hire and train some of the best teachers in the state and the Enrichment Program gives our students the opportunity to work with these teachers in a small group setting outside of the regular school day.

#### **Are scholarships or financial assistance available?**

Yes. The PTO offers a 50% fee reduction. Please contact [Enrichment@sskypto.com](mailto:Enrichment@sskypto.com) for more information.

#### **The class is listed for 4th -6th grade? Can my 3rd grader take the class?**

The teachers have carefully designed their classes to be appropriate for the grade level(s) listed and we want to respect that class design. However, sometimes a younger student may take a class with instructor approval. Please read the class descriptions to see if this applies.

#### **Why are certain classes cancelled? And what can I do to prevent a class from being cut?**

Most classes require a minimum of six (6) students to cover the costs of holding the class. If we cannot enroll the minimum number of students one week before classes are scheduled to start, the class will be cancelled. Parents will be offered a choice of moving to another class or receiving a full refund. The best thing you can do to prevent a class from being cancelled is to talk to your friends and classmates. Word of mouth is our best marketing!

**Spring 2017**  
**Enrichment Class Descriptions**

**The Art of Origami**                      **Grades 3-6**                      **Monday 3:15pm-4:15pm**                      **Mrs. Kosec**  
**8 Weeks**  
**\$88**

Paper-folding is a wonderful hobby, and a wonderful group activity... and for kids it has so many benefits socially and for the developing mind. It has long been known that origami has many benefits like developing eye hand coordination, sequencing skills, attention skills, patience, temporal spatial skills, math reasoning etc. *Goals & Objectives: Students will successfully complete a number of different origami objects while working on motor skills and directions.*

**All Things E.Q.**                      **Grades 2-6**                      **Friday 7:45am-8:30am**                      **Mrs. Brown/ Mrs Evans**  
**8 Weeks**  
**\$75**

"Course Goal and Description: This class does an in-depth focus on the All Things E.Q. Material and specifically the four questions:

1. Am I being kind and helpful in this moment?
2. Am I using positive self-talk?
3. Am I making an honest effort?
4. Am I focusing on solutions instead of problems?

Class begins with a brief instruction on the topic of the week and then concludes with a group discussion of the material. The students are put in TEAMS and each student will have an opportunity to Facilitate, Initiate, Report and Present on the topics discussed in class. This way, they are not only learning about positive communication skills, but they are actively applying them, as well. The TEAMS provide key collaboration opportunities and many classes end in brief skits that are optional, but fun! Every class has a key take-away for the student to practice that week. Each lesson includes a parent email that offers suggestions for implementing the new skills at home."

**Build Your Own Robot II**                      **Grades 4-6**                      **Tuesday 3:15pm-4:15pm**                      **Mrs. Cunningham**  
**10 Weeks**  
**\$145**

Students will learn the basics of mechanics, how to follow technical directions and interpret diagrams in order to build their very own infrared, remote controlled Titan Tank Robot. At the end of the class, students will have a completed, infrared line tracking robot. *Goals and Objectives: At the end of the class, students will have a completed, working robot.*



**Fairytales STEM II      Grades 1-2      Monday 3:15pm-4:15pm      Miss Dunn**  
**10 Weeks**  
**\$110**

Students will be completing STEM activities based on different fairytales. This class provides different activities than the Fall class. Can you build a tall tower for Rapunzel? Solve the Queen's mystery based on clues? Can you build a house strong enough for the Three Little Pigs? Activities will include read-alouds, problem-solving, and learning about engineers. This class is limited to 8 students. *Goals and objectives: During this class, students will collaborate with their peers to brainstorm solutions, work as a team to construct different projects, and use the design process to solve problems. Students will participate in hands-on activities.*

**Farm to Table Cooking Class      Grades 2-3      Wednesday 3:15pm-4:15pm      Mrs. Klein**  
**10 Weeks**  
**\$135**

We will prepare and eat what we grow!

The children will work in Wonderland, planting and maintaining the herb gardens. We'll use those tasty herbs and other vegetables to prepare delicious, healthy foods and learn why it's important for us to eat these colorful fruits and vegetables everyday.

All the children will learn how to prepare delicious treats properly and safely to share with our families. They will learn how to plant an herb garden, the benefits of eating fresh local produce as well as safety skills in the kitchen. For anyone with allergies- **\*\* We WILL be using nuts, dairy, breads and soy.\*\***

**KinderFUNdamentals      Grade-K      Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or M-W      Miss. Murray**  
**10Weeks**  
**\$75 per day or \$200 for M-W**

Our newest Thunderbirds love meeting with Miss Murray after school. Kinder students will receive individualized and small group instruction as they work on their writing skills and practice math. Students will engage in fun games and exercises and experience all the fun of kindergarten through play based learning.

**Mastering Math      Grades 2-6\*\*      Monday 3:15pm-4:15pm      Mrs. Cunningham**  
**10 Weeks**  
**\$105**

Learn multiplication facts in a way that is fun and different. All students succeed in learning their basic multiplication facts through pictures for visual learners, stories for auditory learners and activities for kinesthetic

learners. This class is for the student who struggles with their basic multiplication facts. *Goals and Objectives: Students will know their multiplication facts fluently on a consistent basis.*

**Minecraft 1-2-3**

**Grades 1-3**

**Wednesday 3:15pm-4:15pm**

**Mrs. Sanchez**

**10 Weeks**

**\$105**

Interested in the Minecraft world? Want to learn how to play in a fun environment with friends? Students in this class will learn the basics of programming, developing critical thinking skills, and using logic to outwit the Minecraft worlds. Students are the masters of their own worlds in this class, as they decide how and what to create each time. This class is appropriate for beginners.

Every Minecraft session is different! Each session includes a building challenges (collaborative and math skills), geometry challenges (math and critical thinking), obstacle challenges (logic skills), and exploration of worlds to gather materials (science). *Goals and Objectives: Working with Minecraft allows students to explore several Common Core math and literacy standards. For example, students will participate in collaborative conversations with peers and adults in small and larger groups. Follow multistep procedures when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks. Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details. Compose simple shapes to form larger shapes. For example, "Can you join these two triangles with full sides touching to make a rectangle?" Generate numerical patterns using given rules. Identify relationships between corresponding terms. Model shapes in the world by building shapes from components and drawing shapes. Solve real world and mathematical problems involving perimeters of polygons, including finding the perimeter given the side lengths, finding an unknown side length, and exhibiting rectangles with the same perimeter and different areas or with the same area and different perimeters.*

**Minecraft 4-5-6**

**Grades 4-6**

**Tuesday 3:15pm-4:15pm**

**Mrs. Sanchez**

**10 Weeks**

**\$105**

This Minecraft session is specifically for our upper graders. Every Minecraft session is different! Each session includes a building challenges (collaborative and math skills), geometry challenges (math and critical thinking), obstacle challenges (logic skills), and exploration of worlds to gather materials (science).

**Nature Club**

**Grades 1-3**

**Tuesday 7:45am-8:30am**

**Mrs. Rodgers**

**10 Weeks**

**\$95**

Did you know Sonoran Sky had a pond and fish? Come join us as we explore the fascinating world around us. Students will engage in hands-on activities and discoveries that will help them develop a personal relationship with nature! Research shows that a robust experience with nature is the best possible foundation for formal study of the natural sciences. Some of our wonderful activities will be creating bird feeders and birdhouses, nature scavenger hunts, and nature observations. If you have a curiosity for nature then this is the place to be. *Goals and Objectives: Students will have an awareness and appreciation of the outdoors.*

**Paint & Paper Art Class      Grades 1-3      Tuesday 3:15pm-4:15pm      Mrs. Fuentes**

**10 Weeks**

**\$130**

This fun, "no mistakes" class will allow your student the freedom to experiment with their own creativity. We will get messy with paint and paper, as well as explore different art mediums. Students will use lines, shapes, and color to create art journals, sketches, artist trading cards and collaborative pieces.

**Reader's Theater      Grades 1-3      Tuesday 3:15pm-4:15pm      Mrs. Tigges**

**8 Weeks**

**\$85**

Readers Theater is a fun way for students to practice orally rereading text by rehearsing and performing a play from a script. It is a great way to increase children's vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. It also promotes cooperative interaction with peers and makes reading even more fun!

**Rubik's Cube Tournament Team Grades 2-6\*\*      Wednesday 3:15pm -4:15pm      Mrs Brown**

**10 Weeks      This class starts on 1/11/17 includes Wednesday afternoon practices & 3 tournaments**

**\$110**

Does your child have an interest in solving the Rubik's Cube? This class is designed for students can already solve the Rubik's Cube in under 2 minutes This class is designed to hone your Rubik's cube solving skills and prepare you for competitions. This course is limited to 30 students.

Students will compete against other schools in tournaments. These tournaments will be held on Saturdays February 11th at ASU, February 25th at Paradise Valley and April 28th in Cave Creek. The tournaments will be from 8:30 am until approximately 2pm. A parent must accompany and stay with the child for the duration of the tournament.

**The Science of Sports STEM      Grades 4-6      Wednesday 3:15pm-4:15pm      Mrs. Smith-Day**

**10 Weeks**

**\$115**

Do you love sports? Do you love science? Then, you'll love The Science of Sports class with Mrs. Day. Take part in experiments that reveal the science and math behind professional ice hockey, football, baseball, basketball, and golf. Every one to two weeks, a different professional sport will be the focus. One to three experiments per sport demonstrating math and science concepts will be conducted. This class will not repeat from previous semesters. Come get an edge by knowing the science...and math behind the moves!

STEM Club repeats each semester; however, the content is different from the previous semester. Based on the student enrollment, activities and labs may be altered to provide a new and exciting experience for

*all.Goals and Objectives: Upon completion of STEM Club, students will have a better understanding of the scientific process and engineering design process.*

**Typing Skills**

**Grades 2-6**

**Wednesday 7:45am-8:30am**

**Miss Dunn**

**10 Weeks**

**\$95**

Do you find yourself hunting for certain keys on the keyboard? Touch typing isn't just about increasing your typing speed and reducing errors, it's about adopting healthy computer habits to reduce the risk of injury and provide increased comfort. Students who learn to type properly will be able to type fast enough to capture their thoughts and ideas on the screen--an essential skill for academic success. Students will learn typing techniques and practice their typing skills on a laptop computer.*Goals and Objectives: Students will identify the home row on a keyboard and proper hand placement. Students will learn how to go from the home row to different keys on the keyboard.*

*\*Space permitting, younger grades may enroll with instructor approval.*



## **Policies and General Information**

### **General Class Policies**

- One registration per student should be completed online. Only complete registrations will be accepted. Class spots will not be held.
- Payment is due at the time of registration. A \$12 fee will be added for any returned check.
- There will be no pro-rating for late registrations or missed classes.
- No refunds will be issued after the registration period officially closes at 3:15pm on January 20, 2017.
- Partial scholarships are available through the PTO.
- In consideration of participation in any activities, events or services to be rendered by the PTO and use of PVUSD facilities during said activities, events or services, parents, or guardians, on behalf of their children, must waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for injuries, damages, losses, demands, recoveries, suits, payments, actions, and judgments of every nature and description, which may hereafter accrue to me against the PTO or the PVUSD, its officers, agents, representatives, employees, and assigns, for injuries sustained or suffered or by reason of any act or failure to act, as applicable, in connection with or arising out of participation in the activities, events or services described herein.
- Parents are responsible for notifying their child and their classroom teacher of their enrichment program schedule or any changes to their schedule. Although school officials and volunteers are available to help students, students are ultimately responsible for walking to the assigned classroom. as designated by the school office.

### **Behavior**

Enrichment students are expected to follow all school rules. Students participating in the Enrichment Program must comply with the Behavior Policy and other policies listed in the Sonoran Sky Handbook. If a student does not comply with Sonoran Sky policies after being informed his/her actions are inappropriate, the student may be withdrawn from the Enrichment class without a refund.

### **Class Information**

- Morning classes are held from 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Afternoon classes are 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- No A.M. or P.M. classes are held on teacher-conference week or scheduled NO SCHOOL days.
- Morning classes are held on professional development ½ days. There are no afternoon classes on professional development ½ days.
- In the event a teacher is unable to teach class for the day, every attempt will be made to schedule a substitute teacher for the day. In rare occasions, if a class must be cancelled, parents will be contacted to determine pick up arrangements for the day. A makeup date will be planned and communicated to parents by the individual instructor.
- If a class does not meet minimum enrollment, it may be cancelled. In the event a class is cancelled due to low enrollment, the full tuition amount will be refunded.

### **Arrival Policies for Morning Classes**

- The front doors open at 7:40 a.m. for morning classes. Students may not enter the building for enrichment classes prior to that time.
- Due to safety issues, parents and students must enter school through the front door and walk together to the assigned room where parents must sign-in their child for each enrichment class.
- If your child attends early morning Mascot Club, please inform your Mascot Teacher about the days/dates your child will be attending morning enrichment classes and what time they must be escorted to their enrichment course.

### **Dismissal/Pick-Up Policy for Afternoon Classes**

Afternoon classes end promptly at 4:15 p.m. Course instructors will dismiss students to parents once they have signed their child out on the appropriate form. No child will be left unattended. Children will not be allowed to walk or bike home by themselves or with a sibling.

Parents, or designated caregivers, must pick up children promptly at 4:15 p.m. Picking up a child after 4:15 p.m. will be considered a late pick-up and incur a late charge.

**LATE CHARGE:** A late charge of \$10.00/for the first 15 minutes or any portion thereof, and \$1.00/for each additional minute thereafter, will be assessed to parents picking-up children later than 4:15 P.M.

A third late pick-up will result in the child's removal from the course and no refund will be issued.

- Parents should not enter the building prior to the end of enrichment classes. Please wait at the flagpole area for dismissal.
- If your child attends Mascot Club or goes to the JCC, please inform your Mascot teacher and/or the JCC about the days/dates your child will be arriving late due to attendance in after-school classes. Parents must make their own arrangements with the JCC for pick-up.

**We appreciate your promptness at drop-off and pick-up, as does your child and the instructor.**

### **Paradise Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) Community Education Classes**

PVUSD Community Education Department also offers Enrichment Classes at Sonoran Sky Elementary. Examples of some of their classes include Chess, Elements Music, Golf, etc.

Information, enrollment forms, phone and email contact for these classes are available in the Community Education catalog which is sent home separately. **Registrations for these courses will be handled directly by the Paradise Valley Unified District Community Education Offices.** Visit the Community Education website at <http://www.pvschools.net/comed/> or contact them by phone at 602-449-2200.