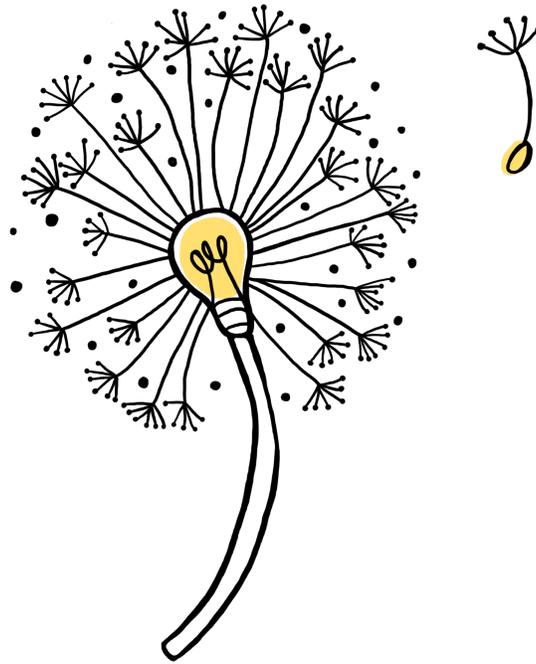


# FALL 2020 ENRICHMENT COURSE CATALOG



*\*\* Enrichment classes provide extracurricular learning opportunities for Sonoran Sky students before and after regular school hours \*\**

Register at: <https://sskypto.com/shop>

*Registration Opens:* Friday, August 21, 2020  
*Registration Closes:* Friday, August 28, 2020  
*Classes Begin:* Monday, August 31, 2020

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Questions? Please contact:  
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# Fall Semester 2020

## Class Descriptions

### Cursive Club

*Mondays, 7:45 - 8:30am; Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>*  
*Mrs. Kosec*

The benefits of handwriting, and cursive in particular, have long been documented. In addition to the effects on brain development, handwriting helps students build fine motor skills and dexterity, and leads to greater engagement and retention. This class is geared towards 4th graders who missed cursive instruction last year due to distance learning, as well as 3rd graders wanting to learn earlier in the year. Students will learn letter groups, and they will be given practice packets to work on throughout the week. Practice packets are not mandatory, but beneficial when learning new letters.

*Cost: \$75.00; 8 weeks: 8/31/20 - 11/9/20; \*No Class: 9/7, 9/28, 10/26\**

### Introduction to Public Speaking

*Mondays, 7:45 - 8:30am; Grades: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>*  
*Ms. Arn*

Learn, practice, and sharpen your public speaking skills, focusing especially on virtual public speaking. You will learn how to structure and effectively deliver different types of speeches to become a more effective presenter.

*Cost: \$55.00; 6 weeks: 8/31/20 - 10/19/20; \*No Class: 9/7, 9/28\**

### Creative Coloring

*Mondays, 3:20 - 4:20pm; Grades: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>,*  
*Mrs. Tigges*

Coloring is a rhythmic activity that calms the brain. Creative coloring helps lift your mood, reduce anxiety and stress. It also improves motor skills which contributes to better handwriting. It increases an individual's confidence and self-esteem and stimulates creativity. In this class, we will be coloring a variety of mandalas and geometric patterns while listening to music to enhance our mindfulness.

*Cost: \$95.00; 8 weeks: 8/31/20 - 11/9/20; \*No Class: 9/7, 9/28, 10/26\**

# Touch Typing

*Mondays, 3:20 - 4:20pm; Grades: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Mrs. Martin*

Typing Jungle contains over 650 lessons, games, videos and much more. Typing Jungle offers a number of typing experiences to ensure students are engaged while they practice touch typing. Each lesson devotes specific attention to each skill to master touch typing. Join Typing Jungle to assist you meeting the required 15 hours of typing this school year.

*Cost: \$85.00; 8 weeks: 8/31/20 - 11/9/20; \*No Class: 9/7, 9/28, 10/26\**

# Ukulele

*Tuesdays, 7:45 - 8:30am; Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Ms. Crider*

Students will be guided through Instruction in learning to play the ukulele from beginning to intermediate levels. Students may use their own instrument or borrow one of the ukuleles purchased for the school by the PTO and Team Thunderbird.

*Cost: \$85.00; 8 weeks: 9/1/20 - 11/3/20 \*No Class: 9/29, 10/27\**

# Coding, Coding, Coding!

*Tuesdays, 3:20 - 4:20pm; Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Mrs. Martin*

These awesome CS First activities introduce students to computer science concepts and the programming language through Scratch. Different themes attract and engage students of varying backgrounds and interests. So, choose of one of the following coding themes. Each theme includes 8 unique activities and 10-12 hours of content. Join the coding fun!

- Friends: In Friends, students are encouraged to sign up with a friend or make a new friend in the class. Friends emphasizes teamwork by allowing students to tell the story of how their friendship started and imagine a company together.
- Fashion & Design: In Fashion & Design, students learn how computer science and technology are used in the fashion industry while building fashion-themed programs, like a fashion walk, a stylist tool, and a pattern maker.
- Art: In Art, students create animations, interactive artwork, photograph filters, and other exciting, artistic projects.

- Sports: In Sports, students use computer science to simulate extreme sports, make their own fitness gadget commercial, and create commentary for a big sporting event.
- Music & Sound: In Music & Sound, students use the computer to play musical notes, create a music video, and build an interactive music display while learning how programming is used to create music.
- Storytelling: In Storytelling, students use computer science to tell fun and interactive stories. Storytelling emphasizes creativity by encouraging students to tell a unique story each day.

*Cost: \$85.00; 8 weeks: 9/1/20 – 11/10/20 \*No Class: 9/29, 10/13, 10/27\**

## Readers' Theater

*Wednesdays, 3:20 – 4:20pm; Grades: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>d</sup>  
Mrs. Tigges*

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!

*Cost: \$85.00; 8 weeks: 9/2/20 – 11/4/20; \*No Class: 9/30, 10/28\**

## eCybermission: Accept the Challenge!

*Wednesdays, 3:20 – 5:00pm; Grade: 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Day*

Accept the challenge! Take the average science fair into cyberspace and join our team! ECybermission is a web-based science technology engineering architecture and mathematics competition for 6th–9th graders nationwide. Sonoran Sky is looking for teams to propose a solution to a real-world problem in our community and compete for state, regional and national awards. We need YOU!

eCYBERMISSION is a 20-week course and will resume immediately after winter break. There will be 11 class sessions in the Fall semester and 9 class sessions in the spring. Please note: there is a possible transfer to an in-person class should schools re-open in the Winter.

*Cost \$220.00 covers all 20 classes; 9/2/20 – 3/3/21; \*No Class: 9/30, 10/28, 11/25, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30\**

## 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 August 23, 2019.
- 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 3:20 p.m. – 4:20 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 1/2 days. There are no afternoon classes on professional development 1/2 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 make-up 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 4:20 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 4:20 p.m. Picking up a child after 4:20 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 4:20 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.

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

## 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 scholarships based on need for one class per student per semester. You will need to complete a request form. Please obtain the request form and return a completed form to the front office staff. The enrichment coordinator will contact you with instructions on how to proceed with your online enrollment. Scholarships will need to be granted prior to your online enrollment. You will not be able to retrospectively obtain a scholarship if you have already purchased online registration for a class.

### **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!