

Henrico County Public Schools Elementary Activities

- ❑ **SCA/Student Government:** Student representatives meet regularly to plan activities to improve school spirit, and to encourage community service. The SCA sponsors events to allow students to get together outside of school, school spirit days, holiday contests, and supply drives. This club develops leadership skills and teaches parliamentary procedures.
- ❑ **Dance Team:** Dance Teams offer students the opportunity to learn movement techniques and invent their own movement. It is a great way to have fun and stay active!
- ❑ **Safety Patrol:** Becoming a School Safety Patrol is an honored position. They perform an invaluable service to fellow students. Safety Patrol members are 4th and/or 5th grade students that have shown citizenship, responsibility, and good work habits in the classroom. Members of the Safety Patrol are selected for their courtesy, dependability, and scholastic standing.
- ❑ **Destination Imagination:** Destination ImagiNation is an after-school activity that provides educational programs for students to learn and experience creativity, teamwork, and problem solving. Through teamwork, students work to solve mind-bending challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. Participants learn to unleash their imaginations and take unique approaches to problem solving.
- ❑ **Art Club:** Art Clubs meets regularly to explore various techniques and use an assortment of mediums that may or may not be experienced in regular art class. Art Clubs seek to build children's confidence, familiarity, and skill in working with a wide variety of materials in many disciplines. The students work from life experiences and imagination, using principles of design to make their artwork more visually compelling and meaningful.
- ❑ **Book Bowl:** This reading competition is an outstanding motivational reading program, open only to fifth graders. It encourages students to read a wide variety of books and to share information about them. The book list, selected by elementary school librarians, reflects a wide variety of reading interests—fantasy, historical fiction, mystery, science fiction, adventure, and realistic fiction.
- ❑ **Spelling Bee:** Students broaden their vocabulary with learning the spelling, meaning and history of words. Competitions are held at the local and regional level. Sponsored by the Richmond Times Dispatch.
- ❑ **Rocket Club:** Students develop engineering and problem solving skills while constructing model rockets.
- ❑ **African Dance Club:** This club provides students with an introduction to the history of Africa. It also allows students the opportunity to learn of the culture and the basic steps of traditional dances from Africa.
- ❑ **Spanish Club:** The Spanish Club gives students the opportunity to learn about various Spanish-speaking countries and its traditions. This club also works to develop students' conversational skills using the Spanish language.

- ❑ **Cooking Creations Club:** In this club, students learn about nutrition, how to read food labels, and eat healthy. They are taught how to utilize their math skills to measure ingredients and how to follow and develop recipes.
- ❑ **Drama/SPARC:** This club provides an opportunity for students to express themselves, train and develop skills for the performing arts. They work with the School of Performing Arts in the Richmond Community (SPARC), who specialize in the quality of performing arts and training for students focusing on the elements of theater, music and dance.
- ❑ **Knowledge Master Open (KMO):** KMO is a computerized academic competition where students are challenged to answer questions from various academic disciplines. Students work as a team and emphasis is placed on cooperation and strategies to answer the questions. Students compete with other teams twice a year.
- ❑ **Crafts Club:** This club cultivates a student's talent and imagination and provides a social environment where students share ideas and experiment with a variety of materials to create original crafts.
- ❑ **Chess Club:** The Chess Club welcomes students regardless of chess ability, and meets regularly during the school year to play chess.
- ❑ **Jogging Club:** Students meet weekly to jog and promote daily exercise.
- ❑ **Jump Rope Club:** Students meet weekly to learn jump rope techniques and routines and promote cardiovascular fitness and coordination.
- ❑ **Ecology ("Green Team") Club:** Students meet to engage in activities that promote recycling, conservation of resources, and appreciation for nature.
- ❑ **D.R.U.M. Team:** Students learn to play a variety of drums and to perform as an ensemble. Activities promote Diversity, Respect, and Understanding through Music.
- ❑ **Journalism Club:** Students produce, direct, write, anchor and film daily morning announcements.
- ❑ **Basketball Club:** An after school basketball club involving 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders that meet after school during the fall to learn and practice skills.
- ❑ **Friendly Helpers:** 5th Graders (Friendly Helpers), under the direction of our school counselor, assist K, 1st, and 2nd grade teachers with students during morning arrival.
- ❑ **Book Buddies:** Book Buddies is a program involving 4th and 5th grade students who pair up and read with Kindergarten Students once or twice a month.