Williamstown Elementary School

Adventures in Learning 2018

Adventures in Learning (AIL), a program of the Center for Learning in Action at Williams College, offers a variety of after-school courses for students grades 1-6 during January.

Volunteer instructors are Williams College students, staff, and/or members of the WES community. They design their courses, are eager to teach, and enjoy working with children. They also all pass a CORI check before the classes begin. AIL coordinator Melody Fisher and program assistants Emma Lezberg, Cielo Perez, and Laura Varela serve as daily supervisors.

Classes meet once a week for up to four weeks JANUARY 3-26.

Classes meet from 3-5pm EXCEPT Wednesday classes which meet from 1:30-3:30 pm. Classes are held at WES unless noted.

All students meet in the cafeteria at the end of the school day for a snack, which they provide themselves. Dismissal also happens in the cafeteria.

FEE: $30 per course (due after confirmation of classes)
Scholarship aid available thanks to the WES PTO. Please contact Principal Joelle Brookner; all inquiries are confidential.

You must register online by Thursday December 14th at 5PM at: adventuresinlearning.williams.edu

*registration forms are available at the front office at WES if you do not have online access.

Registering means committing to attending & paying for an AIL class!

Please submit a separate registration for each child (sorry!) If a course is over-enrolled, students will be selected by lottery. Including alternate choices whenever possible will increase chances of being placed in a class. Our goal is to provide each child the opportunity to take 1 AIL course at a minimum.

Look for an email confirmation of your child’s course(s) around 12/21.

NOTES:
- Exceptions can occasionally be made to age groups. Please contact us!
- Yes, 6th graders can participate in the musical and take an AIL class (Ms.Reali encourages this!)
- AIL will host a celebratory Open House showcase for students, families and teachers at WES on Friday February 2 from 5-6 pm. Come and share your child’s adventures!
- Please contact AIL coordinator Melody with any questions (mbf1@williams.edu).
**SUMMARY OF COURSE OFFERINGS 2018**

**PLEASE NOTE:**
Tuesday course are only three weeks, all others are four-week courses.

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Yoga for Kids!
Instructor: Amy Sosne. Amy is a licensed physician and Williams alumna who has been practicing yoga for 20 years.
Grades: 1-2
Class Size Max: 10
Three weeks: January 9, 16, and 23

Curious about yoga? This class will be fun for all levels as we play some games and learn some exercises and short meditations to learn effective ways of calming and relaxing ourselves in any situation. We’ll move to music, play together, and have a lot of fun!

Clowning Around
Instructors: Nadiya Atkinson and Julia Tucher, Williams College first-years.
Grades: 2-4
Class Size Max: 10
Three weeks: January 9, 16, and 23

How do you make an audience laugh or cry without learning any lines at all? Learn the secrets of physical theater, using circus exercises, improvisation, and theater games to entertain an audience without saying a single word!

Global History Through Disney
Instructors: Sonia Nyarko and Marya Rana, Williams College first-years.
Grades 3-4
Class Size Max: 10
Three weeks: January 9, 16, and 23

Do you like Disney AND history? Then this is the class for you! Join us as we explore Greek mythology, indigenous cultures, North American exploration, and more, learning real-life history with the aid of Disney movies and music. What better way to learn about the people of early China, Arabia, Europe, and the Americas than through the magic of Disney!

Crazy Mazes
Instructors: Natalia Miranda and Stephanie Liu, Williams College seniors.
Grades: 4-6
Class Size Max: 8
Three weeks: January 9, 16, and 23

Puzzle your way through logic problems, word games, and brain teasers that have mystified mathematicians around the world. Learn to play solitaire chess, and attack tough problems together as a team! We’ll approach challenges from multiple angles, building problem-solving skills and having lots of fun.
**Play the Marimba!**

**Instructors:** Williams College students Jonathan Berg & Zambezi band members, along with Tendai Muparutsa, faculty artist-in-residence.

**Grades:** 4-6  
**Class Size Max:** 10  
**Three weeks:** January 9, 16, and 23

Come try out new instruments and use your body to make sounds in ways you never knew! This adventure will introduce musical traditions from Zambia and Zimbabwe with the Williams College Zambezi Marimba band. We’ll go over to the Williams campus and discover the musical tradition from this part of the world, try out instruments, and learn how to play together to make some seriously fun music.

**Tabletop Games**

**Instructors:** Niko White and Robin Senseney. Niko is the owner of Purple Dragon Games and a Williams alumnus.  
**Grades:** 4-6  
**Class Size Max:** 12  
**Three weeks:** January 9, 16, and 23

Learn and play cooperative and team-based tabletop games with the owner of Purple Dragon Games on Spring Street! You’ll be introduced to popular modern games like Codenames, Mysterium, and more!

**In the Lab: Exercise Science**

**Instructors:** Steve Swoap and Williams students. Steve is a professor of Biology at Williams College, teaching along with his Winter Study students.  
**Grades:** 5-6  
**Class Size Max:** 10  
**Three weeks:** January 9, 16, and 23

Join in on lab activities exploring exercise science at the Williams College science labs! College students will guide investigations of the lever systems within your body, the functioning of the heart muscle during exercise, and a dissection activity, among others. Grab your beaker and a Bunsen burner, it’s time for some science!

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**WEDNESDAY**

**Musica Latina!**

**Instructors:** Sean Pasquali, Alexa Chumpitaz, Claudia Rodriguez, and Isabel Andrade, Williams College students.

**Grade:** 1-2  
**Class Size Max:** 10  
**Four weeks:** January 3, 10, 17, and 24

Each week we will explore the rich culture, sound, and history of Latin America! Learn basic dance steps to merengue, bachata, and salsa, and experiment with musical instruments you’ll be able to take home. Crafts and games will provide an understanding of history and language, as you’ll learn some simple Spanish words as well!
Make Puppets Come Alive!
Instructors: Jane Shiyah, Williamstown community member. Jane has worked with children and families as a therapist and as a volunteer for many years.
Grades: 1-2  Four weeks: January 3, 10, 17, and 24
Class Size Max: 13

Pretend to be a pirate or a wolf or a dancer or anything you want to be with the magic of puppets! Learn how to develop a special puppet character with your voice and hands. Together we will create a story filled with our puppets and learn how to put on a puppet show. We will have fun with Miss Jane’s own puppets, and also make our own out of socks!

Art for Rebels
Instructors: Hattie Schapiro and Stef Hernandez, Williams College juniors.
Grade: 3-5  Four weeks: January 3, 10, 17, and 24
Class Size Max: 12

How can art make a real difference in people’s lives? Come make artwork inspired by some rebel artists, including Frida Khalo, Corita Kent, and others. We’ll be exploring a range of mediums, including painting, fiber art, and collage. This class is for anyone, whether you’re a seasoned artist or have never made art before!

Engineers of Fun
Instructors: Andrew Hallward-Driemeir and Hae On Yoon, Williams College first-years.
Grade: 4-5  Four weeks: January 3, 10, 17, and 24
Class Size Max: 12

Can you protect an egg from a 10-foot drop? Build a trap to capture an escaped dinosaur? Design and build your own roller-coaster out of cardboard? Attack these challenges and many more, learning to think outside the box and creatively engage with everyday objects! Build your skills in cooperative problem-solving and challenge yourself to think different in a fun environment.

Playwriting and Performance
Instructors: Natalie DiNenno and Alexandra Bernard, Williams College students.
Grades: 3-6  Four weeks: January 3, 10, 17, and 24
Class Size Max: 10

If you like acting and writing, this is the class for you! We’ll play acting games and improve our skills, and then write our own play and perform it at the Open House celebration! We’ll create our own characters and work together to write scenes, find costumes and props, and put on a performance that will bring the house down.
**THURSDAY**

**Tinkering Together**  
**Instructors:** Danielle Faulkner and Anna Kim, Williams College juniors.  
**Grades:** 1-2  
**Four weeks:** January 4, 11, 18, and 25  
**Class Size Max:** 10  

Who can build the tallest structure out of marshmallows and dry spaghetti? How have “failed” inventions led the way to amazing successes? Learn to think like an engineer through creative exploration. We’ll design and build a Rube Goldberg machine as a whole group, learning about simple machines and what it takes to convert creative ideas into reality!

**Sports: Play Them All!**  
**Instructors:** Luke Apuzzi and Jake Mohan, Williams College sophomores.  
**Grades:** 2-3  
**Four weeks:** January 4, 11, 18, and 25  
**Class Size Max:** 10  

Love sports and want to learn more? This is the class for you! We’ll teach a new sport each week, through films and highlights, skills practice, and a short game. Kick, throw, and bat your way through multiple athletic activities, improving your skills and practicing good sportsmanship along the way!

**Game ON!**  
**Instructors:** Mark Byrne and Ryan Pruss, Williams College sophomores.  
**Grades:** 2-4  
**Four weeks:** January 4, 11, 18, and 25  
**Class Size Max:** 8  

If you like games and want to think more about how they could be even better, this class is for you! We’ll play card games (like Uno and Spit), racing games (like Trouble and Sorry), family games (like Clue and Life), and strategy games (like Chess and Battleship). Improve your skills for both cooperation and competition, and try out new rules for games that you create yourself!
**Chemistry of Cooking**  
**Instructors:** Mei Liang and Julia Vargas, Williams College juniors. Mei is a returning AiL instructor.  
**Grades:** 3-5  
**Four weeks:** January 4, 11, 18, and 25  
**Class Size Max:** 9  

Have you ever wondered about the science behind your favorite cookies—how they turned from dough into deliciousness? Do you want to take part in some cool experiments and have fun playing with different colors? We’ll explore the chemistry involved in the foods we eat, learn more about where our food comes from, and have fun baking and cooking together!  

**Note:** Due to the nature of this class there will be some food preparation and consumption. Please get in touch with the AiL coordinator with any questions before registering.

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**Video Game Creation**  
**Instructors:** Sam Park and Leigh Davidson, Williams College seniors.  
**Grades:** 5-6  
**Four weeks:** January 4, 11, 18, and 25  
**Class Size Max:** 9

Have you ever wanted to make your own video game? This class will give you a taste of what it’s like to be a game designer. You’ll create characters, develop a story, choose art and music, and build interesting video game worlds to explore as part of a team! Learn to use video game development software in the Williams media lab, and take home your very own video game at the end of four weeks.

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**FRIDAY**

**Jump into Art!**  
**Instructors:** Libbie Pike, WES parent and artist.  
**Grades:** 1-2  
**Four weeks:** January 5, 12, 19, and 26  
**Class Size Max:** 10

Do you love making things with your hands and getting into all kinds of art projects? Together we’ll do a different project each week, trying out weaving, painting, sculpture, and more! Come have fun with us and be prepared to get messy as we jump into art!

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**On Track for the 2018 Olympics!**  
**Instructors:** JoJo Fernandez and Akhil Dayal, Williams College sophomores.  
**Grades:** 2-3  
**Four weeks:** January 5, 12, 19, and 26  
**Class Size Max:** 10

Excited about the 2018 Winter Olympics? This is the class for you! Through videos, crafts, games, and sports challenges, you’ll learn more about the games and host country South Korea. Make your own team shirt and flag, and participate in the WES Olympic Challenge!
**Fantastic Fairy Tales**
**Instructors:** Megan Siedman and Grace Murray, Williams College sophomores. Megan is a returning AiL instructor.
**Grades:** 4-6  
**Four weeks:** January 5, 12, 19, and 26  
**Class Size Max:** 12

Do you know why Cinderella wears glass slippers or why some animals can be so mean? We’ll uncover the “truth” about a different fairy tale each day and then look at some clips from movies, commercials, and TV shows to learn about how they’ve changed over time. After that, it’s your turn! We’ll put our own silly spin on some of our favorite stories and create our own happily-ever-afters.

**Math of Lego Bricks**
**Instructors:** Steven Miller and Williams students. Steven is a professor of mathematics at Williams College, teaching the course along with his Winter Study students.
**Grades:** 4-6  
**Four weeks:** January 5, 12, 19, and 26  
**Class Size Max:** 16

Legos are awesome! We’ll use Lego bricks to talk about a lot of fun math games and puzzles, explore some Lego-building challenges, and build with the Math 12 Lego Winter Study students from Williams College.

**Just(ice) Snacks!**
**Instructors:** Isaiah Blake and Austin Anderson, Williams College students.
**Grades:** 4-6  
**Four weeks:** January 5, 12, 19, and 26  
**Class Size Max:** 12

Explore both food and justice by cooking together and learning more about where our food comes from. What can the history of corn teach us about the indigenous people? How can tracing a tomato’s path from seed to compost help us understand the way our food is grown, transported, and served by people around the world? We will also focus on cooking as a means of community building, healing, and resisting injustice, making food together and growing friendships within the group!

**Note:** Due to the nature of this class there will be some food preparation and consumption. Please get in touch with the AiL coordinator with any questions before registering.

**Movie-Making**
**Instructors:** Kiri Peirce and Sam Park, Williams College seniors.
**Grades:** 5-6  
**Four weeks:** January 5, 12, 19, and 26  
**Class Size Max:** 8

Have you ever wanted to see yourself up on the big screen? Do you love coming up with crazy stories and wacky characters? Then this is the course for you! Over the four weeks, students will write and star in their very own movie, learning about plot and character development, filming, and editing. Our movie will debut at Adventures in Learning’s Open House night, and everyone who participates will get a copy to take home!
Expected Behavior for All

All classes are taught by volunteer community members. By making sure our kids follow the regular-day school behavior expectations we make sure these teachers can focus only on getting busy and creative with students!

· Follow instructions;

· Keep hands and feet to oneself;

· Show kindness and respect to instructors and fellow students;

· Use school equipment and property only as instructed;

· No wandering or running around the school;

· Stay with class group until dismissed.

Consequences for Misbehavior

· Three verbal warnings by the teacher;

· On the third warning, the student will have a time-out with program director and the parent will be contacted;

· On the next verbal warning the student will meet with Ms. Brookner and the parent will be contacted;

· Any further misbehavior will result in removal from the program with no refund in fees.

Please review these expectations carefully with your child.