

The Lower Lab School

NYC PS 77



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM Sponsored by the Lower Lab PTA

Spring 2020 Schedule:

Monday, January 27, 2020 through Friday, June 19, 2020

- See inside details for NYC DOE holidays and half days excluded from all classes during the semester.

Online Registration Friday, January 3rd at 10 am through Sunday, January 5th at 8pm

- Late registration fee of \$50 for registration between January 5th after 8 pm and January 17th at 8 pm.

Lower Lab Afterschool Program: Schedule and Tuition

January 27th - June 19th 2020 See below for DOE holidays & half days excluded from ALL classes.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Snack 2:35 – 3:00	Snack 2:35-3:00	Snack 2:35 – 3:00	Snack 2:35 – 3:00	Snack 2:35 – 3:00
Crayola World by Mad Science Grades K-3 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$775	Sports Grades K-1 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$550	Mad Science Grades K-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$825	Lego Grades K-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$425	CHESS (all levels) All Grades 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$650
Soccer Grades K-1 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$575	Sports Grades 2-5 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$650	Art with Ms. Michelle Grades K-3 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$675	Coding and Beginner Minecraft New Class! Grades 1-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$650	Hip Hop Jazz Fusion Grades K-3 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$700
FUNctional Fitness by PopFit Kids Grades K-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$700	Dramazone: Musical Theatre Grades K-2 3:00 -5:00 pm \$875	Newspaper Club Grades 1-5 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$450	Mandarin -- (All Levels) All Grades 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$850	Coding with Minecraft New Class! Grades 3-5 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$700
Gaga Grades 2-5 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$450	Architecture New Curriculum! Grades 2-5 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$775	Robotics Grades 3-5 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$775	Fashion & Sewing New Curriculum! Grades 2 – 5 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$750	Mad Science New Day! Grades K-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$775
		GO All Grades 3:00- 5:00 pm \$700		
		Ice-Skating** All Grades 3:00 – 5:15 pm Off-Site \$1200		
Lions Running Club*** Grades 4-5 7:30 – 8:00 am \$100	Lions Running Club*** Grades 2-3 7:30 – 8:00 am \$100			
Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100	Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100	Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100	Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100	Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100

- o * Extended Care available only to students enrolled in the Lower Lab Afterschool program for a class that ends before 5pm.
- o ** Ice Skating takes place **off-site**. Please see descriptions below for location and pick-up details.
- o *** Lions Running Club registration is through afterschool but program is administered by Mr. Goodman.

Lower Lab Afterschool Program - Policies and Procedures:

The Afterschool Program is sponsored by the PTA and organized by parent volunteers. We can be reached at l afterschool@gmail.com. If you would like to join our team, **please contact us to get involved!**

All About Afterschool

The Afterschool Program is available to students enrolled at PS 77, The Lower Lab School. The program begins at 2:35pm and all classes meet once a week. Students are dismissed to the auditorium, where they are supervised while they have a snack, relax, chat with friends, read or do homework. Classes generally begin at 3pm and run until 3:50 pm or 4:50 pm as noted. Dismissal is at 4 pm or 5 pm. Extended Care is offered for an additional fee until 5pm, for classes that end earlier. Some classes are held off-site. There is no busing home from Afterschool.

Please send your child with a nut-free snack. Snack will not be provided, and sharing is not permitted.

On-Site Supervision Provided by Lower Lab TAs and Teachers

On-site supervision is provided by Lower Lab teaching assistants and teachers who work with your children during the school day in the classrooms. Contact them if you are running late, or if an adult not included in your registration will be picking up your child. Please do not contact the parent volunteers or the school. On site supervisors will check phone and email after all children have settled into their respective classes after 3pm. They can be reached at:

clublowerlab@gmail.com or [646-591-9293](tel:646-591-9293)

Code of Conduct

Children are expected to follow the same behavioral rules in the Afterschool program as detailed in the Lower Lab Code of Conduct for the school day. Failure to do so will result in one warning (“strike”) and then removal or suspension from the afterschool program for the semester and/or full year. This includes time spent in the auditorium, classrooms, gym, and especially walking to off-site classes, while in class with an off-site vendor, or any other location they might be in during the Afterschool program, which begins at 2:35pm. No tuition, fee or other refund will be given for children who are dismissed and/or otherwise removed from the Afterschool program for any reason.

For certain behavior, removal or suspension from the program may be immediate, at the discretion of the on-site afterschool supervisor.

Usage of electronic devices is not permitted during the Afterschool program. We follow the same policy that PS77 has in effect during the school day. Cellular phones, iPads and other communication or gaming devices may not be turned on for use during the Afterschool program. If students are in violation of this policy, the device will be confiscated.

School Nurse and Allergies

The school nurse does not remain in the building for the Afterschool program. If your child has a life threatening allergy, or any other medical condition that you think may impact your student's participation in our program, please let us know ASAP. Refrain from sending snacks that contain nuts, as there are children with nut allergies. Class instructors will not have access to IEP, 504 or medical information. Class instructors or any on site afterschool staff cannot be authorized to administer medication.

Class Instructors

Most classes are taught by outside vendors that have staff with expertise in that field or topic. Most instructors are not certified NYC school teachers, and do not have access to your child's IEP. They will also not be aware of any on-going issues your child might have during the school day. If there is information the afterschool instructors or supervisor should know about your child, please contact the Afterschool program. The vendors are contracted with the PTA. If any issues arise, please do not contact the vendors directly.

Schedule and Holidays

Spring 2020 semester will run from **Monday, January 27th through Friday, June 19th**. All classes exclude holidays on the NYC DOE calendar and half days (i.e. teacher conferences). Afterschool will also be cancelled if school has an unexpected early closing due to weather or other conditions. There are no make-ups. You will be contacted at the email addresses you entered into the registration system if there are cancellations or other changes to the schedule. The Afterschool schedule for this semester is as follows:

- Monday: 18 classes, excluding Feb 17, April 13, May 25 (Last day is June 15)
- Tuesday: 18 classes, excluding Feb 18, April 14, June 9 (Last day is June 16)
- Wednesday: 19 classes, excluding Feb 19, April 15 (Last day is June 17)
- Thursday: 16 classes, excluding Feb 20, March 5 (half-day), April 9, April 16, June 4 (Last day is June 18)
- Friday: 18 classes, excluding Feb 21, April 10, April 17 (Last day is June 19)

Registration, Tuition and Fees

Registration is per student per class for the semester and must be completed online using the link located on the first page of the brochure. Tuition must be paid in full before the first day of the class. Tuition varies by class, and is based on the number of weeks of instruction.

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. We suggest you register early as some classes do fill up fast! If a class fills up, or is cancelled due to low enrollment, you will be notified. If you would like to be placed on a wait list for the class, please contact us at lfterschool@gmail.com. Wait list priority is based on the time stamp of your wait list request, not the time of your original registration. All email correspondence from the Lower Lab Afterschool Program will be sent to the email addresses you provided upon registering your child into our system.

Classes with low enrollment that do not meet the minimum required by the vendor are subject to cancellation.

Children who qualify to receive free or discounted school lunch per to DOE guidelines may qualify for reduced pricing in some classes based on availability at time of registration. Please contact Gina Goodman prior to registration at ggoodman@lowerlab.org.

A confirmation email will be sent to families the weekend before classes begin. Please keep this email and the brochure for reference, as it will contain more details about the overall program. Days excluded from the program are listed above under Schedule and Holidays.

Missed Classes

There are no refunds for missed classes, and no make-up classes.

Refunds, Cancellation and Late Enrollment:

- **No refunds will be granted for any reason!** If space is available, you may switch classes before the second class only! Additional fees may apply. We utilize many different vendors, which does not allow the flexibility to transfer between classes.
- There is a \$50 charge for returned checks.
- Late enrollment, after the signup deadline of **Sunday January 5th at 8 pm**, will incur an additional registration fee of \$50 AND the full tuition price will still apply. Please allow 7 days for all late registration to be processed before your child can start attending the class. The late fee will be waived for families who are admitted into the Lower Lab/PS 77 after the registration deadline.
- Due to classes starting on Monday, January 27th, **late registration ends on Friday, January 17th at 8 pm**. No further registration is permitted after this time.
- No tuition, fee or other refund will be given for children who are dismissed and/or otherwise removed from the Afterschool program for any reason.

Dismissal, Pick-Up, and Pick-Up Late Fee

Afterschool dismissal will occur outside the main 3rd Avenue doors. Parents/caregivers are required to wait outside the doors- do not enter the building. Adults are not allowed to sign in and pick up the children from the classroom.

Children must be picked up at their dismissal time. We cannot accommodate early dismissals. If there is an urgent situation and you need to pick up your child, you must call [646-591-9293](tel:646-591-9293) and a TA will bring your children down to the 3rd Avenue doors. Please add this number to your phone now and share it with your caregivers. Do not contact the main office and do not email. Call [646-591-9293](tel:646-591-9293).

Parent volunteers are not allowed into the classrooms.

Extended care is available until 5pm for classes that end earlier. Please see class descriptions regarding end times and class locations. There is no busing home from afterschool.

If you are late to pick-up your child at their specified class dismissal time, late charges will be as follows:

The late fee is \$25 for the first lateness and \$50 for the second lateness. If fees are not paid, and/or if lateness is determined to be chronic or repetitive, your child may be removed from the afterschool program for the semester and/or full year, and there are no refunds. If your child has accumulated unpaid late fees, he or she will not be allowed to re-enroll in Afterschool until the fees are paid.

We are offering extended care until 5 pm on a drop-in basis. You can ONLY enroll on a day that your child is signed up for an Afterschool class. The fee is \$25. To make arrangements, email clublowerlab@gmail.com no later than 3 pm on the day you need childcare. This option is not available from 2:35 – 4 pm. Your child must be picked up by 5 pm.

Please include all persons permitted to pick-up your child in the registration form. We cannot release your child to anyone not listed. On-site supervisors (Lower Lab TAs) can be reached at clublowerlab@gmail.com or at [646-591-9293](tel:646-591-9293). Contact them if you are running late, or if an adult not included in your registration will be picking up your child. Please note that they are unable to accept phone calls, texts or emails before 3pm.

Lower Lab After School Program: Descriptions

CRAYOLA WORLD OF COLOR by Mad Science

Grades K-3

Monday

Think it! Draw it! Make it! Take a journey to the farthest reaches of the imagination while learning about the ocean, the rainforest, Mars, a futuristic city, and more! Use the design thinking process to solve real-world problems in these different environments. Experiment with Crayola® products and many art techniques like sculpting, storyboarding, collage, and mixed media. Discover design careers like graphic design, universal design, urban design, and product design.

SOCCER

Grades K-1

Monday

Have fun with your classmates in our soccer class with Simply Sports! Promoting Fun... Friendship... and Fair Play. For more information visit their website at <https://www.simplysports.net>. Class will be held in the gym or outside, weather permitting.

FUNctional Fitness by POPFIT Kids

Grades K-2

Monday

Whether preparing for sports or general movement, this fun-plus-fitness club introduces exercise and conditioning in a cool, fast-paced environment. Among the many techniques to be taught, students will learn the proper way to sit right for a sit-up, bend it for a box jump and lateral lunge with accuracy. Kids will engage week to week in high-energy circuit activities, agility drills, fun fitness games, dynamic stretches and more while learning the benefit of the Fit Five: Cardio, Strength, Flexibility, Endurance, and Balance. The program also features healthy habit activities and take home challenges sure to keep everyone on their feet!

GAGA

Grades 2 - 5

Monday

Kids go gaga for Gaga! Students will have 50 minutes of Gaga-fun at Lower Lab run by our afterschool TAs! Gaga is a fast paced, high energy game played in an octagonal pit with a soft foam ball, that combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. Players need to keep moving to avoid getting hit by the ball.

SPORTS

Grades K-1 (3-4pm), Grades 2-5 (3-5pm)

Tuesday

Simply Sports is back! Promoting Fun... Friendship... and Fair Play. Each week, Simply Sports coaches will lead the children in a variety of sports activities designed to keep them ALL moving! Games for younger children include dodgeball, kickball, soccer and more. For the older kids, they will also play flag-football. For more information visit their website at <https://www.simplysports.net>. There will be two classes running concurrently with the different age groups. Grades K-1 class runs from 3 – 4pm and grades 2-5 class runs from 3 -5 pm. In nice weather, they may play outside in the schoolyard or the “L” yard near the 95th street entrance.

DRAMAZONE – Musical Theatre

Grades K-2

Tuesday

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! Have you ever wanted to jump into a chocolate river or enjoy an everlasting gobstopper? Let imaginations run wild as we join Charlie at the fabulous Chocolate Factory! Group numbers are emphasized and children with special talents may be featured. In this class we strive to improve speech and confidence. We teach singing, dancing and acting in preparation for an exciting show for family and friends! Dress: Comfortable clothing to dance in and sneakers (no bare feet or crocs)

ARCHITECTURE

Grades 2-5

Tuesday

The class teaches the fundamental concepts in architecture, engineering, and urban planning. Young Architects build, design, and present their own projects in every class. The open-ended approach connects architecture and urban planning to other disciplines and introduces children to such different subjects as math, geometry, physics, structural engineering, design, climate, history, as well as a variety of cultural and social issues. The class fosters the ability to recognize complex patterns and creatively solve challenging real-world problems.

The program is taught by Julia Gorodetsky, B. Arch, M. Arch, founder of Kids in Design. www.kidsindesign.com

MAD SCIENCE- Secrets, Spies & Spaceships

Grades K-2

Wednesday or Friday

Secret Agent Lab: Step into the shoes of a detective and uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis. You will probe the science of tracking as you stamp out scenarios and uncover codes in this session. Some of the weekly topics in this session include : Crime Lab, Cracking the Case, The Science of Security, Agent Undercover, Sleuths on the Scene, Funky Forensics, Spy Academy, Junior Detectives, Discover Detection and Whodunit?

The NASA Academy of Future Space Explorers: From our earth's atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, join us on a quest for exploration! Comets, planets, stars and more are all waiting to be discovered. Learn about the four forces of flight and the challenges of space travel. Some of the weekly topics in this session include : Planets and Moons, Atmosphere and Beyond, Space Phenomena, Sun and Stars, Rocket Science parts 1 and 2, Space Travel, Space Technology, Living in Space. This topic was last offered at Lower Lab in Spring 2018.

NEWSPAPER CLUB

Grades 1-5

Wednesday

Are you interested in being part of the Lower Lab Kids Newspaper? Join this club if you want to write about topics that are happening in school, worldwide events, poetry, comics, and stories. You will write, edit, publish, and take photos and videos that will be shared with the school community. This club will be facilitated by Lower Lab teaching assistants.

ART WITH MS. MICHELLE

Grades K-3

Wednesday

Join Ms Michelle's Cool Creative Crafts Club! Art is about self-expression. Crafts end with a tangible object of that expression. This club is about learning many ways to appreciate all types of art and build a personal style. Children will boost fine motor skills by exploring a variety of materials that finish with take-home projects. There will be many problem-solving opportunities. All talents welcome. Some craft ideas in our club are: Calligraphy, Quilling, Jewelry, Ebru Marbling art, Washi tape craft, Pottery, Masks, Decorative Sketching, Watercolor Card-making, Weaving, Printmaking, Popsicle Sticks, Tie-dye art, Wire Sculpture, Origami, Kaleidoscopes and more!

GO

All Grades

Wednesday

For a new challenge in strategizing and game playing, try Go! One of mankind's oldest and cleverest games, Go is getting a new round of attention with current challenges from artificial intelligence and a recent documentary (<https://www.surroundinggamemovie.com/>) - but kids will be drawn to the thrill of finding ways to surround their opponent. It might look simple at first but the complexity will pull you in! Our Go class will be taught by highly ranked, professional Go player Mingming Yin, who is also president of the New York Go Association and coach of the MIT Go club.

ICE SKATING OFF-SITE-City Ice Pavilion

All Grades

Wednesday

Skating School at City Ice Pavilion will take your child's skating to new heights! City Ice Pavilion's private van will pick up your child from Lower Lab and take him/her to the ice rink (located just over the bridge in Long Island City) for skating instruction. Skates will be provided. In order to skate, helmets are mandatory and must be brought from home. There are 30 minutes of instruction and 30 minutes of free skating, which will run from approximately 3:50 - 4:50pm. For more information, please visit <http://www.cityicepavilion.com/>

The bus will arrive back at Lower Lab at approximately 5:15. Please allow for delays based on traffic conditions. Children will be dismissed to parents or caregivers directly from the van and school representatives are not present. On-time pick-up is a must!

ROBOTICS

Grades 3-5

Wednesday

In this course students will complete Wonder League Robotics challenges 9 using Dash and Dot coding robots. We will use blockly and wonder applications to complete 5 missions that have the students solving problems using the robots. Students will also document their progress using pictures, videos and texts on Seesaw for each mission. Students will use advanced computer science concepts such as variables, functions and nested loops. For this class, students should have previous experience using the robots at school. This is a repeat of the Robotics class taught on Fridays in Fall 2019.

CODING AND BEGINNER MINECRAFT

Grades 1-2

Thursday

In this course, students will learn to code using applications such as Code Monkey, Codespark with Foos and Scratch Junior. These applications will teach students important concepts such as sequences, loops, conditionals and functions. Students will also be introduced to Minecraft Education, a game that allows students to explore worlds and create structures out of cubical blocks made of grass, dirt, bricks and wood. Students will be responsible for building a structure such as a house, hospital or farm in the Minecraft world.

LEGO

Grades K-2

Thursday

Have fun with your friends and play with Legos! This class will introduce teamwork, observation, creative thinking and problem-solving skills all while encouraging the use of creativity and imagination to build the most amazing creations! Our very own TAs teach this class.

MANDARIN - Total Beginners

Grades K-3

Thursday

Mandarin Language classes for absolute beginners at Lower Lab! China Institute - one of the premier Chinese cultural institutions and Mandarin schools in New York will be teaching this course. This class welcomes children who have no prior Mandarin experience. China Institute has a well-developed curriculum progression that engages children through thematic units. In this class, students will have a fun learning experience in an interactive environment through a variety of age-appropriate activities, games, songs, etc. In addition to listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, students will also develop social skills and learning habits through our program.

MANDARIN - Fluent, Legacy, Continuing students

All Grades

Thursday

Mandarin language classes continue at Lower Lab! Our Thursday Mandarin classes provided by China Institute are for returning students or students who either speak Mandarin at home with families or caregivers, or who have prior Mandarin learning experiences. With theme-based curricula, the small-sized classes will be further divided by age and proficiency levels, and will be taught through age appropriate activities with a dynamic, interactive approach. The curriculum is designed to develop and reinforce language skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing related to everyday life situations.

FASHION & SEWING

Grades 2-5

Thursday

The Fashion Class After School combines the best parts of design and creativity! Students will learn to sew by hand and with a sewing machine, illustrate clothing and conceptualize their very own apparel brand in this fashion-themed course. This winter Fashion Design students will make comfy PJ shorts and a matching sleeping mask. All projects are take-home and fabric and supplies are included. This class is suitable for new students and also for students who took Fashion Class in the Fall semester.

CHESS

All Grades

Friday

From complete beginners to advancing tournament players, our goal is that all Lower Lab players can experience both the joy & significant social/educational benefits of learning and playing chess. Our Lower Lab Team will prepare for local, City, State & National Competitions.

Players will be matched into groups based on skill, interest level & age. This allows coaches to identify and create the right training environment for each player (complete beginner - advanced competitors). For further information on chess, please go to impactcoachingnetwork.org.

CODING WITH MINECRAFT

Grades 3-5

Friday

This course integrates computer science concepts and computational thinking skills with Minecraft Education. Minecraft: Education helps prepare students for the future workplace, building skills like collaboration, communication, critical thinking and systems thinking. The open learning environment gives students the freedom to experiment, encouraging creative self-expression and problem solving. We will use Microsoft MakeCode, a block and javascript-programming editor in the free Code Connection app. Students will build civilizations in a variety of biomes such as the ocean, desert, jungle and space. This class is designed for students grades 3 through 5. Students should have previous experience using Minecraft in school or at home.

HIP HOP JAZZ FUSION- by Dramazone

Grades K-3

Friday

This Hip Hop fusion dance class combines styles and elements from jazz, acro, as well as hip hop. Children love learning fun and energetic dance combinations to show off to their friends. We teach technical stretching and strengthening as well as stylized dance combinations. Dress: Comfortable clothing and sneakers for all! Shorts under dresses required. No experience necessary.

EXTENDED CARE - Lower Lab TAs

All Grades

Mon-Fri

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 4:00 – 5:00 pm

This option is only for students enrolled in the afterschool program with a class that concludes at 4 pm. TAs will supervise while students work on homework, read or other quiet activities. Children must be picked up by 5:00pm from the 3rd Avenue doors. There is no busing home.

EXTENDED CARE for Inside Broadway

Thursday, Friday

For students enrolled in the Inside Broadway program in Spring semester, extended care is available from 4-5 pm on Thursdays and/or Fridays through May 21st only.

LIONS RUNNING CLUB

Grades 2-5

Monday, Tuesday

Lions Running Club: Tuesday at 7:30 am to 8:00 am for grades 2-3

This club will provide our 2nd and 3rd grade students with additional physical activities that develop proper running technique, pacing, athletic skills and race strategy. We will introduce students to track and field activities such as distance races, sprints, long jump, shot put and relays. Students will set a personal goal to run a total of 6 miles by the end of school year. We will also mix PE-friendly games into our lessons such as castle ball, capture the flag and wacky relays. Students are required to wear athletic attire and bring a water bottle to the gymnasium. This club is highly recommended for students that want to compete in organized races and New York Road Runner Jamborees. The overall goal of this club is to make running and athletic games fun and exciting for students.

Lions Running Club: Monday at 7:30 am to 8:00 am for grades 4-5

This club will prepare our 4th and 5th grade students for participation in the New York Road Runners Developmental Track and Field Series this spring. We will review proper running technique, pacing, starts and race strategies. In addition, students will set a personal goal to run a total of 13 miles in the class. We will train using a variety of lesson formats such as fitness circuits, distance runs and interval training. Students will practice all the events offered in a track meet such as 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, long jump and shot put. We will use both static and dynamic stretches to improve flexibility as well as muscular exercises that improve core strength. Students are required to wear athletic attire and bring a water bottle to the gymnasium. This club is highly recommended for students that wish to compete in the All-City Track Championships at Icahn stadium. The Lions Running Club is not a part of the Afterschool program. Please contact Mr. Goodman at mgoodman@lowerlab.org with any questions.

Please note, information contained in this brochure, including dates, schedules, policies and procedures, is subject to change, in the sole discretion of the Afterschool Program.