



December 9, 2016

Dear Parents,

I warmly welcome you and your children to the 2017 Spring Semester of our After-School Program: *Afternoon Adventures*. For those of you who are new to La Scuola, the After-School Program is open to students from Pre-School to Elementary, Monday to Friday from 3:00PM to 4:30PM starting Monday, January 9th and ending June 2nd, 2017.

We are proud to announce that this semester La Scuola will continue to offer activities such as: Chess, Homework Helpers, and Afternoon at the Museum. This year we will also be offering and .

Please find a list of the various activities available, the contact information form and the registration form. To enroll your child, please complete the form/s and return it with a check for the full amount to the administration office by Thursday, December 22nd, 2016. This semester you can also sign up on-line through the Greater Giving website.

On behalf of all the teachers in the program, I would like to thank you in advance for your enrollment and cooperation.

Yours truly,

Joseph W. Belfi

After-School Program Coordinator



LA SCUOLA D'ITALIA
GUGLIELMO MARCONI
Afternoon Adventures

Welcome to *Afternoon Adventures* at La Scuola d'Italia! We are pleased to present our Spring 2017 Semester Course Catalog, which includes a diverse selection of entertaining and exciting courses for our Pre-K through grade 5 students. We are confident these classes will pique the curiosity of students and parents alike and we look forward to guiding, enriching and promoting social and academic growth as an encore to the school day.

Philosophy

Afternoon Adventures at La Scuola d'Italia is a bilingual after school enrichment program designed to enhance our children's academic experience after hours. *Afternoon Adventures* shares a consistent philosophy with the La Scuola d'Italia Mission rooted in cultivating students' minds, supplying them with a substantial fund of knowledge, and providing them with the basis for making sound ethical judgments. It is our commitment to value the scope of each child and to promote a sense of community and responsibility toward others. We strive to create a seamless transition from the La Scuola d'Italia school day into *Afternoon Adventures* while taking the opportunity to offer unique classes and exposures in areas that might not be available in the daily curriculum. Through our offerings, students will have the opportunity for enrichment in skill-based classes, as well as enrichment through exploratory classes. *Afternoon Adventures* fosters a serene environment where children feel safe and a part of the La Scuola d'Italia community.

Policies and Procedures

Questions? Email me at jbelfi@lascuoladitalia.org

Check-in and Attendance

- At school dismissal, classroom teachers will escort children enrolled in *Afternoon Adventures* classes to the PKA classroom on the third floor.
- Our *Afternoon Adventures* Supervisor will take attendance. Students are welcome to bring their own snack and eat it at this time. If you know your child will be absent, please email jbelfi@lascuoladitalia.org in advance.

- At 3:00 pm, *Afternoon Adventures* instructors will escort the children from the third floor to their classroom.

Dismissal and Pick-Up

- *Afternoon Adventures* dismissal is dependent on each class schedule.
- Instructors will escort the children down to the lobby where they will be met by parents/guardians.
- Parents/guardians should wait outside and once they see their child, he/she will be dismissed.
- We cannot release your child to anyone without parental consent. Please include all acceptable pick-up parties on your child’s registration form. If the person picking your child up is not on that list, we CANNOT release your child to them. If you anticipate that a person that is not on your list of authorized parties will pick up your child, please notify *Afternoon Adventures* in writing. Please note that this person will be required to show a picture ID at pick-up.

Absence

- Please email jbelfi@lascuoladitalia.org to report your child absent. We cannot refund missed classes and no make-up classes are offered.

Schedule and Holidays

- *Afternoon Adventures* will be closed on dates school is closed, holidays, and weather permitting.

*We reserve the right to cancel classes with insufficient enrollment (minimum of 5 students). If a class is cancelled due to low enrollment, we will be happy to place your child in an alternative class or refund your tuition.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition per class/per day/ per semester.....\$350-650

Registration

Spring Semester Registration begins December 5th, 2016. Registration is first come, first served. Class tuition paid in full will hold your child’s spot in a selected class, space in select classes is limited.

Student Guidelines

Please review these guidelines with your child so they may enjoy the *Afternoon Adventures* program. All children should:

- Respect others, their space and their property
- Cooperate with *Afternoon Adventures* Supervisors and Instructors
- Remain with their instructors during classes, until a parent/guardian signs them out at pick-up

Unacceptable behaviors include disrespecting others and their space, failure to comply with directions, excessive horseplay, and inappropriate or violent physical contact. *Afternoon Adventures* may report incidents of unacceptable behavior to the parents/guardians of all children involved. *Afternoon Adventures* reserves the right to remove a child from the program for unacceptable behavior.

AFTER SCHOOL SPRING SEMESTER
CONTACT INFORMATION FORM
FOR ACTIVITIES @ 12, EAST 96TH STREET

Name of Student: _____

Grade: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Day Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact & Phone #: _____

(if other than parent or guardian)

Club(s) Selected

Fee Due

Total Fees Due: _____

IMPORTANT INFO:

Please indicate activities your child is registering by circling the appropriate amounts and adding up the total fees.

If you register your child for the following activities:

Please return this completed form and the registration form by **Thursday, December 22nd, 2016** to the Administration office with a check for the full amount, payable to "LA SCUOLA D'ITALIA" to the attention of Joseph Belfi.

SPRING SEMESTER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM- PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017/ WEEKLY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:00 – 4:00 Yogi Beans Grades Pre-K-K	3:00-4:30 Gioco-Imparo Italiano Grades Pre-K-K	3:00-4:30PM Ballet & Dance Grades Pre-K-K	3:00-4:30PM Little Adventures Grades Pre-K-K	3:00-4:30 Writopia Grades 4-5
3:00-4:30 Piccoli Cuochi Grades PreK-K	3:00-4:30PM ISL Grades 3-5	3:00-4:30PM Photography 2 Grades 3-5	3:00-4:30 STEM Explorations Grades 3-5	3:00-4:30 Photography 1 Grades 3-5
3:00-4:30PM ISL Grades K-2	3:00-4:30PM ESL Grades K-5	3:00-4:30PM Chess Club Grades 1-5	3:00-4:30 LA FAMIGLIA MILLEMIGLIA Grade 5	3:00-4:30 Soccer Grades 1-5
3:00-4:30 Homework Helpers Grades 1-5	3:00-4:30 Lego We-Do Grades 3-5	3:00-4:30 Theater Lab Grades 3-5		
3:00-4:30PM Afternoon at the Museum Grades 3-5	3:00-4:30 Science Club Grades 2-5	3:00-4:30 Realistic Drawing Grades 1-2		
3:00-4:30 Theater Workshop Grades 1-2		3:00-4:30 Soccer Grades Pre-K-K		

Spring 2017 Afternoon Adventures

Club's and Activities

Italian as a second language

Grades K-2/3-5

ISL is a great opportunity for new Italian language learners to enrich and improve their Italian language. This program features entertaining academic engagements to increase the students' self-esteem, memory skills, creativity, and social skills. Children will be divided in groups according to age, in order to develop more suitable programs and appropriate activities. **(Students will be recommended by teachers)**

By: To be determined

Cost: Free of charge

English as a second language

Grades K-5

ESL is a great opportunity for new English language learners to enrich and improve their English language. This program features exciting and creative ways of learning reading, writing, and pronunciation in English. It will boost students' self-esteem, memory skills, creativity, and social skills. Classes will be divided in groups according to age, in order to develop more suitable programs and appropriate activities. **(Students will be recommended by teachers)**

By: Christine Morga

Cost: Free of charge

Afternoon at the Museum

Grades 3-5

This program will provide students with a chance to explore art and NYC's famous art museums. Students will explore art museums and build a better understanding of famous artist's points of view. After exploring, they will be given a chance to express their own point of view by creating works of art.

By: Selene Candido & Piera Bonerba

Cost: \$650 per semester

Little Adventures

Grades Pre-K-K

In this program our little adventures will be given the opportunity to explore areas such as art, movement, construction, and teacher led activities. This club gives young learners a chance to have fun, communicate, and build new friendships.

By: Jennifer Silver

Cost: \$600 per semester

Lego WeDo

Grades 3-5

The process of students actively building, programming, provides a range of contexts for applying concepts, learning new skills, and broadening interests. Building mechanized machines from Lego component including motors and sensors, such as Amazing mechanisms, wild animals, play soccer, and adventures stories, learning basic software to activate the machines and their sensors.

By: Lego WeDo Staff

Cost: \$650 per semester

STEM Explorations

Grades 3-5

Students will grow on both software and hands-on skills, experimenting with leading STEM tools in each area of interest.

The program is focused on: Software (OSMO, Scratch, Minecraft), Robotics (Lego Mindstorms, Orbotix SPRK, Quadcopter Drones) and 3D Printing (Tinkercad, XYZ DaVinci).

The main goal is to teach them how to use technology in a useful way, give them an idea of the bigger picture and let them choose what they like the most.

By: *Andrea Brulicchio*

Cost: \$600 per semester

Chess Club (Beginner and Advance)

Grades 1-5

Chess is one of the world's oldest games, yet it has recently become one of the most beneficial new pedagogical tools for young students. Chess is an exciting game that fosters strategy planning, creative problem solving, and sportsmanship.

By: *Dmitri Shevelev*

Cost: \$650 per semester

Photography Club 1

Grades 3-5

In this after-school program, students will be guided through the discovery of photography as a powerful tool to *read* and *create* reality. We will help them recognize the elements that make a good picture and, in the creative process that will follow, stress on the idea that taking a picture is the result of specific choices (of subject/scene/story, composition, light, etc...) We will provide the students with the basic technical knowledge that will allow them to make these choices. Basic photo-editing instruction will be introduced as well (Adobe Lightroom).

Although it is not mandatory, we strongly recommend the students bring their own **digital** camera.

By: *Selene Candido*

Cost: \$600 per semester

Photography Club 2

Grades 3-5

Students who completed Photography 1 in the fall semester will deepen their understanding of the different purposes photography serves (artistic, documentary, commercial, etc.) and will study photographers who have influenced the art throughout the XX and XXI centuries. We will review the concepts and reinforce the skills introduced in Photography 1 and introduce the step-by-step process for putting together an exhibition including: 1) selecting a topic, 2) shooting-sharing, comparing, and combining-photos, 3) selecting and titling photos, 4) editing the photos selected, and 5) mounting them for exhibit.

Although it is not mandatory, we strongly recommend the students bring their own **digital** camera.

By: *Selene Candido*

Cost: \$600 per semester

Homework Helpers

Grades 1-5

Homework Helpers is a bilingual program designed to provide structure, and support for students struggling with homework/classwork.

By: Dana Miraglia & Stefania Stipo

Cost: \$600 per semester

Ballet and Contemporary Dance Foundations

Grades Pre-K-K

The Dance after school will focus on the basics of Ballet and Graham Technique. The children will learn the fundamental positions and movements of the techniques while improving their coordination, agility, posture and spatial awareness. They will also learn how to dance with music and counts, they'll experience learning and performing choreographies and creating their own.

By: Eva Giannini

Cost: \$600 per semester

Gioco-imparo Italiano

Grades Pre-K-K

The purpose of this club is to allow the children to enlarge their understanding of the Italian language while having fun doing it! The children will participate in various activities, such as: sing-along songs, story reading, art, playing and movement. The children have a chance to communicate, have fun and build new friendships.

By: Francesca Luisi

Cost: \$600 per semester

Yogi Beans

Grades Pre-K-K

Our Yogis will cultivate their yoga practice by learning yoga poses that boost strength flexibility and develop body awareness. Students will be introduced to visualization and meditation techniques that teach relaxation, and develop breathing techniques to maintain health.

By: Athena

Cost: \$600 per semester

Theater Lab

Grades 3-5

I play in "if I were ..."

Issues that affect the growth of children as they encounter with the other, how to overcome the difficulties, the relationship with others, cooperation, listening will be the inspirational material of theater games that will be used in this laboratory

In an atmosphere of game to "if I were ..." we will cross these issues in an improvisational work and games from which will emerge the text and putting material in the final scene.

By: Massimo Zordan

Cost: 600 per semester

Theater Workshop

Grades 1-2

PLAYING THEATRE is a space where students will conduct activities meant to boost their confidence and foster their expressive and creative skills. Students will discover the creative and constructive features of theater through group games, improvisation, dramatization of texts and role play.

By: Massimo Zordan

Cost: 600 per semester

Writopia

Grades 4-5

Writopia Lab is returning to La Scuola to run a special weekly after-school writer's workshop. During the semester, writers develop, write, and complete their own original short stories, plays, and/or poetry. Writers will explore core elements of plot, key literary tools, and mechanics of a coherent story. Our goal-oriented method helps students set and achieve writing goals, and our safe-space workshopping environment creates an inclusive environment that empowers young people to find their writing voices and to ultimately become confident, fluid writers. For more information, please visit writopialab.org. Sessions are peppered with original and fun writing exercises, but focus primarily on writing--and completing--stories.

By: Writopia Staff

Cost: \$650 per semester

Soccer (Winter Session)

Grades Pre-K-K; Grades 1-5

Soccer skills and games will be taught and directed by Giovanni Russo. Winter Session classes will be held in the Annex gymnasium. Parents **will be responsible for transportation to and from 67th St. Winter Session will be from January-March.**

By: Giovanni Russo

Cost: \$350 per semester

Realistic drawing

Grades 1-2

In this course children are invited to experience the magic of drawing from observation. Our young artists will learn about observational drawing through games and by making practiced observations to reproduce what they see. Some of the games we will play:
TACTILE PRACTICE - seeing by touch game for tactile awareness;
AIR PRACTICE - drawing in the air as visual comprehension; encouraging children to practice drawing in the air with their own finger. This is a preliminary practice of the individual edge lines or shape lines;
BLINDER PRACTICE- We play with a "drawing helper" and a sheet of paper pierced in the center by A pencil. This blinder lays on top of the drawing hand to hide the drawing paper.
Through the integration of observation and imagination, children will be encouraged to demonstrate self-expression in an environment where they will appreciate differences instead of comparing. Student will become very confident, independent, and creative in their work.

By: Piera Bonerba

Cost: \$600 per semester

Piccoli Cuochi

Grades Pre-K-K

The kitchen classroom is the tastiest place to learn. In this after school club the children will acquire cooking techniques. This holistic curriculum incorporates math, culture, nutrition, and geography. Your children will learn different cooking techniques, such as making buttermilk from scratch to whipping up a tiramisu with chocolate. They will learn how to make Italian and American dishes.

Every class will end with the cuochi munching on their own creations.

By: Francesca Luisi

Cost: \$600 per semester

Science Club

Grades 2-5

In the science club we explore inquiry-based teaching approaches to connect students to real scientific approaches and a variety of science topics. We will integrate the importance of student-developed conceptual models to explain real-world phenomena and coherent integration of authentic science practices, concepts, and core ideas across grade levels. The students will participate in hands-on science experiments to explore these topics and make practical connections.

By: Laura Rottino

Cost: \$600 per semester

LA FAMIGLIA MILLEMIGLIA IN GIRO PER IL MONDO

Grade 4-5

The third and last chapter of the Famiglia Millemiglia saga is about to be written! 5th grade students will be engaged in the same process that brought to life the two beautiful shows presented in 3rd and 4th grade: from brainstorming ideas about the plot and the characters, to a geography group research about countries and continents. Based on the results of their research, students will then write the script, discuss, assign and personalize the roles, rehearse and add choreographies, music and scenography. This after-school will be taught entirely in Italian and, among others, serves the purpose of strengthening language skills, boosting self-confidence and promoting public speaking through theater.

By: Stefania Stipo & Selene Candido

Cost: \$650 per semester