

Sam Hughes Community School

After-School Classes

Registration Packet

We wish to thank the following individuals who generously directed their Arizona tax dollars to Sam Hughes Community School via the Arizona charitable tax credit. For more information on directing your tax dollars to Community School, go to <http://www.samhughelementary.org/after-school-classes>.

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From the parent who led the effort to bring back Community School...

Here we are, Registration 2019! Back when we started this effort in December 2018, Registration 2019 was only a remote possibility. Now it's reality. So many people got us here. I want to highlight a few of them. In chronological order, they are:



- The parents, grandparents and community leaders -- all 180 of them -- who signed our letter to Superintendent Trujillo asking that Community School be brought back. You signed on in your multitudes and it mattered.
- Two parents, Johanna Moyer and Lisa Dollinger, who missed their true calling as lobbyists.
- Reem Kievit and Andrea Hudson of the TUSD Community Education department, who shared our vision for exceptional, affordable enrichment.
- Leslie Edwards and the Educational Enrichment Foundation, for tremendous help with our fundraising effort and for advice and encouragement throughout.
- Our instructors and coordinator, who endured a lengthy TUSD hiring process while keeping their good humor.
- Our donors who contributed their Arizona tax dollars to Community School via the charitable tax credit. You were the last piece in the puzzle. You got this program off the ground and then made it affordable.

I also want to thank the many other folks who helped in ways big and small as we were working to make this new program a reality. You are awesome!

Finally, I'm old enough to remember that Kevin Costner said a great many profound things in 1980s movies. Perhaps the most profound was, "If you build it, they will come." TUSD has worked with us in good faith to create this program. Now it's our turn to emerge from behind some ears of corn and give it a try! I'm excited for this first session of Community School, and eager to build it into an ever-better program year by year. Go Huskies!

<Insert Husky Howl here>,

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From the new coordinator of Sam Hughes Community School...

Hello Huskies!

Let me first introduce myself: I am the new coordinator for Community School at Sam Hughes. I graduated from U of A in 2015 with a degree in anthropology and linguistics. I'm now pursuing a PhD in educational psychology, also at U of A.



While I'm new to TUSD and new to the school, I'm not new to working with elementary school kids. For the past three summers, I've worked planning and teaching enrichment activities for Cat Camp for Kids, a summer camp run by the Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter. I love spending time with kids and am eager to get to know everyone in this school community. Once classes start, I will be here every day from 2-4 p.m. (1-3pm on Wednesdays). Please feel free to introduce yourself.

Now on to the main event! I am happy to welcome you to the relaunch of Community School at Sam Hughes. This exciting new version of Community School offers so many fun and affordable after-school enrichment classes. In this packet, you will find the course schedule, the course descriptions and directions on how to register for these classes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I hope to see you on registration day!

Warmly,

Lauren Clough

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Dates and Times

Classes start Thursday, October 17, and run through Monday, December 16. Classes run from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Wednesday schedule is 1:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please note that there are no classes on:

- November 11 (Veterans Day)
- November 28-29 (Thanksgiving)

How To Sign Up

Enrollment occurs on a first-come, first-served basis. The first opportunity to enroll is at our in-person sign-up dates in the Sam Hughes library:

- **Thursday, September 19, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.**
- **Friday, September 20, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

Please come with your registration form filled in. We accept cash or check. Make your check out to "Sam Hughes Community School." Write your child's full name on the face of your check. We hope to offer additional payment options in the future.

Most classes need an enrollment minimum of ten students or they are in danger of being cancelled. If the enrollment max has been met, students will be placed on a waiting list. Grade ranges for each class have been intentionally set, often for pedagogical reasons or instructor preference. We cannot guarantee enrollment in any class, nor do we "hold" spots for future sessions.

If you are unable to appear at these times, you can give your filled-in enrollment form and your check to another parent (a proxy parent) to enroll on your behalf. We recommend that you allow your proxy to fill out the amount on the check as it is possible that one of your preferred classes is full or that your first and second choice classes cost different amounts.

After September 20, you may drop your registration form and check off at the school office. We will indicate which classes are full and which still have openings on a daily basis at <http://www.samhugheselementary.org/after-school-classes>. In the future we hope to be able to offer online registration options.

Cost

Each class has its tuition indicated in the course schedule. Some classes are more expensive because they run longer (robotics), because they are taught by an outside vendor (capoeira and drama) or because they have a small class size (xeriscaping). German costs less because of a long-standing arrangement with U of A in which German Studies majors teach at Sam Hughes for course credit. There are no refunds for Community School courses. However, your child can switch to another subject as space allows.

School Dismissal

At school dismissal, all Community Schools students will meet in the courtyard for their healthful snack. Please make sure that your student(s) knows to meet in the courtyard for snack time. Younger students will be picked up from their classroom.

Pick-Up Procedures

Please indicate on the registration form if your child is walking/biking home, has parent pick-up, or attends Crew Club. For parent pick-up, parents and guardians should pick up students in the classroom promptly at 4 p.m. (3 p.m. Wednesdays). Please bring identification for the first couple sessions while instructors and parents get to know one

another. Students attending Crew Club will be walked to the cafeteria at the end of class. Under emergency situations if you are late picking up your child, please notify the main office ASAP. Any students who are not picked up promptly at 4 p.m. will need to be picked up in the front office.

LATE PICK UP FEE: Parents that do not promptly pick up their child after their scheduled class time will be charged a \$1.00 late pick up fee for every minute they are late. This fee doubles to \$2.00 per minute beginning with the second occurrence. If late pick-ups are a continual problem, a meeting may need to be arranged in order to devise a solution that meets both the needs of the child and of the program.

Snack

Students will receive a healthful snack at the beginning of each class. The snacks we provide are TUSD's new Super Snack. You can view the Super Snack menu here:

<http://tusd1.org/Departments/Food-Services/Menus-for-School-Meals/Elementary-K-8-School-Menu>

Parents are also welcome to pack their own snack. Please note any allergies or health conditions that Community School staff should be aware of on the registration form.

Student Absences

Community Schools classes are optional, so please be aware that we do not call to confirm absences. Although not required, we would appreciate a phone call or email at your convenience to notify us of your child's absence.

Instructor Absences

Instructors may occasionally be absent due to illness, travel or urgent personal issues. In these instances, we will attempt to find a qualified substitute instructor. In the event we cannot find a substitute, the Community School coordinator will engage students in an exciting activity.

Behavior Expectations

Sam Hughes' CREW expectations guide student behavior during Community School, as they would during the day. All Sam Hughes classroom policies, regarding dress code, cell phone use, etc. are applicable during Community School. If a student is struggling with expectations, a conversation with parents, Principal Bolasky and the Community School coordinator will be advised. If there is a consistent behavioral issue, a meeting will occur to determine the best interest of the student and class alike.

Allergies and Health Conditions

Please note any allergies or health conditions that Community School staff should be aware of on the registration form.

Volunteers / Enrichment Instructors

If you are interested in offering a Community School class or know someone who would make an excellent enrichment instructor -- either paid or volunteer -- please contact Lauren Clough at samhughesclasses@gmail.com.