# KMS After-The-Bell

# Spring Program 2024

## April 24th– May 30th

Registration: April 2nd through the 8<sup>th</sup> · Location: Cafeteria Lobby Time: 7:15 or · online at https://www.afterthebell.org/how-to-register



#### After-The-Bell

Room C106 Kennett Middle School 610-268-5889 afterthebell@kcsd.org www.afterthebell.org



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#### **AFTER-THE-BELL**

#### What makes us tick?

The Kennett After-School Association (KASA) was founded in 1999 by a group of citizens acting in partnership with the United Way of Chester County and the Kennett Church of the Advent to meet the needs of our Kennett Middle School children. The program has grown considerably, but is still run by just one full-time staff member. The Kennett School District partners with KASA to provide facilities for After-The-Bell in our beautiful Kennett Middle School.

Our middle school students are a diverse and enthusiastic group who need a safe environment to help them develop mature interests and a strong sense of self. Participation in the array of activities provided three times each year offer many opportunities to build life skills in a nurturing after-school environment.

Close to 200 volunteers, including retired and active teachers, parents, local professionals, senior citizens, as well as high school and college students from Kennett and the surrounding area, share their time and interests with students. Volunteers lead or assist in activities, contact other volunteers and create new activities, distribute snacks, accompany students to offsite activities, and often mentor students along the way. We need you!

Community financial support comes from the United Way, foundations, commerce and industry, and public contributions. We neither receive nor seek any tax payer money to run After-The-Bell.

As you can see, we depend heavily on the generous support of the Kennett Community and YOU, our parents, through your volunteering, donations, and enthusiastic support!

#### After-The-Bell is Free ... But it still costs money to run.

Even though we have very low overhead and After-The-Bell is run by volunteers, it still costs nearly \$260 per student per cycle to participate in After-The-Bell. Transportation, program supplies, activity costs, insurance and staff salaries add up quickly!

We count on the generosity of the United Way, local foundations, and generous individuals to help cover our operating expenses. We are an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit and do not receive any financial support from the Kennett Consolidated School District.

#### Thank you for your support!

# **AFTER-THE-BELL**How you can help

What makes After-The Bell tick? The People in our community like YOU
I would like to volunteer with After-The-Bell.
I would like to provide financial support to After-The-Bell.  My tax deductible contribution of \$ is attached.
Parent Name (Please Print):
Parent Contact Email:

Checks may be made out to Kennett After-School Association. Please cut and return this slip to the After-The-Bell office in C106 at Kennett Middle School. Or mail to PO Box 1068, Kennett Square, PA 19348

**Our Mission:** After-The-Bell provides a supervised after-school program of recreational, social and academic skill-developing activities for Kennett Middle School students. The program is led by community volunteers and provided without charge.

After-The-Bell is an after-school program for students in the Kennett Middle School. The Kennett After-School Association sponsors After-The-Bell to provide an enjoyable learning experience in a safe environment. After-The-Bell is open to all students of the Kennett Middle School and is free of charge, voluntary, and subject to the availability of space and facilities. After-The-Bell does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices, based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, ancestry, union membership, or any other legally protected classification.

**After-The-Bell** is offered in three six-week programs during the school year – Fall, Winter, and Spring - on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from <u>2:35 pm to 5:00 pm</u>. Transportation home is provided. Participants receive a healthy snack and relax in the cafeteria before starting the first session at 3:00 pm. Each activity is 1 to 2 hours, depending upon the nature of the activity. If school is canceled or there is an early dismissal, After-The-Bell will not meet.

#### Rights and Responsibilities

- A student should take the appropriate time to learn about the activities and should remain in the same activities for the program.
- We try to give students their first choice of activity but maintain the flexibility to choose from their 2nd or 3rd choice if necessary.
- When you receive the letter informing you of the activities assigned, <u>please notify us</u> immediately if your child does not intend to participate. We always have students on a waiting list for all of the fun activities.
- Students must follow the After-The-Bell Code of Conduct at all times to be able to remain in After-The-Bell.
- Any student attending After-The-Bell may request Bus Transportation home at no charge. Students must follow our Code of Conduct while riding on the bus. Bus service is provided by After-The-Bell, not the Kennett Consolidated School District.
- Students who are registered for After-The-Bell on a given day must attend their After-The-Bell activities; students may not leave their activities to attend school sports games.
- Some activities are very popular. Therefore, if you sign up for a particular activity as
  your first choice more than once during a program, even if your application is received early, you may be scheduled for that activity only once.
- After-The-Bell makes every effort to provide the scheduled activities. After-The-Bell
  will provide an alternative if an activity is canceled due to weather, facilitator absence, etc.

#### After-The-Bell Code of Conduct

Safety • Respect • Self-Discipline

Upon registering for After-The-Bell, all students and parents agree to this **Code of Conduct**. The Code of Conduct defines how all students must behave to attend After-The-Bell activities. These rules apply for all hours. They apply to all locations, at the Middle School, at off-site activities, and on any bus.

#### All students must behave safely and with respect for themselves all volunteers, staff, and other students.

At the beginning of each program, the staff will meet with the students to set the expectations for proper behavior - to listen to and follow instructions from the facilitators and staff, to speak only in a respectful manner, and to follow all school rules.

The cornerstones of our code of conduct are safety, respect, and self-discipline. We promote safety, show respect, and learn self-discipline through: 1) our language and 2) our actions toward others.

The first time a student misbehaves, his/her parents may be contacted and he/she may be **dismissed from the program immediately.** The staff of After-The-Bell will determine the decision to allow the student to return during the current program or to any future program. Staff may also decide the student must participate in different activities geared toward promoting proper behavior. If these changes in activities are not acceptable to the student or parents, the child always has the option of withdrawing from the current program.

The following are examples of behaviors that will cause students to be dismissed from After-The-Bell *immediately!* 

- Inappropriate behavior such as lying, bullying, bad language, swearing, threats, name-calling, or any language which could cause emotional injury to students, staff, or volunteers
- Inappropriate actions which may cause injury to people or property including insulting gestures, throwing objects at others, pushing, fighting, stealing, and destroying property
- Showing disrespect by ignoring, disobeying, talking back, or being sarcastic to volunteers or staff
- Disruptive behavior in the cafeteria, the halls, the activities, or on the bus, which may include continuing
  to talk when asked to quiet down, continuous and intentional interruption of a volunteer, a member of
  the staff, or another student
- Being disrespectful of school property, such as touching the teacher's desk, SmartBoards, whiteboard, books, displays, or equipment.
- Use of cell phones, iPads, and Earphones. Earbuds, iBooks/Kindles/other electronic readers may be allowed during certain times/activities. However, ATB is not responsible in the case of a mishap or loss of this property.

By signing the Registration Form, both student and parent are stating the following:

I understand that After-The-Bell is a completely voluntary and free after-school program that is provided by volunteers and community donations. I may choose at any time to remove my child from the program. My child is expected to behave safely and respectfully when attending After-The-Bell. If my child breaks any rules, I will be contacted by the staff. I understand that my child may then be dismissed from his/her choice of activity and/or the entire program year for misbehavior. Let's have a wonderful time at After-The-Bell!

## **After-The-Bell Activities**

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**4-H STEM Woodworking for Wildlife (TUESDAY)** Create your own projects for wildlife or for the school's nature trail. This is for youth who enjoy the outdoors and truly wish to enhance the wildlife habitat areas they enjoy at home or at school. Goals: Bat box & Eastern Bluebird box construction & placement.

**4-H Welcome to the Real World\_(TUESDAY)** A series of activities that youth can simulate real world decisions. Welcome to the Real World young people learn how spending influences quality of life, how education impacts income, how budgeting—and planning—can increase available money.

Art Sampler (THURSDAY) Express yourself! Experiment with your creative side. Find new ways to share your thoughts and feelings with others through the process of making art. A variety of fun materials will be explored.

Bake Shop (THURSDAY) Do you love to bake? We'll set up and run a company to bake and sell cookies, cupcakes, and other treats! They're so much fun to make, sell and eat. Learn the basics of running a baking business!

Basketball (THURSDAY) Shoot hoops, have fun and learn the skill of basketball or improve your game with Lincoln University NCAA Basketball coach.

Board Games (ALL DAYS) Checkers, Battleship, The Game of Life, Risk, UNO, Monopoly, Connect4 & so many others. Make new friends while playing your favorite board games.

**Brain Base (ALL DAYS)** Do you need some extra time to get your homework finished or want to finish early? Do you sometimes need help with studying and projects? Catch up or get ahead on your studies. Go online to see your homework assignments, check your grades, or see how far you have come!

Chess Club (THURSDAY) ATB Chess Club is great for Beginners thru Masters. Learn how the pieces move, common tactics, and how to outmaneuver and outthink your opponent. Use your queen to wreak havoc on your opponent and ultimately force their King to surrender!

Cops/1<sup>st</sup> Responders! (WEDNESDAY) Sirens screaming! Lights flashing! What is it like to be a police officer, EMT or Firefighter? Have fun and learn from a police officer and our local fire company.

Crochet (WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY) Learn how to crochet. Using vibrant colors, make your crochet projects like scarves, blankets and more.

Dungeons and Dragons (TUESDAY) Beginner adventurers are needed to bring this storytelling adventure to life. We will use our imaginations to make daring choices while we explore fantastic realms to save the Sword Coast. All activities reinforce language arts, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills.

**Fishing (WEDNESDAY)** Travel to *Anson Nixon Park* to try out your fishing skills. We will learn about equipment, casting styles, the patterns of the fish, and more. Fishing poles and all equipment are provided! Please wear appropriate outdoor clothes.

Floral Design (TUESDAY) Join the 4 Seasons Gardening Club in this creative introduction to Floral Design. Join us to make your own beautiful & joyful floral masterpieces

Friends Home (WEDNESDAY) Do you like serving others? You will be traveling to Friends Home in town to spend time, play board games, and make crafts with their residents. You'll have fun and make new friends!

Fun With Origami (THURSDAY) Airplanes, Animals, Flowers and more - what will you make in this amazing Japanese paper craft class? Take home all your creations to share with friends and family. Supplies and instructions books are provided!

Giving Garden at KMS (TUESDAY) Join KMS' own Mrs. Mancuso in the KMS Giving Garden to plant, water, harvest/prepare food from the garden for weekly donations to the community. Have fun and take some fresh garden veggies home to your family.

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**Guitar (THURSDAY)** Learn to play the guitar. Learn the fret board, strumming patterns, notes and chords! We will learn some basic songs and have fun jamming together! If you don't have a guitar, one will be available.

**Italian Home Cooking (WEDNESDAY)** Spend six weeks exploring the regional cuisines of Italy while learning new cooking skills. Yes pasta and pizza but also less known delicious dishes cooked in family homes all over Italy: La cucina di casa— Mangia Bene!

Jewelry Design (TUESDAY) Learn to make unique and beautiful jewelry to keep or give as a gift. Create your beautiful earrings, rings & bracelets! Have fun! Be creative.

LGBTQ+ Alliance Club (WEDNESDAY) Welcomes all students to a supportive, safe, and welcoming environment that encourages you to advocate for yourself and/or your LGBTQ+ friends. Your leadership and creative skills will be put to use as we discuss ideas to increase LGBTQ+ awareness and inclusivity within the school and the local community. In addition, this club will periodically host LGBTQ+ guest speakers to inspire and share their life and leadership experiences.

Loom Knitting (TUESDAY & THURSDAY) Use our round looms and colorful yarns for knitting made easy. Make a hat, scarf, and other fun crafts to take home or share with friends and family!

Outdoor Exploration (WEDNESDAY) Join Kennett Trails Alliance and learn about the natural world in our backyard. Walk the trails and explore the parks while learning how to keep our natural spaces clean and healthy so everyone can enjoy. Remember to wear sneakers!

**Perler Beading (ALL DAYS)** Relax while you create beautiful necklaces, keychains, and even 3-dimensional décor using colorful Perler beads. Arrange beads to form patterns and fuse them to make colorful works of art!

**Photography (TUESDAY)** Learn tips and tricks for making great photographs from a professional photographer! Cameras are provided, all you need is a desire to take amazing photos and have fun!

**Pickle Ball (TUESDAY)** Be part of America's new favorite pastime and learn how to play this exciting game. Paddles, balls, and transportation to Kennett Square Country Club is provided. Wear tennis shoes or sneakers.

**Running Club (THURSDAY)** Do you enjoy running? Would you like to see if distance running is right for you? How about a chance to lace up your sneakers and have fun? Join Mrs. Keer and have fun! Runners must wear appropriate clothes and sneakers, and please bring a water bottle with your name on it. Happy running!

Strength & Conditioning @ Anchor Life + Fitness (WEDNESDAY) This exciting fun class will focus on building a solid foundation of movement and strength to improve health, fitness, and confidence. Explore proper techniques to build a healthy you.

**Soccer (TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY)** Score some goals and join the fun of playing soccer. All levels welcome! <u>SNEAKERS</u> are a must for this activity. <u>No cleats allowed, please.</u>

**Sewing (TUESDAY)** Have fun while learning to sew a phone carrier. Choose from many fun fabrics. You can make one for yourself or one for you and one for a friend!

**Tennis (TUESDAY)** earn how to play this exciting game using swings and moves from our tennis pros!. Rackets, balls and transportation to *Kennett Square Golf & Country Club* is provided! Wear tennis shoes or sneakers.

Visual Arts (WEDNESDAY) Explore multiple visual art mediums with a professional artist! Learn and apply drawing and painting techniques, get exposed to famous artists and artistic movements, and create your own works of art every week. No experience necessary; just bring your creativity!

Yoga (TUESDAY) Practice yoga at KMS. Join in the fun while de-stressing from your classes. Each relaxing class includes yoga poses, breathing exercises, mantra meditation, and more. Yoga is open to everyone. No yoga experience is required. Mats and towels are provided. Wear comfy clothes.

## After-The-Bell Registration Instructions

- Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Incomplete registration forms may not be processed, causing students to miss the opportunity to be included in their desired classes. Activities fill quickly.
- Write a 1 next to your first choice activity, 2 for your second choice and 3 for your 3rd
  choice for each session 3-4 and 4-5 or double session 3-5. Please circle your overall first
  choice for each day you will be participating. Leave blank if you are not participating on a
  specific day.
- Students must return their completed Registration Form to the After-The-Bell table in the
  Cafeteria Lobby or register online at <a href="https://www.afterthebell.org/how-to-register">https://www.afterthebell.org/how-to-register</a> no earlier than 7:15 a.m. April 2nd and no later than 3:30 p.m. on April 8th 2024.
- Please complete all parts of the form including the student information page, the activity selection page, and the medical information (please note ATB does not have access to school medical records). Registration forms must be signed by the parents/guardians and the student. Students will not be accepted into the After-The-Bell without a parent/guardian signature on the Registration Form. It is important that you fill in completely your son/daughter's registration form on both sides.
- Students may register for one, two, or all three days of a program. Students must select
  two activities each day from 3-4:00 pm and 4-5:00 pm OR a double session from 3-5:00
  pm. Students must participate in the entire program from 3:00-5:00 pm on any day they
  attend After-The-Bell and must stay for both sessions on any day they register.
- Students <u>must</u> list their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for activities. After-The-Bell makes every effort to provide students with their first choice of activity. However, due to the volume of students involved in After-The-Bell, that is not always possible.
- Be sure to match the days you want to come with the activities available that day. Example: If Basketball is offered on Tuesday, do not put it in a Thursday slot. Make sure to write a 1 next to your 1st choice activity, 2 to your second choice and 3 to your third.
- Parents will be notified of activity assignments by letters sent home (via homerooms) by April, 9 2024. Please notify us in writing before activities begin if your child will not be participating in the assigned activities. Check the activity assignment posters which will be posted outside the Cafeteria. If your name is not on the list, please see Ms. Paola Rosas in C106.
- If a student will not attend scheduled activities that day, please send an email or a note, signed by a parent/guardian to the After-The-Bell office located in C106. When advance notice is not possible, please email AfterTheBell@kcsd.org, call 610-268-5889.

- A student who is absent or suspended from school for the day may not attend After-The-Bell that day.
- Students are encouraged not to change activities after the program begins. It is expected that all participating students will follow existing school rules and our code of conduct during After-The-Bell. Students who choose not to follow the rules may be dismissed. Parents will be informed of any discipline problems which may lead to the removal of their child from the program. Thank you!

#### SAMPLE ACTIVITY SELECTION PAGE

For each session 3-4 p.m., 4-5 p.m. or Double, please write a 1 next to your first choice activity, 2 on your second, and 3 on your 3rd, circle your overall first choice for each day you will be participating. Leave blank if you won't be participating on a specific day.

Tuesday Wedensday Thursday 1st Session 3-4 pm 1st Session 3-4 pm 1st Session 3-4 pm 4-H Wood Working Art with Mrs. Uhl **Board Games** Basketball 2 **Board Games** Brain Base Brain Base Chess Club 2 **Board Games** Indoor Fun and Cops 1st Respond-Brain Base Games Indoor Fun and Jewelry Design LGBTQ+ Alliance Games Loom Knitting Loom Knitting Loom Knittina Perler Beading Perler Beading 3 Perler Beading Yoga 3 Visual Arts Pet Portrait 2nd Session 4-5 pm 2nd Session 4-5 pm 2nd Session 4-5 pm Art with Mrs. Uhl Quemistry **Board Games** 3 **Board Games Board Games** Brain Base Indoor Fun and 2 Brain Base Brain Base Games Indoor Fun and Floor Hockey Games Loom Knitting Ink Painting Perler Beading Loom Knitting Jewelry Design Perler Beading Pet Portrait Perler Beading 3 Visual Arts Program and Design Double Session 3-5 **Double Session 3-5** Double Session 3-5 pm pm Dungeons & Drag Friends Home Bake Shop ons nternational Cook MCA Physical Seafood Cooking ing Fitness Strengthen & Conditioning

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Tuesday	Wedensday	Thursday		
1st Session 3-4 pm	1st Session 3-4 pm	1st Session 3-4 pm		
4-H Wood Working for Wild Life	Board Games	Art Sampler		
Board Games	Brain Base	Basketball		
Brain Base	Cops 1st Responders	Board Games		
Floral Design	Crochet	Brain Base		
Giving Garden	LGBTQ+ Alliance	Chess Club	Chess Club	
Jewelry Design	Perler Beading	Crochet	Crochet	
Perler Beading	Soccer	Perler Beading		
Sewing	Visual Arts	Running Club		
Soccer				
2nd Session 4-5 pm	2nd Session 4-5 pm	2nd Session 4-5 pm		
4-H Welcome to the Real World	Board Games	Art Sampler		
Board Games	Brain Base	Basketball		
Brain Base	Crochet	Board Games		
Jewelry Design	Loom Knitting	Brain Base		
Loom Knitting	Perler Beading	Fun with Origami		
Perler Beading	Soccer	Guitar		
Photography	j i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i			
Soccer	Double Session 3-5 pm	Perler Beading		
Yoga	·			
Double Session 3-5 pm	Friends Home	Double Session 3-5 pm		
Dungeons & Dragons	Italian Home Cooking	Bake Shop		
Pickle Ball	Outdoor Exploration			
Tennis	Strengthen & Conditioning @Anchor		-	

<u>Transportation:</u> I understand that, if I request transportation, my son/daughter will be provided bus transportation home from After-The-Bell at no cost. Unless your child has requested bus transportation from After-The-Bell, parents are responsible for arranging transportation from After-The-Bell.

### Please check one:

	will pick up my child in front of the Middle School at 5:00 pm on the days he/she enrolls in the After-The-Bell. Students must be picked up promptly in front of
the School	y 5:00pm.

\_\_\_\_I would like to request bus transportation.

## AFTER-THE-BELL REGISTRATION FORM (Page 2 of 2)

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Please <b>PRINT</b> all information clearly.					
		Student ID#	Grade	1 <sup>st</sup> Period Classroom	Teacher
First Name	Middle Name	Full	Last Name	Goes By	
Address	City	State	Zip	Home pho	ne
Parent/Guardian Name	Cell#	:	Work#:		
Parent/Guardian Name	Cell#	:	Work#:		
Email	_				
and used in publicity for the program; 3) your child's patransportation provided by KASA; 4) permission for you of injuries; 5) Authorizing Kennett Consolidated School emotional, or academic progress, free and reduced price medical information. I understand this information will be Emergency Contact:	District to release and exchange see lunch status, race, ethnicity, general	tudent information o der and district gene	ontained in this form as wel	ll as any information that ac	dresses my child's social,
Emergency Contact Name		Contact's Ph	one Number		
(Needed in case a parent/guardian cannot be read	ched)				
Medical Information: To ensure your child's safety, ple and/or medical issues about your child so we may make	ease provide the medical informati their experience with us a positive	ion you wish to share e one. After-The-Be	e with staff and volunteers. I I does not have access to the	Please note any special need nese school records.	ds, learning concerns
In accordance with school rules, students may not have are permissible, but must be administered by the studen	medication in their possession at ant).	any time, and we ma	y not dispense medications	to any students at any time	e. (Inhalers and Epi-pens
Please provide information we need to know about	rt your child.				
Note any allergies and instructions:					
List any medications your child is taking:					
Explain any considerations we should be aware of:					
Parent/Guardian Signature			Student Signature		