

5th - 8th Weekly Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:45am	Early Bird (optional)				
8:45-9:15	Arrival & Reconnection Outdoor Morning Meeting				
9:20-9:30	Indoor Classroom, Settle In, Daily Math Challenge				
9:30-10:20	Math Investigations (2nd - 8th @ same time)	Forest School (K-8)		Math Investigations	All School Community Gathering
10:20-10:30	BRAIN BREAK			Math Games	
10:30-11:20	Passion Projects			Civic Engagement	
11:20-11:30	BRAIN BREAK			BRAIN BREAK	
11:40-12:30	Electives			Laboratory Science	Passion Projects
12:30-1:15	Lunch & Free Time		Buddy Lunch & Reading	Lunch & Free Time	
1:15-1:45pm	Reflective Writing Across the Curriculum				
1:45-2:30pm	Humanities				
2:30-3:00	Afternoon Meeting				
3:00-3:15	Wrap-Up, Chores & Dismissal				
3:15-5:00pm	Owl Club (optional)				

Class Descriptions:

MORNING MEETING:

Building connections, supporting the social and emotional needs of adolescents. Topics explored include: character traits, identity, culture, upstanding, well-being, and executive function. Also build in improv games and activities to encourage creativity, expression, storytelling, and imagination.

MATH: *Illustrative Mathematics (K-12 curriculum)* -

Comprehensive problem-based core curriculum. Solve problems in mathematical and real-world contexts. Construct arguments using precise language.

HUMANITIES: Literature + Cultural Studies + Discussion

Strengthen reading comprehension and analysis skills.

Creative and expository writing for different purposes and audiences.

Increase word knowledge through explicit vocabulary work.

Read texts from multiple genres including poetry, short story, historical and realistic fiction, and auto/biography. Each season, we select novels for class discussion that highlight one of three anchor standards that connect to our core school values -

Community (Fall,) Independence (Winter,) Creativity (Spring)

Continue writing development to include organized, detailed paragraphs and multi-paragraph essays.

ELECTIVES:

Student self-selected classes that provide opportunities to further explore our school mission. Classes may include: woodworking, forest games, group sports (P.E.,) survival skills such as fire making & tending, carving, shelter building, hiking, tracking, wild edibles, and trail maintenance.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: WE Schools Service Learning

Students take action on local and global issues while building skills like resilience, empathy and problem-solving. Following the 5-Steps of Service Learning...

- 1) Investigation
- 2) Research
- 3) Action
- 4) Reflection
- 5) Celebration

students will question and discuss such topics as:

How 'fairness,' 'equality,' and the 'common good,' have influenced new laws and policies over time at the local and national levels of the US Government.

Examining the process by which immigrants become US citizens.

Relating advances in science and technology to environmental concerns, and to actions taken to address them.

Explaining the impact of trans-Atlantic slavery on NJ, the nation, and individuals.

FOREST SCHOOL:

Project Learning Tree. Project Wet. Great Stories. Native Legends. Cultural songs.

PASSION PROJECTS:

8-week immersion in a topic of choice and interest lending itself to advocacy and leadership development.

AFTERNOON MEETING:

Goal Setting. Independent Reading. Teacher Check-ins.