

***Peer Mediation** - The Peer Helpers group in Clarke Middle School is comprised of 25 students selected from grades 7 and 8 on the basis of personal qualities and interpersonal skills, including maturity, responsibility, good listening skills, effective decision-making and problem-solving skills. The Peer Helpers are trained extensively in the principles of conflict mediation by the group's advisors. The students' primary task is to mediate conflicts/disputes between other students and help these students resolve these conflicts peacefully and fairly. Future goals for the group will possibly include offering tutoring services and peer counseling services for students.

***Photography Club** - Learn the art of photography! Photography club members learn to take photographs with a digital camera and improve them with the computer.

Physical Education Intramurals - Join the intramurals to play such sports as basketball, volleyball, golf and tennis. Intramurals take place before school. Students can sign up at any time.

Science Olympiads - A hands-on event competition against other middle schools held once a year in the spring. A team of up to 15 students to participate in such events as bridge building, aerodynamics, egg drop, and experimentation. Preparatory meetings will be held frequently during the school year.

Spirit Club - Encourages positive energy and rigor at Clarke Middle School. All you need is a willingness to share your creative ideas, show your Clarke spirit, and get involved in school and community events.

Technology Club - Students will learn how to create graphics, create computer assisted drafting, learn video editing, learn how to run sound system in order to help with the Clarke's activities.

***Yearbook** - Students design and set up our school yearbook. Activities include typing, selling ads, artwork and photography.

Clarke Clubs

- * A World of Difference
- * Best Pals Club
- * Builders Club
- * Chamber Orchestra
- * "The Clarke Courier"
- * Clarke Literary Magazine
- * Clarke Middle School Chamber Singers
- * Club S.L.I.M.E.
(Service Learning In Motion Everywhere)
- * Computer Club
- * Drama Club
- * Executive Penny Harvest
- * Garden Club
- * G.O. (Student Government)
- * Homework Helpers
- * International Language Club
- * Jazz Ensemble
- * Junior Tri-M Club
- * Kids in Clarke's Kitchen
- * Mathletes
- * Math Olympiads
- * Mural Club
- * National Junior Honor Society
- * Online Leaders
- * Peer Mediation
- * Photography Club
- * Physical Education Intramurals
- * Science Olympiads
- * Spirit Club
- * Technology Club
- * Yearbook

* Points earned toward President's Student Service Awards



Look for the monthly
calendar
with days, dates, and

W.T. Clarke Middle School Clubs 2009-2010



Stacy Breslin
Principal

Linda Lynch
Assistant Principal

***A World of Difference** - Will meet periodically to discuss what the school can do to be tolerant of diversity. Students will help with the planning of Human Dignity programs.

***Best Pals Club** - Meets twice a month. The goal is to create opportunities for one-to-one friendships between 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Some of the planned activities for the upcoming year are arts and crafts, cooking and playing games.

***Builders Club** - A student-led service club to develop leadership through service to the school and community. This club is jointly sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

***Chamber Orchestra** - A special musical ensemble for string students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades by audition only. Special performances will be scheduled during the school year. This ensemble will explore more challenging orchestral material.

***Clarke Literary Magazine** - Join the Literary Magazine and join the fun and excitement. Be part of the staff that creates a year-end issue of student stories and poetry!

***Clarke Middle School Chamber Singers** - This is a specialized group for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Auditions will be held for 6th graders in the fall. Our goal for next year is to participate in the NYSSMA festival and other competitions.

***Club S.L.I.M.E. - (Service Learning In Motion Everywhere)** Students involved in service learning will be able to give back to the community through service projects that they devise themselves.

***Computer Club** - The Computer Club provides students with opportunities to enrich and extend their skills with new forms of technology. In addition, the Computer Club tries to perform service learning whenever possible.

***The Clarke Courier** - The Courier is the Clarke Middle School Newspaper. Areas you can work include: writing articles, interviewing, proofreading, layouts and graphics.

***Drama Club** - The musical club meets 2 - 3 times per week and performs one full length musical each spring. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, regardless of past experience, are invited to audition. In addition to performers, the directors need costume assistants, stagehands, and sound and lighting staff.

Executive Penny Harvest Club** - This club welcomes students who are interested in helping to plan, organize and run Clarke's Penny Harvest. It will involve decision-making and community and world awareness. Students who would like to have a leadership role in service learning and take an active part in deciding which organizations we will donate to will find this club exciting, fun and full of involvement. Each member "Will Make A Difference" in our community, our country and the world. ***"It all starts with just one penny."

***Garden Club** - The Garden Club is dedicated to beautifying our school. Our club plants flowers, maintains the *Garden* at the front of the building and participates in other service activities.

***G.O. (Student Government)** - Clarke Middle School's student government structure is comprised of representatives from each advisory and officers elected by the student body. All students are encouraged to become members of the student government and participate through their representatives.

***Homework Helpers** - The Homework Helpers Club provides peer tutoring for students who need help with homework. The club meets both before and after school and during lunch periods. It is open to all grades. Students may sign up at any time to give and/or receive tutoring services.

International Language Club - International Language Club offers students of French, Italian and Spanish interesting opportunities to practice the languages they are studying. Club members play games, sing songs, learn dances, cook foods, celebrate holidays and go on field trips related to the foreign languages. Meetings are held twice a month.

***Jazz Ensemble** - The Jazz Ensemble is a select group of 6th, 7th and 8th graders that rehearse and perform as an extra-curricular activity. Rehearsals will take place in the morning (before school). This group is available through audition.

*** Kids in Clarke's Kitchen** - Children will use their talents in cooking and home skills to create tasty foods and treats for our school and community organizations such as senior groups, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens.

Junior Tri-M Music Honor Society - The Tri-M Music Honor Society is the international music honor society for secondary school (middle/junior high and senior high) students that motivates and recognizes musical achievement. Founded in 1952 by Alexander and Frances Harley, the Tri-M Music Society has been providing years of service through music by chartering more than 3000 senior and junior division chapters worldwide. In 1983, Tri-M became a program of MENC: The National Association for Music Education. It is governed by the MENC National Executive Board and guided by the Council of Music Honor Society Chairpersons. Students selected for The Tri-M Music Society will participate in an induction ceremony.

Mathletes - 7th and 8th grade students who enjoy mathematics and the challenge of solving non-routine problems will love Mathletes. Members will meet for practice sessions and a minimum of 6 competitions. Students compete with grade-level peers throughout Nassau County. High-scoring grade level teams, as well as individual students, may be awarded trophies, plaques and/or certificates.

Math Olympiads - Any 6th grader can come and take math tests once a month, as part of a team contest. We have weekly practice meetings and practice tests.

***Mural Club** - Our club decorates the hallways, creates holiday paintings and designs large painted murals for walls and hallways. Students may also work on their own. Students may sign up at any time.

National Junior Honor Society - Our school has established a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, open to 8th graders. Selection for this esteemed group is based upon high academic achievement, school and community service, exemplary character, and faculty recommendation. Once selected, members of the Honor Society are required to maintain high scholastic averages and to participate in school and/or community service activities. Students selected for National Junior Honor Society will participate in an induction ceremony.

***Online Leaders** - Volunteer to teach Clarke neighbors (senior citizens) computer skills. Senior citizens want to know more about computers and the Internet. Who knows more than you! Earn credit towards "Presidential Student Service Award."

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