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THE MANALAPAN-ENGLISHTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2023 SUMMER PROGRAM

Instruction, Enrichment, Exploration

MANALAPAN-ENGLISHTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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# MANALAPAN-ENGLISHTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Dates and Location

The program will be held July 5, 2023 - August 3, 2023 (Monday through Thursday) at Wemrock Brook School, 118 Millhurst Road; Manalapan, NJ.

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## Drop Off and Pick Up

For students attending, parents/guardians will be responsible for student drop off and pickup at Wemrock Brook School each day.

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## Instructors

All courses are taught by certified district teachers.

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## Program Etiquette

All participants must behave in an appropriate manner and adhere to the code of conduct. Failure to adhere to this may result in a student's termination from the program.

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## Postponement/Changes

Due to events beyond our control, postponements and/or changes to classes due to instructor illness, scheduling conflicts or other reasons, may occur. You will be notified by the instructor in such instances.

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## Refund Information

Cancellations made within one week prior to the start of classes, will receive a 50% refund. No tuition will be credited or refunded for cancellations made within 24 hours prior to the start of the class.



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## Cancelled Classes

This program is a non-profit organization and relies on tuition fees to run. ***If classes are canceled*** due to low enrollment or unforeseen reasons, ***you will be notified and will receive a full refund*** by mail. You will also have the option to attend another class.

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## Payment for Classes

Payment must be made through [PaySchools Central](#) at the time of registration or by mail with a check made out to MERS Summer School.

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## Full Classes

Once a class is filled, registration will be closed for that class. You may be placed on a wait-list. If there is a cancellation and a spot becomes available, you will be notified.

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## Confirmation

You will not receive confirmation of your registration. A detailed email will be sent out just prior to the start date of the program.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## Online Registration

Registration opens on  
Wednesday, March 15, 2023.  
Enrollment is limited, and  
courses will close when filled.

To register, click this link: [PaySchools  
Central](#)

**Transportation from Wemrock Brook School to the Recreation Program is also available for students who attend any half-day or full-day session and who are enrolled in the Manalapan Recreation Program.**

AM Shuttle Time 10:20 am; Fee - \$50 per child

PM Shuttle Time 11:50 am; Fee - \$50 per child

Use [PaySchools Central](#) to register for this option.

## Registration Deadline

All registration and payments  
must be received no later than  
June 5, 2023.

***Registration received after  
June 5, 2023 may be accepted  
based on availability.***

## **Partnership with Manalapan Recreation**

Manalapan Township will offer a discount for  
students who attend two half-day sessions at the  
Manalapan Englishtown Regional Schools Summer  
Program. Proof of enrollment is required to receive  
the discount. Contact the Manalapan Recreation  
Program Coordinator at 732-446-8355 for more  
information.

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# AVOID THE SUMMER SLIDE!

- Keep your child's brain sharp year-round.
- Reinforce skills.
- Review curriculum from a difficult year.
- Prepare your child ready for the upcoming school year.

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**CLASSES AND  
SESSIONS  
OFFERED  
SUMMER 2023**

<u>Session 1 8:45 am -10:15 am</u>	<u>Session 2 10:20 am -11:50 am</u>
Small Group Mathematics for Students Entering Grades 1-6	Small Group Mathematics for Students Entering Grades 1-6
Small Group Language Arts for Students Entering Grades 1-6	Small Group Language Arts for Students Entering Grades 1-6
Small Group English Language Arts for Students Entering Grades 6-7 Small Group English Language Arts for Students Entering Grades 7-8	Small Group Mathematics for Students Entering Grades 6-7 Small Group Mathematics for Students Entering Grades 7-8
Digital Art and Animation for Students Entering Grades 3-8	Digital Art and Animation for Students Entering Grades 3-8
Makerspace, Media, LEGOs, and Library for Students Entering Grades 3-6	Makerspace, Media, LEGOs, and Library for Students Entering Grades 3-6
Summer Steel Pan Drums (Beginner) for Students Entering grades 4-8	Summer Steel Pan Drums (Advanced) for Students Entering grades 5-8
ESL: English as a Second Language for Students Entering Grades 1-4	ESL: English as a Second Language for Students Entering Grades 5-8
Mystery Book Club for Students Entering Grades 3-5	Passion Projects for Students Entering Grades 3-5
Reading, Writing, and Math, Oh My! for Students Entering Grades 1-3	Reading, Writing, and Math, Oh My! for Students Entering Grades 4-6
Logic Puzzles: Where Math Meets Language Arts for Students Entering Grades 3-4	Logic Puzzles: Where Math Meets Language Arts for Students Entering Grades 5-6
Be Well with SEL (Social and Emotional Learning)! for Students Entering Grades 1-4	Mighty Minds for Students Entering Grades 3-6
Chess Club for Students Entering Grades 3-8	S.T.E.M. in Physical Education for Students Entering Grades 3-6
Bucket Drumming and Drum Set for Students Entering Grades 3-8	Summer Band for Students Entering Grades 5-8
Summer Orchestra (Beginner) for Students Entering Grades 4-8	Summer Orchestra (Intermediate) for Students Entering Grades 5-8
	Buy, Sell, Hold - A Course in Trading Stock for Students Entering Grades 6-8



# MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION

## Small Group Mathematics for Students Entering Grades 1-6

This small group mathematics class will be held for 90 minutes each day. It is designed to help elementary to middle school students acquire grade level math skills in an enjoyable, supportive, informal setting of no more than 12 students. The program runs for approximately 5 weeks and provides about 27 hours of differentiated instruction over 18 days featuring online games, IXL, ST Math, small group instruction, explorations and more.

Instructor: Certified District Staff

Times: 8:45 am-10:15 am or 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee: \$300



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# ELA OR MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION

## ***Attention Students Entering Pine Brook or MEMS*** **Small Group ELA or Mathematics Courses for Students** **Entering Grades 6-7**

### **Small Group English Language Arts (ELA) Course**

This class is open to all rising 6th and 7th graders looking for English Language Arts enrichment. The foundation will be laid with many of the related concepts being introduced in this course. This course will focus on determining central ideas and key details, citing textual evidence, identifying an author's point of view or purpose, and vocabulary development.

Instructor: District Certified Staff

Time: 8:45 am-10:15 am

Fee: \$300

### **Small Group Mathematics Course**

This class is open to all rising 6th-7th graders looking for mathematics enrichment. The foundation will be laid with many of the related concepts being introduced in this course. This course will focus on the magnitude and value of fractions and decimals, operations with rational numbers, and the application of integer rules. Writing and simplifying algebraic expressions will also be introduced.

Instructor: District Certified Staff

Time: 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee: \$300





# ELA OR MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION

***Attention Students Entering or Attending MEMS***

## **Small Group ELA or Mathematics for Students Entering Grades 7-8**

### **Small Group English Language Arts ELA Course**

This class is open to all rising 7th and 8th graders looking for English Language Arts reinforcement and enrichment. The foundation will be laid with many of the related concepts being introduced in this course. This course will focus on determining central ideas and key details, citing textual evidence, identifying an author's point of view or purpose, and vocabulary development.

Instructor: District Certified Staff

Time: 8:45 am-10:15 am

Fee: \$300

### **Small Group Mathematics Course**

This class is open to all rising 7th and 8th graders. The foundation for higher-level mathematics will be laid with many of the related concepts being introduced in this course. This course will begin with a brief review of the number system and operations with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and positive and negative numbers. Rational and linear exponents, ratios, and proportions, and simple to complex equations will be introduced.

Instructor: District Certified Staff

Time: 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee: \$300

# LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTION

## Small Group Language Arts for Students Entering Grades 1-6

This small group language arts class will be held for 90 minutes each day and is designed to help elementary to middle school students acquire grade level reading and writing skills in an enjoyable, supportive, informal setting of no more than 12 students. The program runs for approximately 5 weeks and provides about 27 hours of differentiated instruction over 18 days featuring online games, IXL, small group instruction, explorations and more.

Instructor: Certified District Staff  
Times: 8:45 am-10:15 am or 10:20 am-11:50 am  
Fee: \$300

## Mystery Book Club for Students Entering Grades 3-5

Do you love reading mysteries? Have you ever wondered what the secret formula to a mystery is? Do you love talking about books and sharing your ideas? Well, then join our mystery book club! We will listen to a mystery read aloud as well as read our own mysteries, learn about the typical plot structure of a good mystery and engage in discussions about our books with our book club members where we try to figure out "who-dunit?"

Instructor: Alisa Amalfa  
Times: 8:45 am-10:15 am  
Fee: \$300



# Reading, Writing, and Math, Oh My! for Students entering Grades 1-3 & 4-6

Students will maintain and further develop their skills as related to word work, reading, writing, and mathematics in this center-based community of learning. The course is designed to actively engage students throughout the morning. They will work collaboratively with peers, in small groups, and one-on-one with the teacher(s). Teachers will tap into individual interests, strengths, and needs of each child.

**Word Work** - Strategy lessons will be conducted to strengthen decoding and encoding skills.

**Reading** - Strategy lessons will be conducted to strengthen fluency and comprehension.

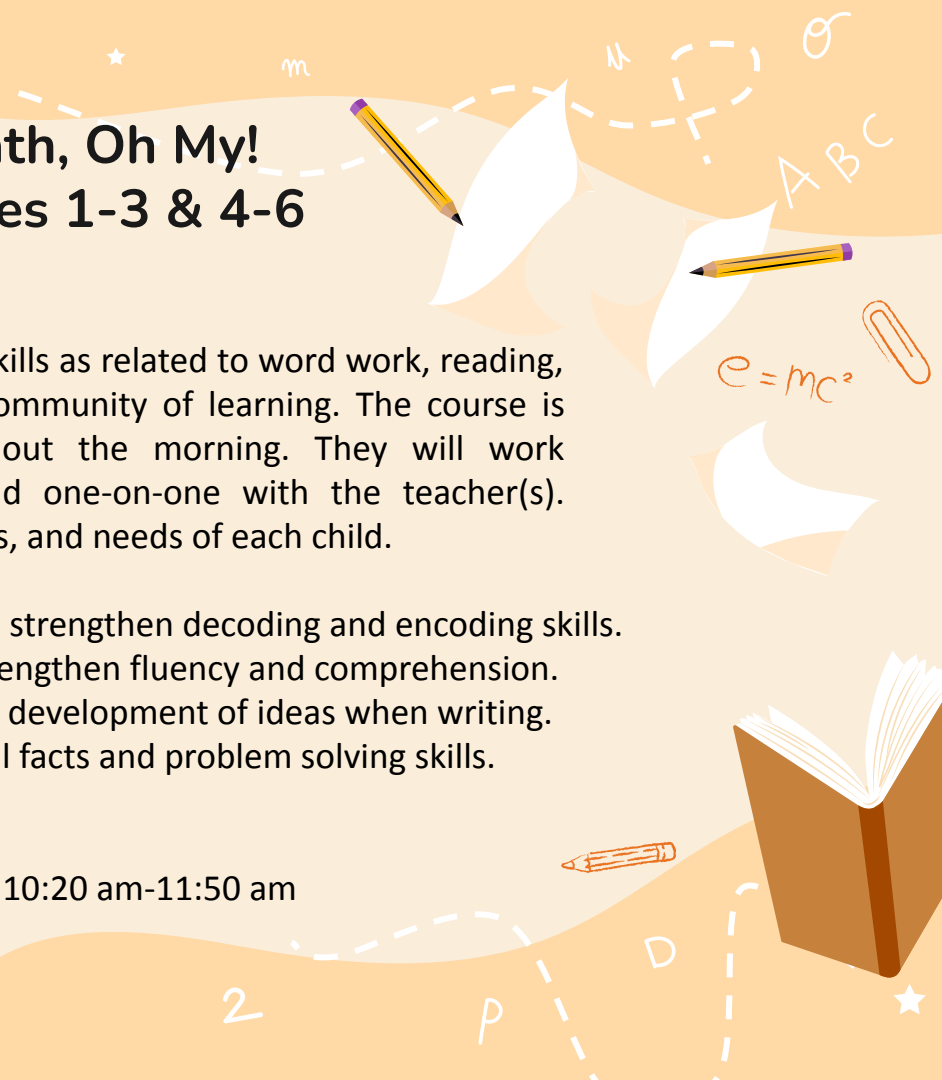
**Writing** - Students will work on mechanics and the development of ideas when writing.

**Mathematics** - Students will sharpen mathematical facts and problem solving skills.

Instructors: District Certified Staff

Time(s): Grades 1-3 8:45 am-10:15 am/Grades 4-6 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee: \$300



# ESL INSTRUCTION

## ESL: English as a Second Language for Students Entering Grades 1-8

**\*Only students identified for ELL services are eligible to enroll for this course.**

This is a FREE program for currently identified and eligible ELL students, and it is designed to help our English Language Learners continue to improve within the four strands of language development (listening, speaking, reading, and writing). Students will use online tools, which may include Reading A-Z, LexiaCore5, multicultural stories, poems, and leveled texts. Students will meet in person to practice small group reading strategies, to answer questions, and to engage in listen and comprehension activities. A focus will also be on following directions and growing and enhancing vocabulary.

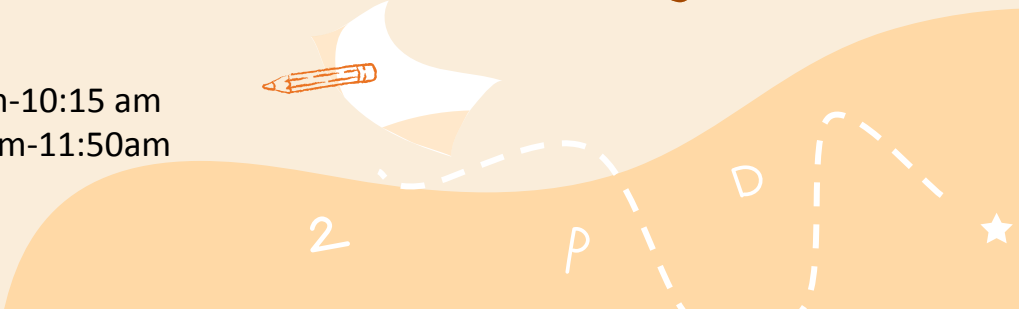
Instructor: Certified District Staff

Time(s): Students Entering Grades 1-4 8:45 am-10:15 am  
Students Entering Grades 5-8 10:20 am-11:50am

No Fee



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# ENRICHMENT CLASSES



## Digital Art and Animation for Students Entering Grades 3-8



Does your child have an interest in creating awesome digital art? Would they want to create some great animation? Well, now is your child's chance! In this class, students will learn how to use web-based art programs, such as Kleki and Sumopaint, to create amazing digital paintings. The instructor, Mr. Nortman, will guide students in creating digital masterpieces, as they learn painting techniques, layering of special effects, and more! Students will also be introduced to stop-motion animation where they will create an animated short video using clay. Take your artistic skills to the next level! Work will be displayed at an end of course digital showcase!

Instructor: Simon Nortman

Time(s): 8:45 am-10:15 am or 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee: \$300



## Logic Puzzles: Where Math Meets Language Arts for Students Entering Grades 3-6

Why do I need to learn this? This is a class that shows real life applications and uses for mathematics and language arts in everyday life. Using comprehension and analyzing skills, mathematical skills, reasoning, speech patterns, figurative language and more, students will work together to unlock puzzles. This course will develop basic fundamental concepts in a fun and interactive setting.


Instructor: Alysha Epstein

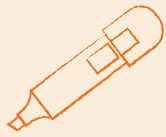
Time(s):

Students Entering Grades 3-4 8:45 am-10:15 am

Students Entering Grades 5-6 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee: \$300





# ENRICHMENT CLASSES



## **Be Well! with SEL (Social Emotional Learning) for Students Entering Grades 1-4**

This session will provide students with a stress-free environment for growth and expression and the opportunity to strengthen their self esteem by engaging in games and hands-on activities. This class will teach social and emotional skills that are necessary for life and academic success. Social competencies that may be focused on include responsible decision-making, resiliency, self-awareness, and self-regulation. Additionally, students will learn to apply the skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, to set and achieve positive goals, to feel and show empathy for others, to establish and maintain positive relationships, and to make responsible decisions.” Students will benefit from a safe space to learn and grow socially and emotionally!

Instructor: Jessica Young  
Time(s): Grades 1-4 8:45 am-10:15 am  
Fee: \$300



## **Mighty Minds for Students Entering Grades 3-6**

Mind full or mindful? This course is an interactive exploration into social and emotional learning, specifically with mindfulness techniques. Providing students with mindfulness strategies is important so they can feel empowered and ready to learn, face challenges, and find both calm and strength within themselves. By helping students become aware of and then embody the connection between their emotions, thoughts, and bodily sensations, students are better able to regulate their emotions, which then impacts things such as their behavior, stress levels, relationships, and ability to focus.

In the spirit of adventure, students will be guided through an array of engaging mindfulness techniques which includes work on emotional management and regulation, social problem solving, focus, and attention. Together, they cultivate greater self-awareness which is essential for optimal learning and self-regulation. Techniques and strategies will be playful and adaptable to school and home environments.

Instructor: Tracy Vail  
Time(s): 10:20 am-11:50 am  
Fee: \$300





# ENRICHMENT CLASSES




## Chess Club for Students Entering Grades 3-8



Chess is a game that has been in existence for a long time and which encompasses strategy and high-level, critical thinking skills! Learning to play chess strengthens various skills include increasing and improving analytical thinking skills; improving problem solving skills; increasing self-confidence and organizational habits; and improving logic and decision making skills. Educational research has shown that chess can help lead to improvement on standardized tests for reading and mathematics. The beauty of chess as a teaching tool is that it stimulates children's minds and helps them to build these skills -- all while enjoying themselves and having fun!


Instructor: William Peck  
Time(s): 8:45 am-10:15 am  
Fee: \$300



## Makerspace, Media, LEGOs and Library for Students Entering Grades 3-6

Does your child love to design, build, create, solve problems, AND read? Then, this is the class for him/her! In this class, students will develop problem solving skills and complete design challenges using various materials such as KEVA planks, Magformers, and LEGOs. Lessons will integrate technology and digital learning as students use basic coding to control an Ozobot and Dash robot, and use Bloxels to design our own video games! Research skills using nonfiction texts will be incorporated as students discover the how and why of our designs and experiments. Students will have the opportunity daily to read texts of interest and will learn to utilize the media center to deepen their love for literacy -- all while having fun!

Instructor: Certified Staff  
Time(s): 8:45 am-10:15 am and/or 10:20 am-11:50 am  
Fee: \$300



# ENRICHMENT CLASSES

## S.T.E.M. in Physical Education for Students Entering Grades 3-6

Physical Education is an opportunity to develop the whole student (the body and the mind). Learners develop physical competence and wellness concepts, along with teamwork, problem solving and critical thinking. S.T.E.M. taught in the gym can enhance these concepts. S.T.E.M. taught in physical education encourages students to activate their brain and their body to learn. You can get a good workout while at the same time learning about science or math. Some examples are:

- \*Science – Laws of Motion, Types of energy, Force
- \*Mathematics – Measurements of Length and Distance, Angles
- \*Technology – Fitness Tracking, Fitness Apps

Students will work as individuals or in small groups/teams to help build a collaborative environment.

You can get a good workout while at the same time learning about science or math. Whether your child is an athlete who wants to improve in their sport or an individual who wants to increase their knowledge, S.T.E.M. in Physical Education will be a positive experience.

Instructor: William Peck

Time(s): 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee \$300





# ENRICHMENT CLASSES

## Passion Projects for Students Entering Grades 3-5

Did you know that Google allows its workers 20% of their work time to work on something they feel passionately about? It's true! We learn and work best when we care about the topic! Is there a topic or subject you feel passionately about? Would you like to learn more about it? Well you've come to the right place! Learn how to create a project proposal, engage in research, take notes, make a works cited page, create a finished project, blog about your findings and practice public speaking skills to present what was learned.

Instructor: Alisa Amalfa

Time(s): 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee \$300

# ENRICHMENT CLASSES

## Buy, Sell, Hold - A Course in Trading Stock for Students Entering Grades 6-8

Students will use Google Classroom and a virtual stock portfolio sponsored by the New York Stock Exchange to research financial resources through an online stock market simulation. This 21st century real-world class will teach students how to manage an online portfolio of stocks. Students will evaluate different stocks and use a variety of strategies in making a decision to buy, sell, or hold their investment -- in real-time. Students will also learn important workplace skills such as collaboration and critical thinking while understanding their personal financial behavior. Students will have fun while learning financial literacy in a real-world 21st century application of mathematics, economics, and finance.

Instructor: Sharon Hanson  
Time(s): 10:20 am-11:50 am  
Fee \$300

# MUSIC ENRICHMENT CLASSES

## Beginner or Advanced Summer Steel Pan Drums

**Beginner:** This course is for students entering grades 4-8 who currently play an instrument. This six week rehearsal program will teach young musicians how to play and perform authentic Caribbean Steel Pan Drums! Students will learn about the instrument's history and traditions. The experience will conclude August 3, 2023 with a concert.

\*No Experience with Steel Drums Necessary!

**Advanced:** For students entering grades 5-8 who currently play any instrument AND have already learned to play the pan. The six week rehearsal program takes pan playing to the next level to learn even more challenging and authentic Caribbean music. The experience will conclude with an August 3, 2023 concert.

Instructor: David Geltch

Time(s): Beginner 8:45 am-10:15 am

Advanced 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee: \$300

# MUSIC ENRICHMENT CLASSES

## Bucket Drums & Drum Set for Students Entering Grades 3-8

This course will be a mixture of bucket drumming like one would see in subways, NYC, and even on some boardwalks. With drum set, students will learn basic beats and styles such as rock and jazz, and they will play along with popular songs that one may have heard on the radio or other platforms. If you already took this class, this year we will be adding new, more advanced techniques like cross sticking.

Instructor: John Rusin

Time(s): Bucket Drums/Drum Set 8:45 am-10:15 am

Fee: \$300

## Summer Band for Students Entering Grades 5-8

Students will play various styles to keep their skills sharp for school band next year and to reinforce music note reading. **Students must have their own instrument to bring with them to class.**

Instructor: John Rusin

Time(s): Summer Band 10:20 am-11:50 am

Fee: \$300

# MUSIC ENRICHMENT CLASSES

## Intermediate Orchestra for Students Entering Grades 5-6

*This class is for students with one year of experience.*

Intermediate Orchestra will focus on the instruction of string instruments (i.e., violin, viola, cello, and string bass). This class is for students who already have one year of experience playing their instrument. In this class, students will work on foundational skills to become stronger musicians, while learning fiddle, pop and classical tunes.

Instructor: Marco Lucchi  
Time: 8:45 am-10:15 am  
Fee: \$300

## Advanced Orchestra for Students Entering Grades 7-8

*This class is for students with two or more years of experience.*

Orchestra will focus on the instruction of string instruments (i.e., violin, viola, cello, and string bass). This class is for students who have two or more years of experience playing their instrument. Instruction will cover advanced instrumental and ensemble techniques and will explore many different styles of string musical genres, such as bluegrass, Celtic, Latin, classical and jazz.

Instructor: Marco Lucchi  
Time: 10:20 am-11:50 am  
Fee: \$300

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# REGISTRATION

For online registration and payment, please use the PaySchools Central link below.

Online registration and online payment are preferred.

Go to [PaySchools Central](#) to complete the registration.

If you currently have a PaySchools Central account setup for your child's lunch account, you can use the same username and password.

To access the Manalapan-Englishtown Summer Program registration page on PaySchools Central, please go to "Fees" once you have logged in to the website.

If this is your first time using [PaySchools Central](#), please follow the directions for setting up an online account.

*Parents may contact PaySchools Central directly for support at 877-393-6628.*

**Registration opens on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.**

If you need assistance with registration, please contact (732) 786-2529.

# MANALAPAN-ENGLISHTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER PROGRAM

## 2023 Registration Form

**Note:** It is the preferred that registration is done online via [PaySchools Central](#). The registration form with signature AND payment are both due when you submit your registration. Please read all general information and registration procedures on pages 2-4 in the MERS Summer Program brochure.

However, if you prefer not to register online and need to pay by check, please use the [form at this link](#) *instead of* online registration. Make checks payable to [Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Schools](#).

### **Options for Registration**

#### **Online**

Please complete the registration form online via [PaySchools Central](#).

OR

#### **Print and Mail a Completed Paper Registration Form With Payment To:**

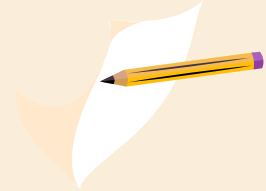
Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Schools

Attention: SUMMER PROGRAM - Kevin Slattery & Christine Schneiweiss, 54 Main St, Englishtown, NJ 07726 **Please write LEGIBLY.**

# WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!

If you have any questions about the summer program, courses, etc., please contact the 2023 MERS Summer Program Principal, Ms. Christine N. Schneiweiss:

[cschneiweiss@mersnj.us](mailto:cschneiweiss@mersnj.us)



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Thank you to our  
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