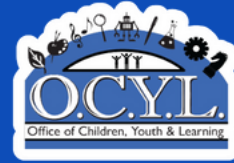


The OCYL Newsletter

Winter 2025



A LOOK BACK ON FALL 2024



Learning to code games with Miss Deb



Creating something new in Creation Lab!



Expressive Arts students in conversation with Mrs. Dymont



Tie Dyeing in Fiber Arts with Ms. Leslie Grant



Chess players on Tuesday evenings with Coaches Bob and Ed



Neurographic art in Expressive Arts Club at NCMS



Coding/Bee Bots with Miss Deb

We're excited to announce that our 30 Winter programs are filling up quickly, with 248 seats already taken! While a few spots are still available, we're also adding more classes to the lineup. Stay updated by visiting our website or following us on social media!

Early Childhood Happenings



After a fun-filled fall
we're sliding back to class
for more early childhood
learning & growth!



IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 20th: No Class for Levels A & B, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 17th - 21st: No classes, Winter Recess

REGISTRATION for SPRING SESSION

Opens on Wednesday, February 26th at Noon for:

MUSIC & MOVEMENT, Adult/Child, Ages 0-3 (7 classes)

Wednesdays or Thursdays beginning: March 19th & 20th

9:00 - 9:45 AM or 10:15 - 11:00 AM

PROCESS ART, Adult/Child, Ages 0-3 (7 classes)

Tuesdays beginning: March 18th, 10:00 - 10:45AM

AFTERNOON LUNCH/CLASS COMBOS: *Current Level B students only*

PRESCHOOL SCIENCE, Monday or Tuesday

MUSIC & MOVEMENT, Wednesday or Thursday

LITTLE STEAMERS, Friday

Spring classes begin the week of March 17th

School Year 2025 - 2026

Registration season is
coming soon!

An Early Childhood Program
tour is highly recommended
for new families.

Call for a tour today!
401-475-0929

Registration for
School Year 2025-2026 &
Summer 2025 opens on
March 5th at Noon

Early Childhood
Education @OCYL

Staff Changes



We're so excited to announce that Meghan Mania has joined the OCYL team as our next K-12 Programs Coordinator! She comes to us with amazing energy and ideas on how to serve youth in Cumberland. Join us in welcoming her when you meet her!

Wishing Mrs. Jamie Droste the best on her retirement! We're so thankful for her 5 years of amazing, creative programming for our youth! We miss you already!



Mrs. Jamie Droste leading discussions with a group of teens during summer 2024 at OCYL.

FREE Expressive Arts Clubs –in the schools again!

After school for middle schoolers until 4pm. New projects each session.

Mondays @ NCMS & Tuesdays @ McCourt

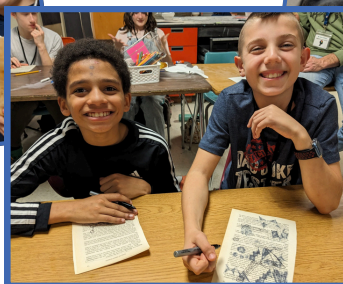
Register online! It's FREE for everyone! Late registrations welcome!

Expressive Arts Activities include:

- Calming music
- Lots of art!
- Drumming
- Journaling
- Guided Meditations

Topics include:

- Connecting with yourself & others
- Coping with imperfection
- Healthy boundaries
- Healthy coping habits
- Healthy relationships
- Mental health
- Nature



Special thanks to
our partners:

RISCA
Rhode Island State Council On The Arts

CEF
Cumberland Foundation

Winter 2024 Teachers & Instructors

Early Childhood:

Literacy/Number Sense (Level A):

Lead Teacher: Marcy Sanford, Teacher Assistant: Isabel Neves

Literacy/Number Sense (Level B):

Lead Teacher: Lori Beauregard, Teacher Assistant: Jess Coyne

Movement & Music (preschool and adult/child): Ashli Gilles

Preschool Science: Isabel Neves

Preschool Art (preschool and adult/child): Anna Hughes

Little STEAMers: Jess Coyne

Lunch Assistants: Mrs. Sanford, Ms. Hughes, Mrs. Tammy Leso

Afterschool/Saturdays:

Art Class Basics & Art Studio Experience: Serene Lincoln

Artistic Adventures & Art Studio Workshops: Cindy Dixon

Chess: Bob Salvas & Ed Paguagua

Coding (Scratch and Game Design): Alix Malone

Creation Lab: Deb Cohen

Expressive Arts Clubs:

@ Middle Schools: Sharon Dymont & Ben Gettinger

@ OCYL Wednesdays: Liz White & Anna Hughes

@ OCYL Thursdays: Sharon Dymont

Lego and Upcycle Engineering: Deb Cohen

Music Lessons- Guitar/Keyboard/Voice: Lon Plynton

Pop Up Science- Rachel Briggs

Welcome to our newest teacher, Rachel Briggs, who will be offering some fantastic **SCIENCE** classes on Saturdays this winter!



Thank you to all of our teachers & staff for continuing to share your time, talent, and passion with our youth!



JOIN US!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Afterschool: Arts, Circuitry, Robotics and more! Send resume to mmania@cumberlandri.org

Early Childhood Substitutes: Send resume to lbeauregard.ocyl@gmail.com

www.ocyl.org

OCYL: Creating Lifelong Learners

We believe that the out-of-schooltime hours and preschool years provide an invaluable opportunity for each child to engage and explore in their own learning through unique, enriching educational programs.

OCYL is committed to supporting the development of life-long skills necessary to succeed: collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking, social-emotional awareness, and a sense of community through Early Childhood, our STEAMshop and Youth Development/Backpack to Briefcase Programs.

Administrative Staff:

Director Liz White

K-12 Programs Coordinator, Meghan Mania

Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Lori Beauregard

Finance/Human Resources Assistant, Christine Domen

Marketing Assistant, Corey Anne Abreau

Registrar and Expressive Arts, Sharon Dymont



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