

# The OCYL Newsletter

Winter 2025



## A LOOK BACK ON FALL 2024



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

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# 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:



## 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 Dymant & Ben Gettinger

@ OCYL Wednesdays: Liz White & Anna Hughes

@ OCYL Thursdays: Sharon Dymant

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!

THANK  
YOU

### 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

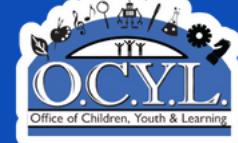
Finance/Human Resources Assistant, Christine Domen

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Registrar and Expressive Arts, Sharon Dymant



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