KMS After-The-Bell

Spring Program 2025

April 29 - May 29

Registration: April 8th through the 22nd · Location: Cafeteria Lobby Time: 7:15 or · online at https://www.afterthebell.org/how-to-register



After-The-Bell

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AFTER-THE-BELL

What makes us tick?

The Kennett After-School Association (KASA) was founded in 1999 by a group of citizens acting in partnership with the United Way of Chester County and the Kennett Church of the Advent to meet the needs of our Kennett Middle School children. The program has grown considerably, but is still run by just one full-time staff member. The Kennett School District partners with KASA to provide facilities for After-The-Bell in our beautiful Kennett Middle School.

Our middle school students are a diverse and enthusiastic group who need a safe environment to help them develop mature interests and a strong sense of self. Participation in the array of activities provided three times each year offer many opportunities to build life skills in a nurturing after-school environment.

Close to 200 volunteers, including retired and active teachers, parents, local professionals, senior citizens, as well as high school and college students from Kennett and the surrounding area, share their time and interests with students. Volunteers lead or assist in activities, contact other volunteers and create new activities, distribute snacks, accompany students to offsite activities, and often mentor students along the way. We need you!

Community financial support comes from the United Way, foundations, commerce and industry, and public contributions. We neither receive nor seek any tax payer money to run After-The-Bell.

As you can see, we depend heavily on the generous support of the Kennett Community and YOU, our parents, through your volunteering, donations, and enthusiastic support!

After-The-Bell is Free ... But it still costs money to run.

Even though we have very low overhead and *After-The-Bell is run by volunteers, it still costs nearly \$260 per student per cycle to participate in After-The-Bell.* Transportation, program supplies, activity costs, insurance and staff salaries add up quickly!

We count on the generosity of the United Way, local foundations, and generous individuals to help cover our operating expenses. We are an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit and do not receive any financial support from the Kennett Consolidated School District.

Thank you for your support!

AFTER-THE-BELLHow you can help

What makes After-The Bell tick? The People in our comm	nunity like YOU
I would like to volunteer with After-The-Bell.	
I would like to provide financial support to After-	-The-Bell.
My tax deductible contribution of \$i	is attached.
Parent Name (Please Print):	
Parent Contact Email:	

Checks may be made out to Kennett After-School Association. Please cut and return this slip to the After-The-Bell office in C106 at Kennett Middle School. Or mail to PO Box 1068, Kennett Square, PA 19348

Our Mission: After-The-Bell provides a supervised after-school program of recreational, social and academic skill-developing activities for Kennett Middle School students. The program is led by community volunteers and provided without charge.

After-The-Bell is an after-school program for students in the Kennett Middle School. The Kennett After-School Association sponsors After-The-Bell to provide an enjoyable learning experience in a safe environment. After-The-Bell is open to all students of the Kennett Middle School and is free of charge, voluntary, and subject to the availability of space and facilities. After-The-Bell does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices, based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, ancestry, union membership, or any other legally protected classification.

After-The-Bell is offered in three six-week programs during the school year – Fall, Winter, and Spring - on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from <u>2:35 pm to 5:00 pm</u>. Transportation home is provided. Participants receive a healthy snack and relax in the cafeteria before starting the first session at 3:00 pm. Each activity is 1 to 2 hours, depending upon the nature of the activity. If school is canceled or there is an early dismissal, After-The-Bell will not meet.

Rights and Responsibilities

- A student should take the appropriate time to learn about the activities and should remain in the same activities for the program.
- We try to give students their first choice of activity but maintain the flexibility to choose from their 2nd or 3rd choice if necessary.
- When you receive the letter informing you of the activities assigned, <u>please notify us</u> immediately if your child does not intend to participate. We always have students on a waiting list for all of the fun activities.
- Students must follow the After-The-Bell Code of Conduct at all times to be able to remain in After-The-Bell.
- Any student attending After-The-Bell may request Bus Transportation home at no charge. Students must follow our Code of Conduct while riding on the bus. Bus service is provided by After-The-Bell, not the Kennett Consolidated School District.
- Students who are registered for After-The-Bell on a given day must attend their After-The-Bell activities; students may not leave their activities to attend school sports games.
- Some activities are very popular. Therefore, if you sign up for a particular activity as
 your first choice more than once during a program, even if your application is received early, you may be scheduled for that activity only once.
- After-The-Bell makes every effort to provide the scheduled activities. After-The-Bell
 will provide an alternative if an activity is canceled due to weather, facilitator absence, etc.

After-The-Bell Code of Conduct

Safety • Respect • Self-Discipline

Upon registering for After-The-Bell, all students and parents agree to this **Code of Conduct**. The Code of Conduct defines how all students must behave to attend After-The-Bell activities. These rules apply for all hours. They apply to all locations, at the Middle School, at off-site activities, and on any bus.

All students must behave safely and with respect for themselves all volunteers, staff, and other students.

At the beginning of each program, the staff will meet with the students to set the expectations for proper behavior - to listen to and follow instructions from the facilitators and staff, to speak only in a respectful manner, and to follow all school rules.

The cornerstones of our code of conduct are safety, respect, and self-discipline. We promote safety, show respect, and learn self-discipline through: 1) our language and 2) our actions toward others.

The first time a student misbehaves, his/her parents may be contacted and he/she may be **dismissed from the program immediately.** The staff of After-The-Bell will determine the decision to allow the student to return during the current program or to any future program. Staff may also decide the student must participate in different activities geared toward promoting proper behavior. If these changes in activities are not acceptable to the student or parents, the child always has the option of withdrawing from the current program.

The following are examples of behaviors that will cause students to be dismissed from After-The-Bell *immediately!*

- Inappropriate behavior such as lying, bullying, bad language, swearing, threats, name-calling, or any language which could cause emotional injury to students, staff, or volunteers
- Inappropriate actions which may cause injury to people or property including insulting gestures, throwing objects at others, pushing, fighting, stealing, and destroying property
- Showing disrespect by ignoring, disobeying, talking back, or being sarcastic to volunteers or staff
- Disruptive behavior in the cafeteria, the halls, the activities, or on the bus, which may include continuing
 to talk when asked to quiet down, continuous and intentional interruption of a volunteer, a member of
 the staff, or another student
- Being disrespectful of school property, such as touching the teacher's desk, SmartBoards, whiteboard, books, displays, or equipment.
- Use of cell phones, iPads, and Earphones. Earbuds, iBooks/Kindles/other electronic readers may be allowed during certain times/activities. However, ATB is not responsible in the case of a mishap or loss of this property.

By signing the Registration Form, both student and parent are stating the following:

I understand that After-The-Bell is a completely voluntary and free after-school program that is provided by volunteers and community donations. I may choose at any time to remove my child from the program. My child is expected to behave safely and respectfully when attending After-The-Bell. If my child breaks any rules, I will be contacted by the staff. I understand that my child may then be dismissed from his/her choice of activity and/or the entire program year for misbehavior. Let's have a wonderful time at After-The-Bell!

After-The-Bell Activities

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4-H Rocketry 101 (THURSDAY) Explore the 4-H rocketry and aerospace projects! This 4-H opportunity will allow members to explore the fundamentals of rocketry such as lift, drag, and other factors that affect rocket design. Youth will explore various models of rockets as well build their own rockets. Youth will learn how to construct various rockets, like water and paper rockets.

4-H Veterinary Science (THURSDAY) The 4-H Veterinary Science project area is designed to help youth learn more about the veterinary science profession. The project area provides a hands-on learning experience that helps youth explore the many careers in animal and veterinary science, study the health and anatomy of animals, understand animal health in relation to humans, and learn through experience how to care for an animal.

Adventures in Roleplaying Games (THURSDAY) This Apprentice class is a warm welcome to the hobby of tabletop roleplaying. From "table manners" to tricks for building an interesting character, this class level introduces the skills you'll need to feel comfortable at a gaming table and then gives you a chance to take some playful risks under imaginary circumstances.

Anime and a Snack (TUESDAY) Each week we will enjoy a healthy snack and watch a movie together! Join us for a relaxing afternoon.

Art Sampler (WEDNESDAY) Find new ways to share your thoughts and feelings with others through the process of making art. A variety of fun materials will be explored creating a different project each week!

Board Games (ALL DAYS) Checkers, Battleship, The Game of Life, Risk, UNO, & so many others. Make new friends while playing your favorite board games.

Crochet (WEDNESDAY) Learn how to crochet. Using vibrant colors, make your crochet projects like scarves, blankets and more.

Cops! (WEDNESDAY) What is it like to be a cop? Come and learn from a Officer Alvarez.

Drama Improv (ALL DAYS) Have you ever wanted to be an actor? Do you have trouble with speaking in front of people or maybe even just raising your hand in class? Or maybe you are already a theater buff and just want to get the opportunity to show off your skills? Drama improvisation will teach you acting and public speaking skills without having to remember any lines. You just make it up as you go! We will learn, play games, practice speaking in front of people, be goofy, and most importantly, have fun! As part of this program, you will be invited to participate in a study to understand if drama improvisation helps kids feel less nervous, more relaxed, and more confident. This study will be run by the RAISE lab at West Chester University and will be overseen by Sarah Richter and Dr. Stevie Grassetti. All children in the improv program will be asked to complete surveys to see if the program is working. If you agree to be a part of the study, your answers to the survey questions will be included in the research. You can still participate in the drama improvisation program even if you choose not to participate in the study. This study has been approved by the West Chester University Institutional Review Board, protocol IRB-FY2024-291.

Dungeons and Dragons Campaign (TUESDAY) Beginner adventurers are needed to bring this storytelling adventure to life. We will use our imaginations to make daring choices while we explore fantastic realms to save the Sword Coast. All activities reinforce language arts, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills.

Explore KMS Ecosystem (TUESDAY) Join the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance in exploring the outdoors. We will be doing art inspired by nature, learning about owls and dissecting an owl pellet, studying the Kennett Middle school's local stream, and taking a walk around the Kennett Middle school getting to know our trees!

Floral Design (TUESDAY) Join the 4 Seasons Gardening Club in this creative introduction to Floral Design. Join us to make your own beautiful & joyful floral masterpieces.

Fishing (WEDNESDAY) Travel to Anson Nixon Park to try out your fishing skills. We will learn about equipment, casting styles, the patterns of the fish, and more. Fishing poles and all equipment are provided! Please wear appropriate outdoor clothes.

Friends Home (WEDNESDAY) Do you like serving others? You will be traveling to Friends Home in town to spend time, play board games, and make crafts with their residents. You'll have fun and make new friends!

Giving Garden at KMS (TUESDAY) Join KMS' own Ms. Pranzo in the KMS Giving Garden to plant, water, harvest/prepare food from the garden for weekly donations to the community. Have fun and take some fresh garden veggies home to your family.

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Italian Home Cooking (WEDNESDAY) Spend six weeks exploring the regional cuisines of Italy while learning new cooking skills. Yes pasta and pizza but also less known delicious dishes cooked in family homes all over Italy: La cucina di casa— Mangia Bene!

Jewelry Design (TUESDAY) Learn to make unique and beautiful jewelry to keep or give as a gift. Create your beautiful earrings, rings & bracelets! Have fun!

LGBTQ+ Alliance Club (WEDNESDAY) Welcomes all students to a supportive, safe, and welcoming environment that encourages you to advocate for yourself and/or your LGBTQ+ friends. Your leadership and creative skills will be put to use as we discuss ideas to increase LGBTQ+ awareness and inclusivity within the school and the local community. In addition, this club will periodically host LGBTQ+ guest speakers to inspire and share their life and leadership experiences.

Loom Knitting (THURSDAY) Use our round looms and colorful yarns for knitting made easy. Make a hat, scarf, and other fun crafts to take home or share with friends and family!

Museum Apprentice (THURSDAY) Each week DelMNS Staff will bring the fun of a field trip to you! We offer exciting, hands-on programming through engaging discussion, live animal presentations, relevant specimens, and props.

Music Lessons (TUESDAY) You will travel to School of Rock in Hockessin to learn the fundamentals of instruments while playing with a band in a positive and fun atmosphere.

Nutrition Links (TUESDAY) Join Penn State Nutrition Links for a fun, informative and tasty class. Learn about what it means to have a healthy lifestyle and tips for making healthy snacks and meals. Each class we will make a healthy snack, have an activity and have a chance to win a prize.

Outdoor Exploration (WEDNESDAY) Learn about the natural world in our backyard. Walk the trails and explore the parks while learning how to keep our natural spaces clean and healthy so everyone can enjoy. Remember to wear sneakers!

Perler Beading (ALL DAYS) Relax while you create beautiful necklaces, keychains, and even 3-dimensional décor using colorful Perler beads. Arrange beads to form patterns and fuse them to make colorful works of art!

Pickle Ball (TUESDAY) Be part of America's new favorite pastime and learn how to play this exciting game. Paddles, balls, and transportation to Kennett Square Country Club is provided. Wear tennis shoes or sneakers.

Running Club (THURSDAY) Do you enjoy running? Would you like to see if distance running is right for you? How about a chance to lace up your sneakers and have fun? Runners must wear appropriate clothes and sneakers, and please bring a water bottle with your name on it. Happy running!

Seafood Cooking (TUESDAY) You'll have a great time in this class. You'll cook fish and shellfish and will use different fruits and vegetables to enhance your creation. You'll also learn several cooking techniques like knife use, sautéing, semi-boiling, Allergy warning: Some recipes will have shellfish, gluten, nuts and dairy

Soccer (ALL DAYS) Score some goals and join the fun of playing soccer. All levels welcome! SNEAKERS are a must for this activity. No cleats allowed, please.

Strength & Conditioning @ Anchor Life + Fitness (WEDNESDAY) This exciting fun class will focus on building a solid foundation of movement and strength to improve health, fitness, and confidence. Explore proper techniques to build a healthy you.

Tennis (TUESDAY) Learn how to play this exciting game using swings and moves from our tennis pros!. Rackets, balls and transportation to Kennett Square Golf & Country Club is provided! Wear tennis shoes or sneakers.

Visual Arts (WEDNESDAY) Explore multiple visual art mediums with a professional artist! Learn and apply drawing and painting techniques, get exposed to famous artists and artistic movements, and create your own works of art every week. No experience necessary; just bring your creativity!

Yoga (WEDNESDAY) Practice yoga at KMS. Join in the fun while de-stressing from your classes. Each relaxing class includes yoga poses, breathing exercises, mantra meditation, and more. Yoga is open to everyone. No yoga experience is required. Mats and towels are provided. Wear comfy clothes.

Homework Club-Retired teachers will be available each day to assist students with homework and projects. No registration required, students will be allowed to go back to their scheduled activity after completing homework.

After-The-Bell Registration Instructions

- Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Incomplete registration forms may not be processed, causing students to miss the opportunity to be included in their desired classes. Activities fill quickly.
- Write a 1 next to your first choice activity, 2 for your second choice and 3 for your 3rd
 choice for each session 3-4 and 4-5 or double session 3-5. Please circle your overall first
 choice for each day you will be participating. Leave blank if you are not participating on a
 specific day.
- Students must return their completed Registration Form to the After-The-Bell table in the
 Cafeteria Lobby or register online at https://www.afterthebell.org/how-to-register no earlier than 7:15 a.m. April 8 and no later than 3:30 p.m. on April 22, 2025.
- Please complete all parts of the form including the student information page, the activity selection page, and the medical information (please note ATB does not have access to school medical records). Registration forms must be signed by the parents/guardians and the student. Students will not be accepted into the After-The-Bell without a parent/guardian signature on the Registration Form. It is important that you fill in completely your son/daughter's registration form on both sides.
- Students may register for one, two, or all three days of a program. Students must select
 two activities each day from 3-4:00 pm and 4-5:00 pm OR a double session from 3-5:00
 pm. Students must participate in the entire program from 3:00-5:00 pm on any day they
 attend After-The-Bell and must stay for both sessions on any day they register.
- Students <u>must</u> list their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for activities. After-The-Bell makes every effort to provide students with their first choice of activity. However, due to the volume of students involved in After-The-Bell, that is not always possible.
- Be sure to match the days you want to come with the activities available that day. Example: If Basketball is offered on Tuesday, do not put it in a Thursday slot. Make sure to write a 1 next to your 1st choice activity, 2 to your second choice and 3 to your third.
- Parents will be notified of activity assignments by letters sent home (via homerooms) by
 January 23rd. Please notify us in writing before activities begin if your child will not be
 participating in the assigned activities. Check the activity assignment posters which will be
 posted outside the Cafeteria. If your name is not on the list, please see Ms. Paola Rosas in C106.
- If a student will not attend scheduled activities that day, please send an email or a note, signed by a parent/guardian to the After-The-Bell office located in C106. When advance notice is not possible, please email AfterTheBell@kcsd.org, call 610-268-5889.

- A student who is absent or suspended from school for the day may not attend After-The-Bell that day.
- Students are encouraged not to change activities after the program begins. It is expected that all participating students will follow existing school rules and our code of conduct during After-The-Bell. Students who choose not to follow the rules may be dismissed. Parents will be informed of any discipline problems which may lead to the removal of their child from the program. Thank you!

SAMPLE ACTIVITY SELECTION PAGE

For each session 3-4 p.m., 4-5 p.m. or Double, please write a 1 next to your first choice activity, 2 on your second, and 3 on your 3rd, circle your overall first choice for each day you will be participating. Leave blank if you won't be participating on a specific day.

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Tuesday		Wedensday	Thursday	
1st Session 3-4 pm		1st Session 3-4 pm	1st Session 3-4 pm	
4-H Wood Working		Art with Mrs. Uhl	Board Games	
Basketball	2	Board Games	Brain Base	
Board Games		Brain Base	Chess Club	2
Brain Base		Cops 1st Respond- ers	Indoor Fun and Games	
Jewelry Design	1	Indoor Fun and Games	LGBTQ+ Alliance	
Loom Knitting		Loom Knitting	Loom Knitting	
Perler Beading		Perler Beading	Perler Beading	3
Yoga	3	Visual Arts	Pet Portrait	
2nd Session 4-5 pm		2nd Session 4-5 pm	2nd Session 4-5 pm	
4-H Kitchen Quemistry		Art with Mrs. Uhl	Board Games	3
Board Games		Board Games	Brain Base	
Brain Base	2	Brain Base	Indoor Fun and Games	
Floor Hockey		Indoor Fun and Games	Loom Knitting	
Ink Painting		Loom Knitting	Perler Beading	
Jewelry Design		Perler Beading	Pet Portrait	2
Perler Beading	3	Visual Arts		
Program and Design	1			
Double Session 3-5		Double Session 3-5 pm	Double Session 3-5 pm	
Dungeons & Drag- ons		Friends Home	Bake Shop	1
Seafood Cooking		International Cook- ing	YMCA Physical Fitness	
		Strengthen & Conditioning		

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
1st Session 3-4 pm	1st Session 3-4 pm	1st Session 3-4 pm		
	Art Sampler			
Drama Improv	Board Games	4-H Veterinary Science		
Explore KMS Ecosystem	Crochet	Board Games		
Floral Design	Cops	Drama Improv		
Giving Garden	Drama Improv	Loom Knitting		
Jewelry Design	LGBTQ+ Alliance	Museum Apprentice		
Perler Beading	Perler Beading	Perler Beading		
Soccer	Soccer	Soccer		
	Visual Arts			
2nd Session 4-5 pm	2nd Session 4-5 pm	2nd Session 4-5 pm		
Anime & a Snack	Art Sampler	4-H Rocketry 101		
Board Games	Board Games	Board Games		
Drama Improv	Drama Improv	Drama Improv		
Jewelry Design	Crochet	Loom Knitting		
Nutrition Links	Perler Beading	Perler Beading		
Perler Beading	Soccer	Running Club		
Soccer	Visual Arts	Soccer		
	Yoga			
Double Session 3-5 pm	Double Session 3-5 pm	Double Session 3-5 pm		
Dungeons & Dragons	Fishing	Adventures Roleplaying Games		
Music Lessons	Friends Home	Homework Club-Retired teachers will be available ea		
Pickle Ball	Italian Home Cooking	day to assist students with homework and projects. No		
Seafood Cooking	Outdoor Exploration	registration required, students will be allowed to go ba		
Tennis	Strengthen & Conditioning @Anchor	to their scheduled activity after completing homework.		

<u>Transportation:</u> I understand that, if I request transportation, my son/daughter will be provided bus transportation home from After-The-Bell at no cost. Unless your child has requested bus transportation from After-The-Bell, parents are responsible for arranging transportation from After-The-Bell.

Please check one:

/ will pick up my child in front of the Middle School at 5:00 pm on the days he/she enrolls in the After-The-Bell. Students must be picked up promptly in from the School by 5:00pm.	nt of
I would like to request bus transportation.	

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Please PRINT all information clearly.						
		Student ID#	Grade	1 st Period C	ilassroom	Teacher
First Name	Middle Name		: Name		Goes By	
Address	City	 State	Zip		Home phone	
Parent/Guardian Name	Cell#: _		Work#:			
Parent/Guardian Name	Cell#: _		Work#:			
Email	_					
and used in publicity for the program; 3) your child's patransportation provided by KASA; 4) permission for your of injuries; 5) Authorizing Kennett Consolidated School I emotional, or academic progress, free and reduced price medical information. I understand this information will be Emergency Contact:	r child to participate in athletic activ District to release and exchange stu e lunch status, race, ethnicity, gende	rities with parental resp adent information conta er and district generate	oonsibility to provide insur ained in this form as well	rance coverage as any informa	e or cover com tion that addre	plete cost of treatment esses my child's social,
Emergency Contact Name		Contact's Phone	Number			
(Needed in case a parent/guardian cannot be reac	hed)					
<u>Medical Information</u> : To ensure your child's safety, pleand/or medical issues about your child so we may make	ase provide the medical informatio their experience with us a positive	n you wish to share wit one. After-The-Bell do	th staff and volunteers. Ploes not have access to the	ease note any ese school reco	special needs, rds.	learning concerns
In accordance with school rules, students may not have rare permissible, but must be administered by the studen	medication in their possession at ar t).	ny time, and we may no	ot dispense medications t	o any students	at any time. (I	nhalers and Epi-pens
Please provide information we need to know about	t your child.					
Note any allergies and instructions:						
List any medications your child is taking:						
Explain any considerations we should be aware of:						
Parent/Guardian Signature			Student Signature			