
KMS After-The-Bell

Winter Program 2024

January 23rd – February 29th

Registration: January 8th through the 16th · Location: Cafeteria Lobby Time: 7:15 or · online at <https://www.afterthebell.org/how-to-register>



After-The-Bell

Room C106 Kennett Middle School

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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!

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How you can help

What makes **After-The Bell** tick? The People in our community 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 \$_____ is attached.

_____ I wish to contribute through a donation to the United Way
and would like more information on this option.

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 2:35 pm to 5:00 pm. 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, please notify us 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 STEM Woodworking for Wildlife (TUESDAY) Create your own projects for wildlife or for the school's nature trail. This is for youth who enjoy the outdoors and truly wish to enhance the wildlife habitat areas they enjoy at home or at school. Goals: Bat box & Eastern Bluebird box construction & placement.

4-H Kitchen Chemistry (TUESDAY) Incorporates common household food or health items used to create science experiences. Learn about what matter is and how it changes form; explore the different properties of matter; find out about acids and bases; and discover how everyday items and kitchen ingredients can be used in cool tests!

Art with Mrs. Uhl- Ceramics (WEDNESDAY) It's time to play with clay! Students will learn basic pottery techniques for hand-building and glazing while also learning to throw on a pottery wheel.

Art with Mrs. Uhl- Altered Book Art with Alcohol Markers and Paint (WEDNESDAY) An altered book artist takes a book (old, new, recycled or multiple) and modifies it in various ways, such as cutting, tearing, folding, or embedding objects. Altered books may be as simple as adding a drawing or text to a page, or as complex as creating an intricate book sculpture.

Bake Shop (THURSDAY) Do you love to bake? We'll set up and run a company to bake and sell cookies, cupcakes, and other treats! They're so much fun to make, sell and eat. Learn the basics of running a baking business!

Basketball (TUESDAY & THURSDAY) Shoot hoops, have fun and learn the skill of basketball or improve your game.

Board Games (ALL DAYS) Checkers, Battleship, The Game of Life, Risk, UNO, Monopoly, Connect4 & so many others. Make new friends while playing your favorite board games.

Brain Base (ALL DAYS) Do you need some extra time to get your homework finished or want to finish early? Do you sometimes need help with studying and projects? Catch up or get ahead on your studies. Go online to see your homework assignments, check your grades, or see how far you have come!

Chess Club (THURSDAY) ATB Chess Club is great for Beginners thru Masters. Learn how the pieces move, common tactics, and how to outmaneuver and out-think your opponent. Use your queen to wreak havoc on your opponent and ultimately force their King to surrender!

Cops/1st Responders! (WEDNESDAY) Sirens screaming! Lights flashing! What is it like to be a police officer, EMT or Firefighter? Have fun and learn from a police officer and our local fire company.

Dungeons and Dragons (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.

Fashion Through Hand Knitting (WEDNESDAY) Learn how to create a fashion inspiration board and hand knit a fun scarf or a hat. Hand knitting is a great relaxing activity that not only helps in reducing the fabric waste generated by the fashion industry, but also improves your math skills! Curious? Join and you will love it!

Floor Hockey (TUESDAY) Pass, score, learn stick skills and have fun playing this exciting floor version of ice hockey. Learn new skills from a local ice hockey coach. Equipment is provided. Just wear your sneakers and have fun!

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!

Ink Painting (TUESDAY) Join us! Ink is a medium that will connect you with an ancient technique dating back to the Han Dynasty of China. Explore sketching using a variety of ink densities that change the color of the ink using water, the variety of line thickness depending on the pressure applied to the brush, and the freestyle or precision you can decide when creating art with ink!

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Indoor Fun and Games (WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY) Have fun enjoying kickball, Spikeball, dodgeball, having a relay race, and more! There are many games to be played each week. Come and have fun exploring some old and new favorites!

International Cooking (WEDNESDAY) Travel the world through food, and surprise your family and friends with your new cooking skills! Cook international dishes and maybe you'll find a new favorite of your own! Bon appetit!

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! Be creative.

LGBTQ+ Alliance Club (THURSDAY) 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 (ALL DAYS) 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!

Mind Math Games (THURSDAY) If you enjoy games challenging your mind, memory, senses, and math skills, join this session. Every week, we will work on mind-bending puzzles, play games that engage our short-term memory and all five senses, solve math riddles and problems, and create simple things using the basic principles of science.

Pet Portrait Painting (THURSDAY) Have fun learning how to paint your pet! Show your creative side! Have fun making a beautiful keepsake with step-by-step instructions from a wonderful local artist! Make sure you bring a photo of your pet.

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!

Program and Design Games (TUESDAY) Learn how to code basic programs using block code and design your own game from scratch. There will be many challenges that we can code using different websites and platforms. You don't need any prior experience at all!

Seafood Cooking Class (TUESDAY) Learn to cook many kinds of fish and shellfish. One of the great things about seafood is that it is easy and yummy! Learn ways to cook that give you skills that to walk into the kitchen and fix yourself a broiled salmon or a sea bass taco (by the way, this is your instructor's favorite breakfast). Here's a bonus you get to eat everything you and your classmates make! *For those with food allergy concerns: we will cook many different shellfish, we will use dairy products frequently, and we'll use nuts occasionally.*

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.

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!

YMCA Physical Fitness (THURSDAY) Want to learn about exercise and fitness? Using the Y's strength building equipment & techniques, we will give you the tools to do just that! Join the fun Fitness Staff at the *Kennett YMCA!* *Wear proper clothes and sneakers*

Yoga (TUESDAY) 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.

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. **January 8th** and no later than 3:30 p.m. on **January 16, 2024**.
- 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 must 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 18, 2024. 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.

Tuesday		Wednesday		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 Responders		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 Program and Design	3	Visual Arts			
	1				
Double Session 3-5 pm		Double Session 3-5 pm		Double Session 3-5 pm	
Dungeons & Dragons		Friends Home		Bake Shop	1
Seafood Cooking		International Cooking		YMCA Physical Fitness	
		Strengthen & Conditioning			

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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.

Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
1st Session 3-4 pm		1st Session 3-4 pm		1st Session 3-4 pm	
4-H Wood Working for Wild Life		Art with Mrs. Uhl-Ceramics		Basketball	
Basketball		Board Games		Board Games	
Board Games		Brain Base		Brain Base	
Brain Base		Cops 1st Responders		Chess Club	
Jewelry Design		Fashion Through Hand Knitting		LGBTQ+ Alliance	
Loom Knitting		Indoor Fun and Games		Loom Knitting	
Perler Beading		Perler Beading		Mind Math Games	
Yoga		Visual Arts		Perler Beading	
				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-Altered Book Art		Basketball	
Board Games		Board Games		Board Games	
Brain Base		Brain Base		Brain Base	
Floor Hockey		Indoor Fun and Games		Loom Knitting	
Ink Painting		Loom Knitting		Perler Beading	
Jewelry Design		Perler Beading		Pet Portrait	
Perler Beading		Visual Arts			
Program and Design					
Double Session 3-5 pm		Double Session 3-5 pm		Double Session 3-5 pm	
Dungeons & Dragons		Friends Home		Bake Shop	
Seafood Cooking		International Cooking		YMCA Physical Fitness	
		Strengthen & Conditioning @Anchor			

Transportation: 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:

_____ *I 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 front of the School by 5:00pm.**

_____ *I would like to request bus transportation.*

AFTER-THE-BELL REGISTRATION FORM (Page 2 of 2) Winter 2024

Please **PRINT** all information clearly.

Student ID#

Grade

1st Period Classroom

Teacher

First Name

Middle Name

Full Last Name

Goes By

Address

City

State

Zip

Home phone

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

Email _____

Please Read! Your signature below gives your consent for the following: 1) parent's consent for student's participation in the program; 2) child's photograph may be taken and used in publicity for the program; 3) your child's participation in activities taking place off campus; some will involve field trips or activities away from the Middle School with insured transportation provided by KASA; 4) permission for your child to participate in athletic activities with parental responsibility to provide insurance coverage or cover complete cost of treatment of injuries; 5) Authorizing Kennett Consolidated School District to release and exchange student information contained in this form as well as any information that addresses my child's social, emotional, or academic progress, free and reduced price lunch status, race, ethnicity, gender and district generated student ID to After-The-Bell support staff. This information **will not** include medical information. **I understand this information will be used to register my child(ren) for After-The-Bell.**

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact Name _____ Contact's Phone Number _____

(Needed in case a parent/guardian cannot be reached)

Medical Information: To ensure your child's safety, please provide the medical information you wish to share with staff and volunteers. **Please note any special needs, learning concerns and/or medical issues about your child so we may make their experience with us a positive one. After-The-Bell does not have access to these school records.**

In accordance with school rules, students may not have medication in their possession at any time, and we may not dispense medications to any students at any time. (Inhalers and Epi-pens are permissible, but must be administered by the student).

Please provide information we need to know about 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