



# Winter 2022-23 BLAST Descriptions

Winter BLAST registration opens 11/30 at 7:00 PM and closes 12/6 at 8:00 PM.

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(All Class Meeting Times are p.m.)

## **Monday: Cozy Crafts**

(1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13)

**Price:** \$245 for a seven-class session (Price includes materials)

**Offered for Grades:** K-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Cozy Crafts is a laid back relaxing time to work with our hands making fun stuff like hats, bags, friendship bracelets, yarn squishies and more. We will learn how to use various types of looms to make larger yarn projects for those who are interested, and there will always be low key small craft projects that kids can make and take home immediately.

No experience is necessary and support will be provided for all projects until your child can do them independently. If your child has previous experience or has participated in this class before, there are always new tools, stitches and projects to learn! Looms, yarn and all other craft materials are included in the session fee and all kids go home with multiple completed crafts. Since there are things to create at all skill levels, this class is open to anyone in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

New crafts will be available for all kids who have taken cozy crafts before!



## **Monday: The Cozy Kitchen**

(1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13)

**Price:** \$220 for a seven-class session (Price includes materials)

**Offered for Grades:** K-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Join Ms. Margolis for some baking fun in the cozy kitchen! After each class, students will take home a mason jar layered with the dry ingredients needed for a yummy treat such as cookies, soup, and quickbreads. Simply add in the wet ingredients at home to complete the recipe and then pop it in the oven or on the stove to enjoy. All jars will come with a full ingredient list and cooking instructions. Food allergies can be accommodated with advance notice.

## **Monday: Basketball Beginners**

(1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13)

**Price:** \$210 for a seven-class session

**Offered to grades:** K-2

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Learn to love the sport of basketball as Coach Spencer breaks down the fundamentals and allows kids to work on their dribbling, passing, shooting and defensive skills in this beginners course. Kids will slowly develop their skills and work their way up to team play and truly understanding the sport of basketball.

## **Monday: Website Building**

(1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13)

**Price:** \$245 for a seven-class session

**Offered to grades:** 3-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Learners will be introduced to the basics of building for the web. There will be 3 main concepts taught in the course: HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

The class is structured in a logical way. We will start with learning web page structure, progress to web page styling, and finally to webpage interactivity.

This course is designed for complete beginners and does not require any prior knowledge.



## **Tuesday: Denver JDS Chess Club**

(1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28)

**Price:** \$179 for an eight-class session

**Offered to grades:** K-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: PALS Chess Academy is excited to return to the Denver Jewish Day School Chess Club, one of Colorado's premier scholastic chess programs! Following a creative curriculum written by 5-time and reigning Colorado State Champion Lior Lapid, each class brings humor, stories, and challenging "chessercizes" to help children apply lessons both on and off the board. Our step-by-step approach is backed by proven results, with PALS students/teams winning the Colorado scholastic state chess championship every year since 2014 including all three divisions (Elementary, Middle School and High School) in 2022.

PALS coaches excel in making chess fun while teaching valuable critical-thinking and life skills throughout each session. Students will learn to calculate options and evaluate their consequences, reinforcing planning skills, growing from mistakes, overcoming obstacles, and practicing visualization techniques to think a few steps ahead. Whether playing in competitions or just for fun, your child will LOVE learning with PALS!

## **Tuesday: Little Medical School**

(1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28)

**Price:** \$314 for an eight-class session (including all materials)

**Offered to grades:** K-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Through hands-on activities and interactive role-play, your child will learn about the heart, lungs, and digestion, dressing up like a doctor and going home with a lab coat, working stethoscope, and much much more! Plus, they will receive a diploma at graduation. Don't miss this opportunity to inspire your child to imagine a future in the healthcare world!



## **Tuesday: Kidbots**

(1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28)

**Price:** \$275 for an eight-class session (including all materials)

**Offered to grades:** K-2

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

**Description:** In this junior robotics course, we use a hands-on approach to STEM discovery. Students learn valuable coding concepts while tapping into their imaginations to create and program robots. Step by step, we build for a variety of cool Lego robots based around a motor and controller. Then, kids use a block based programming language to make their creation come to life! It's educational, cool, and FUN!

## **Tuesday: Spanish 3-5**

(1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28)

**Price:** \$275 for an eight-class session (including all materials)

**Offered to grades:** 3-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

**Description:** Hola amigos! This fun class is an introduction to Spanish where we will learn basic vocabulary and grammar through stories, songs & projects.

## **Wednesday: Leisure Sports**

(1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8)

**Price:** \$235 for a 10-class session

**Offered to grades:** K-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

**Description:** Explore the world of leisure sports with Coach Spencer as kids learn and play a wide variety of games including pickle ball, croquet, cornhole, bowling, slacklining, skating and more! Leisure sports are less competitive, free form games that focus on fun and improving the mental state.



## **Wednesday: Art with Mr. Chartier**

(1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8)

**Price:** \$235 for a 10-class session (including all materials)

**Offered to grades:** K-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Mr. Chartier has a variety of projects for you to do in Art BLAST! From painting to printmaking to weaving to papermaking to sculpture, you will have a great time creating arts and crafts after school in the DJDS Art Room. Anyone from Kindergarten through 5th grade is welcome to sign up.

## **Wednesday: Spanish K-2**

(1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8)

**Price:** \$325 for a 10-class session (including all materials)

**Offered to grades:** K-2

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Hola amigos! Come join Senora Heidi for a fun introductory class in Spanish. We will learn basic vocabulary through stories, songs & fun projects.

## **Wednesday: Geek Squad**

(1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8)

**Price:** \$335 for a 10-class session (including all materials)

**Offered to grades:** 2-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: This course is designed to be a gentle introduction to basic programming concepts, such as algorithms, syntax, loops, and variables, through the engaging and familiar experience of a video game. Perfect for Beginners.

Students will need to be very comfortable typing and with copy/ paste on their computers. Your student will be amazed at what they can do at the end of this session and be ready to continue their coding journey.



## **Wednesday: Bread Making**

(1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9)

**Price:** \$385 for a 10-class session (including all materials)

**Offered to grades:** 3-5

**Class Meeting Time:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Want to learn how to make all kinds of delicious breads for the long winter ahead? Sign up for Bread Making! Some of our projects will include bagels, sourdough, challah, banana bread and more! The perfect treat to sweeten up your week.

## **Thursday: Challah Time!**

(1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9)

**Price:** \$285 for a 10-class session (including all materials)

**Offered for grades:** K-5

**Class Meets:** 3:40-4:40

Description: There is nothing better than fresh baked challah!

Morah Elaina has been making her own challah with the recipes she has perfected for over 15 years. Using Morah Elaina's Water Challah recipe (no eggs) each week students will come home with a challah to bake (baking instructions will be provided). The challah will be different each week as students explore different flavors and styles for challah. Students will learn to make a 3, 4 and 6 braid challah.

Using different toppings or additions like cinnamon, raisins, chocolate chips, herbs, sprinkles and more! In addition to making challah each week students will participate in other challah related activities and projects. Projects may include decorating a challah cover and an apron to wear as we make challah which they will take home after the last class.

New techniques and projects will be included for students who have participated in Challah Time! previously.

\*All challah will be dairy and egg free. Food allergies can be accommodated with advance notice.



## **Thursday: Chesed Crew**

1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9)

**Price:** \$235 for a 10-class session (including all materials)

**Offered for grades:** K-5

**Class Meets:** 3:40-4:40

Description: This BLAST class will not only explore what kindness is but specifically how we can show kindness. Each class will start with a community-building activity, followed by a story about kindness.

The remainder of the class will focus on a student-led activity that focuses on creating or doing something that shows kindness to a different person or thing.

## **Thursday: Ceramics with Mr. Chartier**

1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9)

**Price:** \$285 for a 10-class session (including all materials)

**Offered for grades:** K-5

**Class Meets:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Mr. Chartier will be offering an ALL-CLAY Art Blast this winter. We will create many ceramic sculptures and try out new techniques. If you can't get enough of clay, this is the Blast class for you!

## **Thursday: Fashion Design**

1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9)

**Price:** \$285 for a 10-class session (including all materials)

**Offered for grades:** 3-5

**Class Meets:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Designers wanted: Learn how to design your own outfit and accessories! This class will introduce you to understanding patterns, picking fabrics, and using a sewing machine to create personalized items. We'll collect design inspirations (a Moodboard), select an item to make, and sew from start to finish. Easy projects will experience what it's like to be a designer.



## **Thursday: All About Javascript**

(1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9)

**Price:** \$335 for a 10-class session (including all materials)

**Offered for grades:** 3-5

**Class Meets:** 3:40-4:40

Description: Your student will learn how to code with JavaScript, the world's most popular coding language. There is no experience necessary for this class and will be fun for everyone!

Students will need to be very comfortable typing and with copy/ paste on their computers. Your student will be amazed at what they can do at the end of this session and be ready to continue their coding journey.

## **Friday: Typing**

(1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9)

**Price:** \$235 for a 10-class session

**Offered for grades:** K-2

**Class Meets:** 2:50-3:50

Description: Beginning computer typing classes cover everything from proper hand placement and touch-typing techniques to keyboard layout and how to use a mouse. You'll also learn the function of each alphabetic and numeric key, how to use symbol keys and when to use the tab, caps and shift keys.

## **Friday: Magic: The Gathering!**

(1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9)

**Price:** \$235 for a 10-class session

**Offered for grades:** 3-5

**Class Meets:** 2:50-3:50

Description: Learn to play the card game Magic: The Gathering! With Mr. Guss. It's a fun and complex strategy game that is out of this world. Cast spells, conjure creatures and use magical enchantments and artifacts to make the world a better, or slightly more dangerous place. We focus on having a fun, social environment where winning is playing.



## **Friday: Basketball BLAST with Coach Josh & Coach Matan**

(1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9)

**Price:** \$285 for a 10-class session

**Offered for grades:** 3-5

**Class Meets:** 2:50-3:50

**Description:** This BLAST is for kids that have prior basketball experience and an understanding of fundamental basketball skills. This is not a program for beginners or players with little to zero experience. We will focus on improving fundamental skills and learning how to run different types of offenses and defenses as a team. This BLAST is designed to help experienced 3rd-5th grade players begin to prepare for DJDS middle school basketball, and a faster game pace.

Your children will be led by Athletic Director Josh Lake, High School Basketball Coach Matan Halzel, and several varsity boys basketball players.

\*If this class does not meet the maximum registration it will be opened up to DJDS 6th graders as well.