

Constable Neil Bruce Middle School



GRADE 8



2024-2025

Course INTEREST Booklet

GRADE 8 COURSES

All grade 8 students are enrolled in the following required courses:

ENGLISH 8

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8

SOCIAL STUDIES 8

CAREER EDUCATION 8

MATH 8

LANGUAGE 8

SCIENCE 8

Grade 8 students must also rank their preference from the following explore courses being offered next year:

ART 8

BAND 8 (full year)

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES 8

DRAMA 8

HOME ECONOMICS 8 (FOOD STUDIES & TEXTILES/SEWING)

INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP 8

LEADERSHIP 8

OUTDOOR EDUCATION (application and fee required)

WOODWORK 8

Note: Final course offerings for next year are subject to various factors including staffing and student interest.

The **Outdoor Ed 8** applications only have to be completed if they are input as one of your top 4 choices. Applications are attached to the Course Interest Form and need to be submitted to your ACE teacher by **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**.

Fees are not required until students begin the course.

ART 8

Students will be exploring techniques in the areas of Drawing, Painting, Sculpture and Design. Students can expect to develop skills and techniques in all these areas. Students will be provided with opportunities to play and experiment with many materials and equipment. A desire to learn new skills, creative thinking and positive attitude are all that is required for this course. Students can expect to go home with a collection of projects they are proud of.

BAND 8 (full-year)

Band 8 is a continuation of Grade 7 Beginner Band or Grade 7 Exploratory Music. No previous experience is required! Students will develop an understanding of written music, performance techniques, and basic music theory. Students will also study how music affects a listener and learn to apply their skills with the goal of influencing a listener's feelings. Students will have the opportunity to participate in our annual band trip, and in other events, concerts, and festivals. These events usually happen outside of the school and will require missing multiple days of school. Band 8 students will also have the opportunity to join the Jazz Band and Jazz Combo, both of which are offered in the mornings outside the timetable. Come learn how to make playing instruments a part of your life, and let's make some amazing music together!

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES 8

The area of Computer Technologies encompasses evolving processes, systems, and tools for creating, storing, retrieving, and modifying information. As students design, share, and adapt knowledge in critical, ethical, purposeful, and innovative ways, they gain perspective on the long-term implications of life in a digital, connected world and develop literacies to responsibly take ownership of such technologies to enhance learning and benefit society.

This course is designed to empower students with no prior programming experience to design their own animations, games, interactive art, and stories. Using block-based programming, this course introduces students to fundamentals of programming, in a fun and interactive environment.

DRAMA 8

Through active participation in drama games and group activities, students will have the opportunity to explore various theatre skills. Students will gain new perspectives on self and others through inquiry-based activities. Some of our units include storytelling, mime, tableau and short script work. Be prepared to explore and have fun!

HOME ECONOMICS 8 (FOOD STUDIES & TEXTILES/SEWING)

This course involves both Food Studies and Textiles/Sewing learning activities. Basic food preparation techniques will be explored with a focus on safety and sanitation in the kitchen environment. Students will learn to prepare a variety of recipes, including flour mixtures, snacks and meals while working in a group setting. The function of ingredients, kitchen equipment, factors that affect food choices, and recipe designs will be incorporated throughout the course. Additionally, students will apply elements of design when constructing and producing textile items through hands-on experiences. Students will use creative thinking and planning and learn the hand and machine construction skills involved in producing simple, useful and personalized textiles projects. How consumer choices impact themselves and the world around them will also be explored in this course.

INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP 8

This course is designed for any grade 8 students who want to explore traditional and contemporary aspects of Indigenous leadership. Students will examine traditional and contemporary approaches to leadership through different perspectives, such as traditional teachings, Okanagan language, Four Food Chiefs, medicine wheel, Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing, etc. They will compare and contrast multiple approaches to leadership and apply leadership frameworks to a personal vision for leadership in the school and community.

LEADERSHIP 8

Exploring the World: Challenges, Creativity, Change

In this class, students will dive into important topics that affect our world. From our initial provocations, students will build the course work together based on social justice topics they are curious about. They'll learn by tackling real problems and coming up with solutions, that they will have the opportunity to present, share and enact if they choose.

Throughout the semester, students will also have the opportunity to practice learning through service in our community and will have an opportunity to better our school community, through ways they deem fit.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION 8

Students in the Outdoor Education 8 Academy explore a variety of opportunities and physical challenges that reach beyond the regular P.E. curriculum. Students who are outdoor and fitness oriented, have an adventurous attitude, and enjoy leadership responsibilities will develop a high level of trust with their teachers and peers in this course. Outdoor Education 8 curriculum aims to connect students with the Okanagan outdoors through lessons on local flora and fauna, opportunities to pursue topics of personal interest, and hands on units including orienteering and learning to tie knots and hang shelters. Activities include day hikes in the Okanagan Valley, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, indoor wall climbing, and more. We will consult with your current P.E. teacher to reference your fitness effort level, interests and dependability. Please note: motivation and dependability (behavior) are very important for the potential Outdoor Education 8 student.

The Outdoor Education 8 Academy will have a fee and will be determined once activities are booked. If payment is a concern, please contact school administration once your child is accepted into the academy.

Outdoor Education 8 offers the opportunity for a three-day/two-night camping trip to E.C. Manning Park in both fall and spring semesters. Further details for this trip will be available in 2023/24 school year.

Please fill out the Outdoor Education 8 Application attached to the Course Interest Form and return to your ACE teacher by Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

WOODWORK 8

This course allows students to practice safe working procedures, learn to use the tools in the wood shop and enjoy building engaging projects like the chess table and beach chair. This course encompasses concepts like basic joinery, lamination of materials, computer programming with V-carve Pro and 3D printing. If you have curiosity, a desire to be creative and an interest in trades and technology, this course is for you.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION APPLICATION 2024/2025

STUDENT NAME: _____
FIRST *LAST*

1) What would your current teacher say about your participation in P.E.? (select one)

- ☐ Good ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Not Satisfactory

2) On a field trip there may be times you are not directly within eyesight or 'earshot' of an Outdoor Ed teacher. Will you follow the expectations outlined by the teacher? (select one)

- ☐ Yes, all the time.
☐ Yes, most of the time
☐ Yes, as long as I am with the right people
☐ Sometimes or not usually

3) How often are you active during the week? (select one based on current activity)

- ☐ 0-1 days/week ☐ 4-5 days/week
☐ 2-3 days/week ☐ 6-7 days/week

4) How open or willing are you to explore or try new outdoor experiences that may challenge you? (select one)

- ☐ I am very willing to try new things that may challenge me
☐ I am mostly willing to try new things that may challenge me
☐ I am sometimes willing to try new things that may challenge me

5) Are you willing to make up missed assignments from classes? (select one)

- ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No



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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Please return this completed form to your ACE teacher by Wednesday, March 6, 2024

