

# DISCOVERY SERIES

## 2023 WINTER SESSION



*Come discover something new!*

**Easy ONLINE registration/Payment: PayPal**

<https://glenridge.wufoo.com/forms/discovery-registration-winter-2023/>

*Early registration ends Dec. 9*

**Last date to register: December 24, 2022**

*The Discovery Series is a program of the*

***Ridgewood Avenue School***

***Home & School Association***

# Classes start the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>!

*(Please save for your records)*

## Check class description to confirm class dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 (make-up date: 3/6)	1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/7 (make- up date: 3/14)	1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1 (make-up date: 3/8 )	1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9 (make- up date: 3/16)

***Our goal is to offer high quality after-school learning opportunities that are diverse, inspiring, challenging and fun!***

**Questions?** - Contact the Discovery chair, Yin Chang-D'Arcy at  
[rasdiscovery@glenridge.org](mailto:rasdiscovery@glenridge.org)

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## **Ridgewood Avenue Discovery Series – Rules and Procedures**

**Registration – The registration period begins on November 22nd, 2022 and closes on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Follow these two easy steps to register:**

- Register ONLINE at <https://glenridge.wufoo.com/forms/discovery-registration-winter-2023/>
- Pay via PayPal (**All payments must be made online**)

- 1. Payment – Pay Pal ONLY. NO CASH. NO CHECKS.** Your child's spot in his/her desired class will only be held once payment has been received online. Payments must be received by the close of registration, otherwise your child's spot will not be held. *Early registration fees must be paid by midnight on Dec. 9 or the course fee will revert to regular registration fees. All payment must be in by Dec. 27 or it is subject to the late fee.*
- 2. Fees-** Transaction fees have been included in the price of each class. **Any registrations after 12/24 will be accepted on a case to case basis and subject to a non-refundable \$25 late fee + class fee.**
- 3. Full Classes -** Classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Once a class has reached its maximum, we will open a Wait List. Email [rasdiscovery@glenridge.org](mailto:rasdiscovery@glenridge.org) to be added to the Wait List once a class is full. If spots in the class become available or a second section is added, we will offer those spots starting at the top of the Wait List.
- 4. Refunds and Reimbursements –** Absolutely no refunds will be issued after the close of registration. If an issue

arises with a class, please either speak to the onsite coordinator or email [RASDiscovery@glenridge.org](mailto:RASDiscovery@glenridge.org) and the issue will be addressed with the instructor. **No refunds can be given once registration closes.**

**5. Change Requests** – Absolutely no class change requests will be honored after the close of registration.

**6. School closings** - Discovery is in session **when school is in session**. If school is cancelled or closed, Discovery is not in session. If school closes early for emergency reasons, class will be held on the designated make up day and there will be no refund.

**7. Classes cancelled by teacher** - If a teacher must cancel class, you will be notified via e-mail ASAP so it is important that you provide an active e-mail address.

**8. Make-up classes** - Regardless of teacher illness or emergency closings, there is only ONE make-up class per session. Additional make up classes, if needed, will be added on to the end of the session.

**9. Class Start and End Times –Promptness at the start of class and prompt pick-up at the end of class is expected.** *Late class/second session: Children cannot stay in the school until the second class. Parents are responsible for the supervision and safety of their child prior to the start of class and at the end of class.*

**10.Disruptive Behavior** – Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. All students are expected to be respectful and courteous to each other, to the teachers, and to the building before, during, and after class time. If a student does not follow the teacher's rules, s/he will be asked to leave and may be asked not to attend the remaining classes. No refunds will be given for disruptive behavior.

**11.Aftercare** – Please indicate if your child is in aftercare on a day they have Discovery. Aftercare will be provided with a list of participating students. You agree to allow aftercare to release students for class.

**12.Confirmation** – Confirmation emails will be sent as soon as possible after the close of registration. You will be notified of room assignments and reminded of class dates as part of the confirmation process. All classes will be held on site at Ridgewood Avenue School.

**Questions: Please do not call the front office.** This program is offered by the Home and School Association and you should direct questions to the Discovery Committee Chair Yin Chang-D'Arcy at [RASDiscovery@glenridge.org](mailto:RASDiscovery@glenridge.org).

# Mondays



## **Dungeons & Dragons**

**Grades: 5-6      Day: Mondays      Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 4 sessions** - 1/23, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27 *make-up date: 3/13*

**Cost: \$145** (*early bird reg: \$135*)

**Description:** In Dungeons & Dragons, the players form an adventuring party who explore fantasy worlds together as they embark on epic quests and level up in experience. In this

discovery class students will choose their characters and the basic mechanics of dungeons and dragons. They will use their imaginations to solve puzzles and overcome obstacles that are in their way. It is also an amazing opportunity to make some new friends as we sit around the table in the fantasy world that they are helping to shape. Along with the dice which will determine at every turn whether their actions are successful. Students will have to utilize the strengths of their characters along with their own creativity in order to be successful. Mrs. Tarabocchia will be the dungeon master for up to 10 students in 5th and 6th grade during this 4 hour campaign that will hopefully launch a lifetime of enjoyment in roleplaying games.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Tarabocchia



## **Cooking: Foods from around the world**

**Grades: 3-5 Day: Mondays Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 6 sessions** - 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 (*make-up date: 3/6*)

**Cost: \$190** (*early bird reg: \$190*)

**Description:** CHEF IT UP 2 GO takes the kids on a culinary adventure and picks 1 country of the day per class then prepares fun foods and drinks from that region! Perhaps it's fresh pasta to take home & cook up & Tiramisu to enjoy in class for Italy

or chopped cucumber, tomato & feta salad and spinach dip for Greece or even some decadent desserts for France this program is definitely a hit!

**Instructor:** Chef it up!



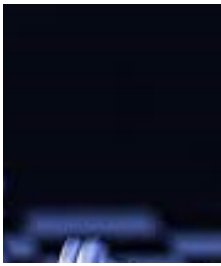
## **Chess (beginner/novice)**

**Grades: All Day: Mondays Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 6 sessions** - 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 (*make-up date: 3/6*)

**Cost: \$165** (*early bird reg: \$155*)

**Description:** Students will learn about piece movements, check, checkmate, stalemate and special moves like castling and en passant. Classes will be a mix of instruction, playing time for games, fun mini-games and fun prize questions designed to make the learning experience as fun as possible. **Instructor:** Grandmaster Mac chess instructor (all chess masters or ranked highly)



## **Chess (intermediate)**

**Grades: All Day: Mondays Time: 4:15-5:15**

**Frequency: 6 sessions** - 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 (*make-up date: 3/6*)

**Cost: \$165** (*early bird reg: \$155*)

**Description:** Students in the intermediate level of chess will be introduced to the most important checkmate patterns, practice with tactics like pins, double attacks and skewers. They will also be taught fun and new types of chess like bughouse, atomic chess, ghost chess and others. Players who have previous chess knowledge will enjoy the new topics they learn and grow to love the game. **Instructor:** Grandmaster Mac chess instructor (all chess masters or ranked highly)



## **Robotics (EV3)**

**Grades: 5-6 Day: Mondays Time: 4:15-5:15**

**Frequency: 6 sessions** - 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 (*make-up date: 3/6*)

**Cost: \$225** (*early bird reg: \$215*)

**Description:** Build and program your own bots with this LEGO-based system. Any child that has loved LEGO builds can now make it move, respond to stimuli and even dance. No experience necessary. **Instructor:** Brain Bytes

# Tuesdays



## **Brixology: LEGO-based robotics**

**Grades: 3-5 Day: Tuesdays Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 8 sessions** 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/7 (make-up date: 3/14)

**Cost: \$225** (early bird reg: \$215)

**Description:** BRIXOLOGY sets the foundation for our next generation of makers! Kids learn about different types of engineering and then team up to construct a different engineering-themed project using LEGO® bricks. They explore mechanical engineering as they build boats and vehicles. That's not all, from carnival rides to drawing machines, mechanical animals to truss bridges; your future engineer will build upon their creativity to solve real-world design challenges, while developing their problem-solving and team-building skills. Let the tinkering begin!

**Instructor:** Mad Science



## **Chinese culture and language**

**Grades: All Day: Tuesdays Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 7 sessions** 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, (make-up date: 3/7)

**Cost: \$220** (early bird reg: \$210)

**Description:** Glen Ridge resident and middle school Chinese teacher, Yan Wang, has taught Chinese to many children in Essex county. This session will introduce Chinese language and culture to children of all ages. Yan is a favorite teacher amongst her students, going well above and beyond just language instruction and instilling the love of learning. **Instructor:** Happy Mandarin/Yan Wang



## **Creating Writing: Out of this world**

**Grades: 4-6 Day: Tuesdays Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 6 sessions** 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, (make-up date: 2/28)

**Cost: \$255** (early bird reg: \$245)

**Description:** Explore and create new worlds, time periods, peoples and creatures all your own! Whether you want to travel backward, forward or sideways in time, or slip off to another universe that only exists in your imagination, this is the class for you. Get ready to climb aboard your spaceships, slay your dragons, capture oompity-boops or what-nots with us. The sky is the limit—actually no, nothing is the limit! If you can imagine it, you can write it in this workshop where creativity rules! During each workshop, participants will engage in interactive creative writing exercises and prompts in a positive, supportive atmosphere. **Instructor:** Writer's Circle/[Mike Allegra](#) (author of 17 children's books)

**NOTE:** Children are required to wear masks for the health and safety of a vulnerable member of the instructor's family.

# WEDNESDAYS



## **Pokemon**

**Grades: All      Day: Wednesdays      Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 8 sessions** 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1 (make-up date: 3/8 )

**Cost: \$190** (*early bird reg: \$180*)

**Description:** The Pokemon Trading Card Game is one of the most popular pastimes in the world. Millions of people across the globe play and collect each week. Do you have a binder full of Pikachus and Charizards? Want to add new cards to your collection? Do you want to learn how to play the game? The Enrichment class is designed for both collectors and those wanting to learn to play the game. Each student will receive an introductory deck of cards so they can begin playing on day one. Students will learn how to play the TCG, determine the value of their cards, and crack a pack every week to add new cards to their collection and their deck. The player with the most wins at the end of the enrichment will also receive a Pokemon TCG gift! **Instructor:** Mr. Majewski



## **Wild world: Art and animals (Mad Science)**

**Grades: 3-6      Day: Wednesdays      Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 8 sessions** 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1 (make-up date: 3/8)

**Cost: \$225** (*early bird reg: \$215*)

**Description:** Kids explore the wonder and beauty of the animal kingdom, discovering nature in a way that inspires empathy, curiosity and creativity. They learn about many different animals and how wildlife conservationists are working to protect species around the globe. They experiment with a variety of art techniques and use Crayola® art materials to create frog paintings, ink-diffusion jellyfish, polar bear sculptures and more! Please note that the focus is art and science. **Instructor:** Mad Science



## **Study skills: Life skills for middle school and beyond**

**Grades: 5-6      Day: Wednesdays      Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 6 sessions** 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 (make-up date: 2/22)

**Cost: \$195** (*early bird reg: \$185*)

**Description:** What type of learner are you? What's the best way to prepare for a test? Life lessons in how to study, what works best for an individual student, time management, scheduling and prioritization, not taking, and memorization and retention skill strategies will be covered in this class. **Instructor:** Montclair Tutoring





### **Cooking: Kids make dinner tonight (for 4) / Chef it up**

**Grades: 3-6 Day: Wednesdays Time: 4:15-5:15**

**Frequency: 6 sessions** 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 (make-up date: 2/22)

**Cost: \$230** (early bird reg: \$220)

**Description:** Each week the kids will put together an amazing full size trays of a main course to feed the family! And all you'll need to do is pop in the oven & make your fave side dish or salad and voila dinner is served! They will be chopping; measuring and learning all different techniques and be so excited to share this with you! On the menu will be Week #1 Vegetable Lasagna; Week #2 Garlic Knots & White Bean Chicken Chili; Week #3 Zucchini meatballs; Week #4 Black bean burger; Week #5 Homemade Pasta Week #6 Chicken pot pie Note: This class is priced slightly higher as the portions are much larger. **Instructor:** Chef it up!



### **Coding: Game maker**

**Grades: 5-6 Day: Wednesdays Time: 4:15-5:15**

**Frequency: 6** 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 (make-up date: 2/22)

**Cost: \$315** (early bird reg: \$305)

**Description:** For our 6 week program, we will have a final product (game) that we are working towards. Each week we will make progress until the final session where students get to show off their creations! For this program, we will be working on a mario-like platform game. Students will design their own characters, program them to behave properly, and create systems that allow the game to operate. By the end of the class, students will have been exposed to basic programming principles, digital art and expression, and game design principles such as level design, playtesting, and world building sessions. **Instructor:** Mr. Mark Timcenko / New Horizons

## **THURSDAYS**



### **Maker Space: STEAM**

**Grades: All Day: Thursdays Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 8 sessions** 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9 (make-up date: 3/16)

**Cost: \$145** (early bird reg: \$135)

**Description:** In this exciting class, held in the Maker Space room, students will create many DIY projects including jewelry, use a cutting printer called the cricut to design and create their own vinyl logo, pendulum painting, build and explore the many crafty materials in the makerspace including fabric, making your own Squishies, slime, painting, sewing, edible crafts and much more!

**Instructor:** Jennifer Wujciak (Central School and Ridgewood Avenue Art Teacher)



## **Tae Kwon Do**

**Grades: All    Day: Thursdays    Time: 3:15-4:15**

**Frequency: 8 sessions** 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9 (make-up date: 3/16)

**Cost: \$190** (*early bird reg: \$180*)

**Description:** Students who practice Tae Kwon Do develop flexibility, physical development, positive competition, self-esteem, attention to detail, goal setting and achievement. In this class, the instructor (black belt) will teach your child the basics of Tae Kwon Do and, for those who have had some martial arts training, they can continue their instruction. **Instructor:** Glen Ridge Tae Kwon Do / Master Meany