

## 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrichment Clusters 2008

Enrichment Clusters are multiage groups of students who share common interests. The students come together during specially designed blocks of time to learn more about a topic of interest. The students and adult facilitators work together to produce or deliver an authentic product or service to a real-world audience.

### **Kids' Kitchen**

Do you like to cook? Would you like to try making fun recipes, just for kids? In this enrichment cluster, we will whip up some fun, kid-friendly recipes you'll enjoy making AND eating!

### **Laurel Mountain's Got Talent**

Do you have a talent that you're ready to show off to the students and staff of Laurel Mountain Elementary School? Join the "Laurel Mountain's Got Talent" enrichment cluster and we will explore ways to share our talents with LME! This enrichment cluster is only for students that already have a developed talent, please.

### **Movie Magic**

Have you ever wondered how movies are made? Do you know what a gaffer, best boy, or grip does on a movie set? Would you like to MAKE a movie? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, then check out this enrichment cluster! Students will explore the movie making process and create their own short film, commercial, public service announcement, or whatever other idea strikes their fancy!

### **Picture This**

Do you like art? Do you like to take photographs? Is there a way to do both? Perhaps we will combine our love of photography with something you would expect in an art class!

### **Art a la Cartel!**

Are you passionate about paint? Does drawing make you deliriously happy? Are you mad about mosaics? Join other young artists as we experiment with techniques used by famous artists and create original artworks of our own.

### **Clay Creations**

Do you like working with your hands? Does the idea of molding squishy earth make you happy? Then, come and discover the art of working with clay. In this cluster we will explore the techniques of working with clay, work on the pottery wheel, and create original works of art. The possibilities are endless. Bring your imagination and creativity!

### **Scraps of Cloth**

Did you ever wonder how quilts came into existence? Who dreams up their shape and purpose? Join us to design, cut, stitch and quilt a dream. If you can draw a straight line with a ruler, you can learn to design and create quilts. What will you create? How will it be made? Who will it warm on a cold day? What it looks like it up to your imagination and creativity.

### **You've Got Me in Stitches!**

Do you like creating colorful pictures? Do you enjoy sewing or have an interest in sewing? Perhaps you'd like to create something that you can share with a friend or display at your house. How about creating pictures with a needle and thread? If this sounds like fun to you, then join "**You've Got Me in Stitches!**"

### **Beads, String and Knots—Oh, My!**

Do you like working with your hands? Do you like working with beads, string, and creating works of art? Then Macramé is for you! What? You don't know what Macramé is? Come and find out! We will use our hands and creative minds to make friendship bracelets, hanging baskets and much, much more. Come and be apart of this creative, hands-on **FUN!**

### **Friday Morning Knitting Club**

Do you enjoy working with your hands? Are you satisfied when you make something that is useful? Do you sometimes like to fidget with something in your hands while you think or relax? If so, knitting may be a perfect pastime for you! Men and women from all cultures have knitted throughout time. Knitters provide clothing for their families, create items to help others in need and create beautiful decorations. Join us in the Knitting Cluster to explore the world of knitting and how we can make our mark on it.

### **Claymations**

Do you like creating clay models? Have you ever wanted to make a short film? Claymation is done entirely with a digital camera and small figures made of clay. *Chicken Run* and *Wallace & Gromit* are both examples of claymation type films. Join us to make a claymation film of your own.

### **Future Philanthropists**

In this enrichment cluster students will be educated to be **Future Philanthropists**. As part of this Future Philanthropy Program (FPP) 4th and 5th grade students answer many questions about helping others, such as: What are Causes? How do we create awareness for the Cause? What are Non Governmental Organizations? Who are the We Flap NGO's (Non Governmental Organizations) in India and the NPO's (Non-Profit Organizations) in the America that support these causes? Students might choose to share their thoughts and ideas with each other, create and participate in projects, write letters, write a blog, create brochures or make a presentation of their work to the entire class. The possibilities for helping others are endless!

### **Who can? We can...use a Webcam!**

Webcams are fun and are learning tools! You can be an Avatar or the moon, if you prefer. Imagine a cat with your eyes and mouth sharing a book on the computer. You can even create book reports to share. These are just a few of the things you can learn to do in this enrichment cluster. Have fun while you put your brain to work finding other uses for webcams at Laurel Mountain!

### **Beyond DeSCRIPTION**

Have you ever watched something on TV and thought, "That looks like that would be fun to do"? In the Cluster "Beyond DeSCRIPTION," you'll have the opportunity to write a script and video a special report—it may even be on KPAW! You'll learn the correct format for a script, terms like "blocking" and "perspective," and how to use Windows Moviemaker to make your own movie! So, get ready for "Lights! Camera! Action!"

### **Time Warp**

Are you interested in American or Texas history? Have you ever wondered why battles occur between nations? Travel back in time in this enrichment cluster! We will explore famous battles that occurred in our nation's and state's history. You will have a chance to recreate them by building models based on the research you gather. So jump in your time machine and travel with me.

### **Stewards of the Preserve**

Do you enjoy working outdoors? Would you find it interesting to build museum like display cases for our wildlife preserve? How about also having the option to develop a new marsh like habitat in our preserve? If so, working for the Stewards of the Preserve enrichment cluster would be a fantastic way for you to get outdoors and build something special for our preserve. In this cluster you will develop and design a blue print template for a display case and use that template to construct the cases. Learning how to measure, use a drill and assemble the "pieces of the puzzle" if you will to create these cases are all part of this cluster. As an added bonus, an option for learning about landscape ecology presents itself as you may be more interested in designing and constructing a small marsh area that will serve as a new habitat within our preserve. In this cluster you can choose to focus on the display cases or the marsh. Or, you can dabble with a bit of both. The choice is yours.

### **Fitness Fun**

Would you like to know more about health and fitness? Have you ever thought about trying new forms of exercise? Making healthy food recipes that taste great? Or even creating a plan to live a healthy lifestyle? In this cluster, you will experiment with different forms of fitness, learn to make good food choices and create a healthy lifestyle for yourself.