

Grant School Clubs

Academic Bowl

Advisor: Ms. Rebecca Gross, rgross@spboe.org

Academic Bowl is a club that allows the students who participate to challenge themselves in the academic subjects, along with current events and pop culture. The format is similar to quiz bowl. Students work in teams to answer a series of questions, covering various subjects. Academic Bowl meets once a week, and ends with an in school competition at the end of the school year.

Buddies Against Bullying

Advisor: Mr. Patrick Sarullo, psarullo@spboe.org

Buddies Against Bullying is a student driven club that promotes positive school climate. The goals include:

- Standing up to bullying
- Helping students understand that they are never alone
- Trust & believe in others
- To create activities that spread positive school climate and anti-bullying indicatives

The club will meet the second Tuesday of each month.

Drama Club

Advisors: Mrs. Joan Stasio, jstasio@spboe.org

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This club welcomes all students interested in theater and dramatic arts. Members improve their craft by participating in theater games, improvisations, and performing dramatic scenes and monologues.

Grant Community Club

Advisor: Mrs. Laura Vaz, lvaz@spboe.org

Grant Community Club (GCC) is a student-driven after-school club in which students choose projects to work on which will help other students/teachers/staff in Grant School. They may also work with another group or program to work on projects for Grant School. GCC meets monthly after school for approximately one (1) hour throughout the school year.

During the course of this club members will learn:

- To build character
- Character education
- How to work to with others
- How to work with staff members
- Endurance skills by completing projects/tasks
- Problem-solving skills
- Proper permission procedure for possible projects/tasks
- To demonstrate care and concern for students/teachers/staff by participating in projects

Literary Magazine Club

Advisors: Ms. McDonough, nmcdonough@spboe.org

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The Grant School Literary Magazine Club provides all Grant School students the opportunity to showcase their stories, poems, illustrations, and other types of literary work to the entire school community. We meet the full year, from September to June, once a week.

All club members work collaboratively with each other and with their advisors, Ms. McDonough and Ms. Eppes. Students chose the team they would like to work for during the course of the year. Those on the Writing Team makeup the core of what our magazine is all about - creative writing! They are not only inspired to write short stories, poems, and comic strips from creative writing mini-lessons in the first part of our meeting, but also from their own imaginations and ELA 5th and 6th grade classes. Those on the Art Team make our magazine beautiful and whimsical by designing our front and back themed covers, as well as their own innovative drawings to decorate the magazine. The Editing Team helps to make the Writing Team's submissions publication-ready by fixing spelling and grammar errors and by consulting with writers to help them to improve their storylines.

Each year, the club publishes two magazines - a fall/winter edition and a spring/summer edition. Stay tuned for our fall/winter edition, "Frozen Scared, Do or Dare?" to hit the shelves in February! Only club members receive a hard copy, but everyone else can enjoy on the Grant School website on Ms. McDonough's teacher page!

Ski Club

Advisor: Kyle McElroy, kmcelroy@spboe.org

For under \$400 a season, 6th grade students get equipment rental if needed, ski instruction, transportation to the slopes, meals, and water. Four ski trips are planned each year, three evening trips and one full day excursion on a day that school is not in session.

Student Council

Advisors: Megan Basile, mbasile@spboe.org

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Student Council is an organization that allows students to contribute to the Grant School community, as well as the South Plainfield community. Students work together collaboratively to plan school events, complete projects, and help others.

Student Council consists of four executive board members (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer) and homeroom representatives (one representative from each of the fifth and sixth grade homerooms). The executive board members are sixth graders who were members of Student Council in fifth grade at Grant School. The school holds an election where the students are voted into these positions. The homeroom representatives volunteer for their position and are voted in during their homeroom class.

Student Council meets approximately once a month after school for an hour. Executive members are often asked to meet with the advisors twice a month.

Student Council focuses on building citizenship within our school and community. We also do activities to build character in other areas, including respect, fairness, responsibility, trustworthiness, and caring. Projects are intended to focus on these pillars of character. Examples of these projects are the “Giving Tree”, writing letters to soldiers, “Community Clean-Up”, Food Drives, and other activities related to community service (including global projects as well).