

Electives

Elective classes are classes we offer for a variety of reasons. Sometimes a class is offered because of an individual teacher's particular passion, current event topics, opportunities and community resources, or because they are a lot of fun. Classes are also decided upon and offered in response to the requests or needs of different cohorts of students and families.

Elective classes are:

- meant to serve short term learning goals;
- may not always be weighted, which means that home learning extensions may be offered sometimes, but they will not always be expected;
- less likely to be integrated with other content areas and therefore focusing instead on a singular area of curiosity or passion;
- sometimes offered as separate 9 week quarters;

Labs

Learning Labs are drop in lab sessions intended to support learning **already in place** on student learning plans. Students and families will come to attend labs with a project they are currently working on. The purpose of the lab is to help with materials, inspiration, and support as needed.

Consultations

Consultations are scheduled meetings available to all members of our school community. They are one-one conversations between families, students and a teacher about particular content area needs. They may also be used for organized small group instruction around particular areas of interest or learning focus. Consultations can include curriculum conversations, assessments of student learning and/or lesson planning for "next steps."

Guest Teachers

Guest teachers are already certified teachers in another school in Bellingham Public Schools. They come to our school in between the classes they are teaching elsewhere. Therefore we have to be very flexible when trying to schedule them at BFPP. We are so lucky to have such a diverse group of guest teachers who are excited to teach our learners. With this model we were able to previously offer dance/movement, Spanish and orchestra. We are looking into additional offerings but they are instructor dependent. Also, there is a minimum enrollment of 8 to have the course run.

Proposed Classes For BFPP Fall 2016

Elective Classes: Mondays and Wednesdays

- Lego (K-3, 4-8)
- Tinkering (K-2)
- Art (K-2, 3-5, 6-8)
- Robots, Aliens & Monsters (2-4)
- French (K-4)
- Theater (3-8)
- The Golden Spiral (3-8)
- Sewing and Geometry (3-8)
- Math Games (5-8)
- Math and Art (2-4)
- Service Learning (3-8)
- Leadership (5-8)
- DIY Class (5-8)
- Cooking and Nutrition (3-5)
- Garden (K-2, 3-8)
- PE (K-3, 4-8)
- Fun with Science (K-3)
- World Culture (2-8)
- Research (4-8)

Content Area Classes – Integrated Courses: Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Loving Literacy (K)
- Advanced Literacy (1-3)
- Book Club (3-5)
- Writer's Workshop (3-5, 6-8)
- Pirate Science (3-5, 6-8)
- NW Plants & Animals (1-3)
- Whale Tales (3-5)
- Life Science/Marine Biology (3-5, 6-8)
- Amazing Animals (K)
- Math (K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)
- Washington State History (6-8)
- French (5-8)
- Animations (2-8)

Labs and Consultations

- Math/Tech Lab
- Project Based Learning Lab
- Literacy Consultations
- Math Consultations

Guest Teacher Courses (must have 8 students to run)

- Dance
- Theater (K-2)
- African Dance and Drumming
- Recorder and Ukulele
- Spanish (K-3, 4-8)
- Band
- Orchestra