

WELCOME TO THE DUNECREST EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

“Extra-curricular activities are just as important as academics. They both complement each other to develop a well-rounded student with more social skills than one who only concentrates on their books.

Education should go beyond the four classroom walls; it should be more than just books.”

OUR MISSION

The Dunecrest Extra Curricular Program supports our school mission by providing a wide a range of engaging activities for our students to discover their talents, pursue their passions, and make a positive impact on their communities and the world beyond.

Education should be a holistic experience where students can grow and learn in a multitude of ways. Our students are strongly encouraged to explore interests outside of the classroom curriculum. At DAS we endeavour to provide a variety of opportunities and we are constantly striving to offer a wide range of engaging activities within the ECA Program.

We understand that a successful ECA program should include activities that foster the development of children physically, artistically, socially, emotionally and academically while:

- Exploring their talents
- Developing leadership skills
- Building bonds with role models
- Improving their academic performance
- Having fun

All activities take place on the DAS campus and are provided as follows:

Internal Extra Curricular Activities

Internal ECA's are offered by DAS teachers at no charge (in some cases a minimal fee might be applicable for the purchase of relevant equipment).

External Extra Curricular Activities

External ASAs are delivered on the DAS campus by Outside Providers that DAS builds partnerships with and Fees are varied depending on each activity.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 10

DATES: Sept 30 - Oct. 7/14/21/28 - Nov 4/11/18/25 - Dec 9

EXTERNAL ASA

GRADE	ACTIVITY DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
KG2 - 5	Crazy Chemicals Name of provider: Science Made Fun Location: TBD No. of sessions & cost: 10 sessions = 1,100 AED	Roll up your sleeves and see how fun mixing chemicals can be. Using materials you can find in your kitchen, we'll be concocting collagen, exploring pH, and wading through matter! Explore chemical reactions and what makes water so wacky! Find out how fantastic foam can be and even make a few experiments you can eat!
2 - 4	Street Jazz Name of provider: Diverse Choreography Location: MS/HS Music Room No. of sessions & cost: 9 sessions = 855 AED	After School Street Jazz is a fun and upbeat class that teaches the latest dance moves to students. They work on basic motor skills to pop songs working on coordination, style and learn amazing funky new dance routines!
1 - 5	Taekwondo Name of provider: Phoenix Academy Location: Assembly Hall (Floor 2) No. of sessions & cost: 20 sessions = 1,750 AED *price is inclusive of Academy uniform & belt grading	WE REPRESENT: Respect, Confidence & Leadership In a positive "never give up" environment, students will not only develop a strong mental attitude, they will also improve Balance, Stamina and Coordination. Our Martial Art is a way of life and a positive extension to the overall academic and social growth of our children. *Activity is twice a Week (Students must register for both sessions - SUN & Tues)
KG2 - 5	Football FCB Name of provider: Stryx Location: Field No. of sessions & cost: 9 sessions = 1,150 AED + 157.50 AED for T-Shirt OR +315 AED (T-Shirt, Shorts, Socks)	Sessions are conducted after school hours in a safe, fun and encouraging environment which covers all aspects of the game by incorporating tactic part, skill part, small sided games and team building activities and FC Barcelona methodologies.

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1-5	Choir Teacher: Mari Carmen Location: ES Music Room Cost: Performance Clothes (Price TBD)	Students are welcome to join Elementary Choir with Ms. Mari Carmen. In this club, students will learn how to breath, have a good posture, use their best light voice and the most important thing...have fun! There has to be a commitment to be part of the club all year long as well as participating in the performances scheduled by the director of the choir. Come and join us for a great way to end up Sundays!
3 - 10	Spirit Club Teacher: Stephanie Mickulecky Location: Counseling Office	The Spirit Club works hard to promote school-wide participation and spirit. Different activities include making posters and spirit bags for teams, supporting coaches, sponsoring community drives, planning holidays and other special events school-wide. The Spirit Club can also create announcements, welcome new students, and collaborate with teachers to develop a culture of school community and pride!
5 - 10	Fashion Design Club Teacher: Darien Stankowski Location: SS Art Room	Join our fashion Design Club if you enjoy creating original clothing and accessories! We will begin by making handmade beads for jewelry and continue on to training with hand sewing and machine sewing as well. We will learn how to design, draw and create garments that you can wear, and finish the year off with a fashion show.
6 - 10	Yearbook & Photography Teacher: Shannon Durocher & Soledad Valenzuela Location: ELL Room	This team of budding editors, journalists, photographers, and creative thinkers collaboratively produce a yearbook. We photograph and document events and people, create articles and learn new skills.

MONDAY ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 9

DATES: Oct 1/8/15/22/29 - Nov 5/12/26 - Dec 10

EXTERNAL ASA

GRADE	ACTIVITY DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
KG2 - 5	Basketball Name of provider: Stryx Gulf Location: Gym No. of sessions & cost: 9 sessions = 1,035 AED	With Stryx you are working with coaches with professional basketball experience to teach your children the ins and outs of the sport. Learn to reach further, jump higher and shoot the ball with precision, while loving the thrill of the game.
6 - 10	Tennis Name of provider: Stryx Gulf Location: Tennis Court No. of sessions & cost: 9 sessions = 1,035 AED	At Stryx Tennis we focus intently on the student's development to ensure we are up to date with the leading-edge information, skills and developments in the tennis industry. We pride ourselves on the high quality of coaching talent we have at Stryx and what we are able to provide to our students and those who choose to learn from us.

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KG2 - 5	Mileage Club Teacher: Cindi Meeks Location: Track	Get Moving!!! Come run, jog, walk or skip in Mileage Club!!! It's a great way to get fit and earn special reward tokens along the way.
KG2 - 2	French Club Teacher: Isabelle Palmer Location: Grade 1 Classroom	The French Club offers an introduction to French language and French culture through fun activities such as songs, story telling, films, games and craft. The club welcomes students from KG2 to Grade 2.
3 - 5	DIY Teacher: Jill King Location: Grade 3 Classroom	DIY is a free online community for kids (6-16) to learn new skills and find friends around the world who share their passions. Every kid who joins gets a portfolio to share the awesome things they make and do. They also get access to the DIY Skill library —thousands of challenges and kid-friendly resources to inspire their next project, organized into earnable skill patches. DIY's skills cover the spectrum of creative disciplines from Actor to Zoologist and everything in between. We believe kids are capable of teaching themselves anything, and this ASA will encourage them to be independent and enthusiastic learners.
5 - 10	Coding Teacher: Adam Abu Ghaida & Erin Spring Location: Grade 4 Classroom	This is a student-led club. Students who join this club will learn the Python computer coding language. Python is a general purpose programming language where you can use the skills for developing both desktop and web applications. Also, you can use Python for developing complex scientific and numeric applications. This is a great beginner tool to coding and will set students up for future plans of coding genius.

TUESDAY ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 11

DATES: Oct 2/9/16/23/30 - Nov 6/13/20/27 - Dec 4/11

EXTERNAL ASA

GRADE	ACTIVITY DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
KG2 - 4	<p>Taekwondo Name of provider: Phoenix Academy Location: Assembly Hall (Floor 2) No. of sessions & cost: 20 sessions = 1,750 AED *price is inclusive of Academy uniform & belt grading</p>	<p>WE REPRESENT: Respect, Confidence & Leadership In a positive "never give up" environment, students will not only develop a strong mental attitude, they will also improve Balance, Stamina and Coordination. Our Martial Art is a way of life and a positive extension to the overall academic and social growth of our children. *Activity is twice a Week (Students must register for both sessions - SUN & Tues)</p>

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2-3	<p>Girl Guides - Brownies Name of provider: Kristen Miller & Sue Greishaber Location: ES Art Room</p> <p>*GIRLS ONLY</p>	<p>At Girl Scouts, your girl will prepare for a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure in a safe, no-limits place. The Brownies (girls in grade 2-3) will be involved in a collection of engaging, challenging, and fun activities like earning badges, going on awesome trips, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects.</p>
KG2 - 1	<p>Ready Bodies, Learning Minds Teacher: Shay Huskey Location: KG2 Classroom</p>	<p>Ready Bodies Learning Minds Motor Lab is designed to stimulate learning readiness. According to creator Athena Oden, "Our ability to see, touch, feel, hear, move, and control ourselves in relationship to the environment is the slate that academic learning is etched". For more information and videos of a motor lab in action, please visit the website www.readybodies.com.</p>
1-4	<p>Orff Ensemble Teacher: Mari Carmen Pelicano Location: ES Music Room</p>	<p>Students from 1st to 4th grade are welcome to meet every Tuesday for a musical night! Xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels, drums... we'll join to play incredible songs from different parts of the world! There has to be a commitment to be part of the club all year long.</p>
5 - 10	<p>Robotics Club Teacher: Ricky Prince Location: Computer Room</p>	<p>With of strong emphasis of STEAM, this after-school enrichment will encourage students to logically think, problem-solve, and produce solutions to real-world problems. Using LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 robots, students will be given a brief, in which they'll have to create, engineer and design a robot that can complete a series of challenges presented. House points are up for grabs, so be sure to represent for your house!</p>
6 - 10	<p>Show Choir Teacher: Matthew Bishop Location: SS Music Room</p>	<p>Show Choir is a high energy vocal ensemble! Students will have the opportunity to improve their vocal technique while singing a variety of music ranging from Pop, International, and Musical Theatre.</p>
5 - 10	<p>Art Club Teacher: Darien Stankowski Location: SS Art Room</p>	<p>Art club is the activity for you if you enjoy painting, drawing, and sculpture. The projects will be student choice so bring your creative energy with you. We will begin with individual projects and work towards a community collaboration by the end of second semester.</p>

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 10

DATES: Oct 3/10/17/24/31 - Nov 14/21/28 - Dec 5/12

EXTERNAL ASA

GRADE	ACTIVITY DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
1-3	<p>Little Engineers Name of provider: Engineers To Be Location: No. of sessions & cost: 10 sessions = 850 AED</p>	<p>Introductory level engineering for all elementary school students. The classes will introduce the students to the engineering world, help them understand how things around them work and spark their imagination and creativity. Join us this term and build your hydraulic fighting cranes.</p>
KG2 -3	<p>Rhythmic Gymnastics Name of provider: Stryx Gulf Location: Gym No. of sessions & cost: 10 sessions = 1,150 AED</p>	<p>We offer a general gymnastics course to introduce rhythmic gymnastic skills whilst working on the children's strength, stamina and suppleness in a safe and controlled environment. Children will learn the key tricks needed in today's dancing world from walkovers to aerial work!</p>
4 - 8	<p>Future Engineers Name of provider: Engineers To Be Location: No. of sessions & cost: 10 sessions = 850 AED</p>	<p>Unleash your creativity with the engineering workshops offered for middle school and improve your problem solving, critical thinking and communication skills. This term join us in designing and building your remotely controlled race cars.</p>

INTERNAL ECA

There are no internal ECAs on Wednesdays due to Faculty Professional Development

THURSDAY ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 8

DATES: Oct 4/11/18/25 - Nov 1/15/29 - Dec 6

EXTERNAL ASA

GRADE	ACTIVITY DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
KG2 - 3	Art Around The World Name of provider: KidzArt Location: ES Art Room No. of sessions & cost: 8 sessions = 714 AED	Let's explore the world through Art! KidzArt was developed as fun Program to help children to be creative thinkers and problem solvers. KidzArt is NOT limited for 'ARTISTIC' children. Our classes are designed to reach every child from Picassos-in-training to the children who never thought they could draw. After participating in KidzArt, confidence grows and skills develop that carry over into other areas of study.
1 - 5	Tennis Name of provider: Stryx Gulf Location: Tennis Court No. of sessions & cost: 8 sessions = 920 AED	At Stryx Tennis we focus intently on the student's development to ensure we are up to date with the leading-edge information, skills and developments in the tennis industry. We pride ourselves on the high quality of coaching talent we have at Stryx and what we are able to provide to our students and those who choose to learn from us.

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2 - 5	Chess & Board Games Teacher: Matt Backus Location: I.T Classroom (Floor 1)	Let's get together and participate in the wonderful world of Strategy board games. Students have the opportunity to build their strategic thinking skills by playing various board games such as Chess, Backgammon, UNO, and many more. What a great way to disconnect from our digital world and challenge our brain!
5 - 10	Environmental Club Teacher: Cynthia Nutter Location: SS Science Classroom	The Environmental club will plan activities to help make Dunecrest a "Green", environmentally-friendly place to be. We may plant a tower garden, initiate a recycling campaign, make projects with recycled materials, or whatever you can dream of. Your imagination and passion will drive this club!
5 - 10	Video & Picture Editing Club Teacher: Terra Mundy & Student Leader Location: ELL Classroom	In this student-led club we are going be using a fantastic editing software called After Effects CC. We will learn how to create slides, movie effects and animation. With your new skills you can make people bring their slideshows and movies to another level. These skills can be useful for your academics and future jobs. Learn a hugely valuable skill now and set yourself up for success.

DUNECREST ATHLETICS

All school sports teams run separately to the DAS Activities program with different term dates. Our Athletics teams operate on a seasonal model with 3 distinct seasons. School Teams are coached by Dunecrest Teachers.

For more information about Dunecrest Athletics, please review the Student Athletic Handbook found on the Dunecrest Website.

It is important to take note of the season dates and practice days for each age level. Students who register for activities that conflict with team practice days will need to choose which activity or sport to participate in. Students who choose to leave an activity during the activity term **will not** be provided with a refund (for paid activities).

Grade 3 - 5 Sports

Season	Dates	Sport	Practices Per Week	Practice Days
Year Long	Mid Sept. - May	Swimming (Grade 2+)	2	Sunday & Tuesday
1	Mid Sept. - Beg. Nov.	Soccer	2	Monday & Thursday
2	Mid. Nov. - End Jan.	Track & Field	2	Monday & Thursday
3	March - May	Basketball	2	Monday & Thursday

Grade 6 - 10 Sports

Season	Dates	Sport	Practices Per Week	Practice Days
Year Long	Mid Sept. - Beg. May	Swimming	3	Mon / Tues / Thurs
1	Mid Sept. - End Oct.	Volleyball	3	Sun / Tues / Thurs
2	Mid. Nov. - End Jan.	Soccer	3	Mon / Tues / Thurs
2	Mid. Nov. - End Jan.	Basketball	3	Sun / Tues / Thurs
2	Mid. Nov. - End Jan.	Tennis	2	Sunday & Tuesday
3	Beg. Feb - End March	Track & Field	3	Sun / Tues / Thurs

HOW TO REGISTER

Once your child has selected his activity, be sure to follow these simple steps to register

1. Selecting the activities

Spend time with your child and help him/her select their preferred activities from the lists above.

2. Signing up

Once the activity/ies have been chosen, to proceed for registration you need to register with Schools Buddy our new ECA application. All parents & students will receive an activation email with instructions on Tuesday September 18th. Once registered you can sign-up here:

[Dunecrest Schools Buddy](#)

Registration is on a preference-based model (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice), and we will do our best to accommodate all students with their top choice if numbers allow.

3. Payment (if applicable)

Places are reserved only once payments (if applicable) are made in full. Payment can be made with cash or cheque directly at the DAS Accounts office. Be sure to mention the name and grade of your child, as well as the activity you are paying for. Payment must be made before the registration deadline in order to ensure your child's place in the chosen activity.

4. Confirmation

You will be sent a confirmation email with the activities selected. Confirmation email will be sent on Wednesday September 26th.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Failure to follow these points could result in your child not being accepted in the ASAs.

Deadlines

In order to ensure your child's participation in his/her chosen activity you must adhere to the registration and/or payment deadlines.

Equipment / Outfit

Students are expected to come prepared and attend their activity with the relevant attire and equipment (for example, sports uniform and sports shoes if it is a sports activity).

Attendance

Students are expected to attend their activity on time. In case of absence, parents /students are expected to inform either the teacher or the ECA department, as well as the transportation office.

Pick up

In the event that you are late to pick up your child at the ECA designated locations, he/she will be waiting for you at the reception area. Parents/ drivers/ nannies, please note that you are expected to be ON TIME for pick up. Also, for security reasons, please inform us in advance if you are picking up your child early.

Trial Session / Cancellation

Please note that we cannot offer trial sessions.

Please note that an activity could be cancelled if there are not enough applicants for that activity.



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