Encore Offerings for 7th Graders at NWMS

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Chorus
Open to all students, no matter the experience or proficiency. This is a vocal music course for middle school students who have a desire to learn, sing, and perform all types of vocal music. The goal of this course is to teach students the fundamentals of music, help create independence while learning and singing music, and to become confident singers and develop an appreciation for music.

Art
Students will focus on elements and principles of design. Students are encouraged to explore the variety of activities designed to stimulate active participation in the creative process through verbal, written and visual communication.

Theatre
Coursework includes voice, stage movement, playwriting, script analysis, scenic design, and improvisation. Through exercises, students learn to take risks in a safe environment, develop the ability to tell stories collaboratively, analyze multiple perspectives and enhance listening skills.

Exploratory Spanish
Introduce students to awareness of Spanish language patterns and sounds. Will provide helpful background for future study of Spanish or another foreign language. Gain familiarity with traditions, customs, geography of the Spanish speaking world, as well as Hispanic influence in American culture. *** This course is NOT for foreign language high school credit.**

Career Exploration
Team and whole class modules with hands-on activities help students identify careers of interest and develop employability skills that will serve them in further education and the workplace. Opportunity to apply essential standards and workplace readiness skills through authentic experiences.

Exploring Technology Inventions
This course focuses on applying the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process or system. Through activities and hands-on projects, students focus on understanding how criteria, constraints & processes affect designs. Students develop skills in researching information, communicating design information and reporting results.

Introduction to Office Productivity
Course will cover basics of computer skills and applications. Students will learn advanced word processing, basic spreadsheets and how to use presentation software.

Computer Science Discoveries
Students will explore the problem-solving process and different ways humans and computers solve problems. Classes will discover the languages powering the internet while building websites. Students will complete projects building interactive animations and games in JavaScript.