

Robert E. Ellis Middle School 2019-2020 Club Descriptions

(see weekly schedule for dates and times)

Art Club

Art Club is an after-school club that meets once monthly on the first Thursday of the month. Art Club is open to all grade levels. This is a great place to explore your personal interests in art and get some hands-on experience with art tools and materials if you are not in art class or if you just want more art in your life!

Beta Club

Beta Club is a national club that upholds excellence in community service, academics, character, and leadership. At Ellis, Junior Betas are the epitome of Cougar Pride. We are involved in service and leadership in various ways throughout the year while setting the bar high for character and academics.

Bunko Club

Bunko Club is a club for socializing and having fun! Bunko is a dice game based on pure luck that includes winning prizes! Twelve players make up a Bunko game.

Chess Club

Chess Club meets on Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30

It is a club designed to improve the art of Chess through play and study.

Students are taught the use of Chess Notation and Chess Clocks according to the guidelines of the US Chess Federation. Tournaments are to be held semi-annually.

Experts and new players alike are welcome.

Cougar Chronicle

Cougar Chronicle is the school's newspaper that is published each quarter throughout the year. Staff membership is open to all grades. Any students who enjoy writing, interviewing, photography, layout, or editing are welcome to join. Time is required outside of school to attend events and compose articles. The Chronicle staff meets each Friday morning at 7 a.m.

Cougar Crew

Cougar Crew is a club where people with disabilities are paired up with a small group of typical peer "buddies". Members will build friendships by participating in monthly events at school (game days, dance parties, painting pumpkins, etc.) with some occasional optional big events outside of school (movie, picnic, etc.). This is the perfect club for students in a CDC class and for students who enjoy lunch bunch/are interested in being a peer tutor!

Cougars and Cubs

C&C is a homework help/completion club that pairs 8th grade Honor Society members with a 6th/7th or 8th grade student that needs help in completing or understanding the homework assignments. The club meets at 7:00am in the counseling office lobby and concludes 7:23am on MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY mornings beginning SEPTEMBER 30. The club will continue throughout the school year usually wrapping up at the midpoint of the 4th quarter.

Debate Club

Debate club is an opportunity for students to improve their skills in research, persuasion, and communication. Members will be given a topic each month along with a side that they must defend. They will research this topic, formulate a defense of their side, and then communicate it in a succinct way. It also challenges students to think on their feet and think quickly.

Digital Media Club

The DMC welcomes all grade levels. The club will meet once per month to talk about digital media topics and plan for the future community events that will be covered. We will use Polaroid cameras the club received through a grant from our PTO (and can use own personal devices) to take photos of our school community events and then learn ways to be creative with them (some of their photos and creations I will post to our website/Instagram). All posts will be approved and completed by the club sponsor. Attending school events such as football/basketball/soccer games -(any sporting event), band/chorus concerts, academic events, art events, etc. is our goal, so it will be helpful for the students who are part of this club to have access to those events, but not mandatory.

Drama Club

Drama Club -- During the fall drama club is a fun way to spend a Tuesday afternoon playing improvisation games and learning fun facts that support that year's spring musical. In December, drama club holds auditions for the spring musical and after the winter break, the cast and crew meet multiple times a week to rehearse and prepare a spectacular show.

Environment Club

Environment Club -- The Environment Club is playing on the theme of One Earth and remembering that we have just One Planet to care for and enjoy. Students in this club will learn about ways to engage positively with our planet, do fun activities and crafts to help the earth, and engage in community involvement projects to help make a difference for our world.

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is open to all students--athletes, non-athletes, boys, girls, and all grades! FCA hosts a guest speaker or Bible study every Thursday morning at 7:00am. FCA meets in the library, and there is no fee or commitment to join us. Come worship with us weekly!

Game Club

The Game Club is home to those who love competition, but don't necessarily want to break a sweat. Card games, board games, tabletop games of all sorts are welcome, and the membership is always excited to try something new and different. Whether you've played every game known to man or you're relatively new to the idea of competitive card-playing, you have a place at Game Club.

Geography Bee

The Geography Bee is a National competition sponsored by the national Geography Foundation. It is held in schools across the country. At Ellis, interested students will stay after school at an announced time in December to do a written preliminary round. The top 10 finalists from that competition will compete in the Ellis Geography Bee held after school in January. The finals will be a live round with a winner selected that day.

Geography Club

The Geography Club will participate in fun activities to help us learn about the planet from the National Geographic Foundation. Some of the activities are Amazing Race challenges, research, videos, hands on activities.

The club also picks a country every other month to learn about. We will look at their culture, food, clothing and customs as well as geography.

Finally we will do fast research questions to help students in the Geography Bee at school to be more prepared for it.

History Team

History Team is a competitive academic team which competes at an annual competition at WKU. The date of the WKU competition dictates our participation. If we are able to compete, then practices begin afterschool in January. Only 8th graders are eligible and it is an invitation only club.

Makers Club

In the Maker's Club we have fun with creativity! With two science teachers running this club we will be making all kinds of things from using recycled materials for crafts to 3D printing to STEM challenges....imaginative and energizing, you will leave with something you created.

Math Club

Math Club is for students who enjoy math! This group meets bi-weekly throughout the school year, with a variety of options available to participants. We will explore grade-level and other challenging mathematical concepts through timed and un-timed tests, videos, and discussions on to develop and stretch their brains. Math Club participants will be invited to test for a position on the Math Team.

Mural Club

Mural Club is an after school club that meets twice monthly on the second and third Thursday of the month. This club is open to seventh and eighth graders. Mural Club is a place for students to learn how to work collaboratively through group paintings that will beautify our school community.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is an organization that celebrates academic achievement while encouraging students to improve their communities through service. As an almost entirely student-led organization, it's one of the few opportunities students have in middle school to be responsible for making decisions that can have an impact on not just the current membership, but future memberships. Students who choose to participate will make a difference, and that in and of itself, is what makes the National Junior Honor Society so special.

Project Lit Book Club

The Project Lit Book Club provides opportunities for students to read relevant literature with a focus on diversity and timely social issues. Project Lit is open to 7th and 8th graders; due to the mature content of some reading selections, parental permission is required. See Ms. Bratcher, in the library, for a permission slip.

Student Council

Student Council is a group of students that have been elected to hold offices for our school. These students have many responsibilities throughout the year. Leading our school in assemblies, representing our school in meetings, and listening to concerns from their peers.

The members of Student Council meet the first Wednesday of every month.

Yearbook Staff

Yearbook Staff is a group of students who have applied to contribute to the production of the yearbook. This club meets twice a month to assign responsibilities, sign up to take pictures, and work on the design of the yearbook. The yearbook staff is a very rewarding club to be apart of.

Writing Club

The club will help members perfect their creative writing skills by playing writing games and working on different writing genres. The club will have visiting writers teach us about how they got published and what it takes to become a professional writer. The club will also participate in the NaNoWriMo's Young Writers Program which challenges students to write a mini novel the month of November.