



September 12, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Fourth & Fifth Grade Students,

This year we will once again be offering an exclusive STEAM opportunity to interested fourth & fifth grade students. These STEAM workshops will be led by Springhurst Art Teacher Wendy Guagenti.

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

Student participation in STEAM will be strictly voluntary and will operate on a cycle so there will be many opportunities to join if students are interested.

Throughout the year various STEAM workshops will be offered for short periods of time (ex. two weeks). Click [here](#) to register for the first workshop, which will be about TANGRAMS, an ancient Chinese puzzle art. You will be able to choose a time for the workshop in the form. Please choose one. Afternoon time slots will be available after the first group has completed their projects. In the future, your child's classroom teacher will share a new Google Form announcing the next project. You will need to fill out a permission form for each new project. If you have questions please email Ms. Guagenti at guagentiw@dfsd.org.

Participating students will be determined by lottery with a maximum of 12 students allowed per workshop. If a workshop becomes filled, the students who were unable to be accommodated will be put at the top of the list for the next workshop session. As the year progresses, priority will be given to students who are first-time participants. Morning sessions will begin the first two weeks. The next two weeks will begin PM sessions.

Our first workshop will begin on Monday September 21st. Please respond no later than the 17th. Future sessions may vary in duration depending on the project being offered. With each session, new fliers will be sent home advertising the upcoming workshop.

We hope that those students who are interested will enjoy this opportunity!

Sincerely,

Julia D. Drake
Principal