

Join us for

Channel Surfing

After School Enrichment for grades 6, 7, 8

**Beebe, Forestdale, and
Salemwood Schools**

Monday through Thursday
2:15 to 5:00 @ Beebe and Forestdale
3:30 to 6:00 @ Salemwood

**Registration opens September 8
at each school**

Program starts September 14



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The City of Malden, in collaboration with the Malden Public Schools and through the Partnership for Community Schools in Malden, offers comprehensive enrichment programs for its Kindergarten through eighth grade students.

Through our varied and flexible programming, we support and challenge the physical, social, and intellectual growth of each participant. Our academic activities support the work students do during the school day. Our recreational activities are designed to foster sportsmanship, healthy competition, teamwork, and fair play. All of our programs provide participants with activities that promote healthy lifestyle choices and help decrease high risk behaviors.

What is Channel Surfing?

Channel Surfing is our program for students in grades 6-8. At the Beebe and Forestdale Schools the program is offered from 2:15 to 5:00 pm and at the Salemwood School from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. We will have four sessions this year, including:

- Session 1 – September 14 to November 24
- Session 2 – November 30 to February 4
- Session 3 – February 8 to April 7
- Session 4 – April 11 to June 9

Channel Surfing has a registration fee of \$25 per student per session. Students must register and attend two days per week.

What Do Students Do?

Channel Surfing clubs are named after popular television networks and shows. Channel Surfing activities support the student's academic achievement and help children overcome academic challenges by providing homework help and study skills, and organization tips. Channel Surfing courses also provide students with activities that focus on MCAS help, and assistance in math, writing, and reading. Recreational activities promote teamwork and cooperation. A sample of activities include the following.

[So You Think You Can Dance](#)—students will have a chance to explore a variety of dance moves and choreograph your own dance for a show at the end of the session.

[Crazy 8s](#)—For 8th grade students only! This class, led by a Malden High School teacher, will travel to Malden High each week where you will participate in a variety of activities focused on making the transition to high school a smooth one. You will meet teachers, learn the high school layout, participate in scavenger hunts, visit the Teen Center and more!

[Crossfire](#)—in this club students have the opportunity to research important topics of the day, develop their point of view, learn debating skills, and participate in a debate.

[Mythbusters](#)—using the scientific method, you will explore a variety of theories. Though hands-on experiments you will determine if a myth is true or false (busted!).

[Oprah's Book Club](#)—this club is for students who enjoy reading. During the session you'll hang out with friends and discuss books you are reading.

[ESPN](#)—during this class students will have an opportunity to play a variety of cooperative games, while building relationships with your teammates.

[Amazing Race](#)—students work in teams and use a variety of resources to solve clues that will bring you on a virtual journey around the world. The first team to solve the final club wins the race!

[Model Architecture](#)—this club helps students understand ratios and proportional relationships by building a scale model of an important Boston landmark. Students begin the club by exploring Boston and learning about its buildings. After choosing a landmark students use measurement, ratios, and proportional problem solving to create an accurate scale model of the landmark.

[Junk Yard Wars](#)—in this club students will create useful and creative items using repurposed materials. You will learn and use descriptive writing techniques, as well as persuasive writing, to “sell” your items to others.

[Pay It Forward](#)—students work with staff at the Bread of Life to help the agency with some of its day-to-day activities. This community service activity will help students understand the hunger issue in Malden and more about civic responsibility.

[Whose Line Is It Anyway](#)—students in this club will develop oral language and performance skills as you participate in a variety of theater activities. You will be able to show your command of various dramatic elements including characters, costuming, sets, plot, and more by examining the elements in the context of a play that will be performed for an audience.

Program Guidelines

Channel Surfing provides a great environment for middle school students to learn and succeed. Not only will students have fun, but they will also stay safe in the risky after school hours. Channel Surfing is fully funded by the Mass. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and because of this we do have certain guidelines that we must follow. Please review these with your child so everyone will enjoy a great program!

Behavior

The safety of students is the most important aspect of our program. As a result, the following policies have been put in place to ensure the safety of all students. We ask family members to reinforce proper behavior, and let students know they must conduct themselves properly throughout the program. You will be given Behavior Guidelines that we ask you to review at home. These guidelines must be signed by you and your child, and returned before the start of Channel Surfing.

Absences

If a child is in school, but will be absent from the program, we must be notified by 12:00 noon. We have found that many students “skip” Channel Surfing without permission. This will not be allowed. If a child does not show up, parents will be called and further action will be taken.

Attendance

Because funding is provided by Mass DESE, we must follow certain attendance guidelines. An acceptance of these policies will be distributed at the start of each session, and they must be signed and agreed upon before the student begins.

- Students must attend a minimum of 2 days per week.
- Students must attend the days they selected.
- Students are not to be dismissed early. They must remain in activities until dismissal.

All Channel Surfing programs are run by the Partnership for Community Schools in Malden. If you have questions, you may reach us at 781/397-7320. We are located at 200 Pleasant Street, Room 215, Malden, MA.