Happy New Year! As the weather turns cold outside things are heating up inside Gorton. We are thrilled to bring you some annual favorites such as the Red Rose Jazz Concert, Mountainfilm Fest, Yoga and Power Meditation. We have some exciting new offerings to entice you out into the cold including Mr. Blotto and U2 Hype in concert, an architecture class along with a conversational French class. Tres bien! And take a look at our new Chinese Business Language class for kids. With so much to do, it’ll be spring before we know it. I look forward to seeing you at Gorton!

Warmly,

Amy Wagliardo, Executive Director

FROM THE DIRECTOR

DON’T MISS THESE EVENTS

JAN 7: RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Donate blood and help save lives at the Red Cross Blood Drive being held here at Gorton. Scheduled appointments are strongly encouraged! You can do so at gortoncenter.org and gain a $5 voucher to any “Gorton Film Series” Film. Appointments run 11am – 4pm

JAN 13: RED ROSE JAZZ BAND
Come enjoy this annual highlight at Gorton Community Center! The Red Rose Jazz Band returns to present the very best of ragtime and early jazz to our community. Get your tickets early, as this one always sells out! 4pm

This concert is dedicated in memory of Betsy Farwell.

JAN 27: SHOUT SECTION BIG BAND WITH LAKE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Lake Forest High School Jazz Ensemble is playing with Shout Section Big Band. If you are looking for a big band combo or swing band that is highly professional and a whole lot of fun, you’ll find it here! 3pm

FEB 2: MR. BLOTTO-A PARTY JAM
Dance on stage to this all-time favorite Chicago jam band and enjoy a tie dye cocktail on us for a fun night out reminiscent of the good ol’ days in the city where good music and good times were in your own neighborhood! We’re bringing the city to you, so be sure to join! 7:30pm

FEB 20: LYRIC & LECTURE: ENTER THE MICROCOSM-THE HIDDEN UNIVERSE WITHIN OUR OCEANS
Michele Hoffman Trotter, Professor of Marine Science and Sustainability, Columbia College Chicago, Roosevelt University, and The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, presents this visual lecture with her award-winning and stunning photography. She reveals why the microscopic universe in the ocean is so important, and how it might help solve some of our most pressing environmental challenges in the 21st century. Microcosm will soon be a full-length documentary or TV series. This is a lecture you won’t want to miss! 7pm

MARCH 6: DEEP FREEZE READ-AN EVENING WITH DAN EGAN
Join Lake Forest and Lake Bluff libraries for a special night at Gorton where Susie Hoffmann, Director of Education at Lake Forest Open Lands Association, interviews Journalist Dan Egan, author of The Death and Life of the Great Lakes. There will be a book signing after the interview. Lake Forest Book Store will provide books on site for purchase. 7pm

DON’T MISS THESE EVENTS

JAN 23: LYRIC & LECTURE: UNDERSTANDING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE TRANSGENDER
Join Dr. Lise Eliot, author of Pink Brain Blue Brain and Professor of Neuroscience at The Chicago Medical School of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science, and Karen Topham, a transgender woman and retired english teacher, as they discuss what it means to be transgender and developing understanding around this minority. 7pm
DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS

MARCH 16: U2 HYPE

With Hype you are truly getting THE GREATEST U2 TRIBUTE BAND ON THE PLANET! Hype has made television appearances on CBS, FOX, WGN TV, and more. The band has performed across the country at countless festivals, clubs, and corporate & private events from Chicago to Las Vegas. Other tribute bands can play the songs, but no other band has the look, musicianship, heart and soul that Hype delivers in their performances. 7:30pm

APRIL 6: LIVE THEATRICAL PRODUCTION OF RUMPELSTILTSKIN

The Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati on Tour retells this classic tale of the miller’s daughter, her boastful father, a handsome prince and the ability to spin straw into gold. Discover the magic and wonder of one of the world’s best loved fairytales right here in the John & Nancy Hughes Theater as we present this beautiful children’s classic! 10am and 2pm

APRIL 12: CHICAGO A CAPPELLA-DYNAMIC DUOS

From classical to classic rock, Chicago a cappella shines a spotlight on your favorite songwriting and performing duos ranging from Mozart and DaPonte to Simon and Garfunkel. Long recognized for vocal virtuosity and innovative programming, Chicago a cappella enjoys a reputation as a leader in the choral field. 7:30pm

Thank you to Robin and Sandy Stuart for sponsoring Chicago a capella through the Gorton Producer Program.

FILM EVENTS

FIRST THURSDAYS SERIES

On the first Thursday of every month at 11am and 7pm, Gorton screens the latest in independent cinema. From award-winning documentaries, to riveting dramas to artistically excellent cinematic short films, Gorton’s First Thursday series offers the very best of cinema every single month. Thank you to The Sheffield Foundation for sponsoring the First Thursday Film Series through the Gorton Producer Program.

COMMUNITY FILM FORUM

Launched in Fall 2018, Gorton’s Community Film Forum covers topics of interest to our community. Each screening will include a discussion afterwards. Topics covered will include raising children, learning disabilities, anxiety, substance abuse, civil discourse, societal pressures and more. Thank you to the Jannotta Family for sponsoring the Community Film Forum through the Gorton Producer Program.

MOUNTAINFILM

Mountainfilm on Tour is back for its 3rd annual run at Gorton. One of the longest running film festivals in America, this adventurous, conservation-driven festival brings leading documentary films from around the world to its audiences. Enriched by an interactive discussion-based format, this is for everyone. Thank you to the Butler Family Foundation, The Community Church of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff and Deerpath Inn for sponsoring Mountainfilm through the Gorton Producer Program.

MUSICAL MARCH

Gorton is partnering with Lake Forest Symphony to showcase the music of film! The series will kick off with symphony musicians performing the SOUND OF SILENT FESTIVAL including official short-film selections from festivals across the globe. Then Gorton will screen SCORE, a documentary that brings Hollywood’s premier composers together to give viewers a privileged look inside the musical challenges and creative secrecy of the world’s most widely known music genre: the film score. SCORE’s director Matt Schrader will be live via skype with us after the film to answer audience questions in depth!

FLY FISHING FILM TOUR

Fly Fishing Film Tour is a one of a kind experience. Each year fishy folks of all ages gather in big cities and small towns to soak up films from around the world and dream about casts yet unmade. Coming to Gorton for the 2nd year in a row, F3T is dedicated to supporting local fly shops and conservation groups. This event is co-presented by Gorton and Lake Forest Open Lands Association. Thank you to Sally & Scotty Searle and Maddie Dugan for sponsoring Fly Fishing Film Tour through the Gorton Producer Program.

PRODUCER PROGRAM

Gorton is excited to offer a new way to sponsor concerts, films and events. The Gorton Producer Program is here! You can become a Gorton Producer by sponsoring something meaningful to your family or business, that brings our community together or highlight causes important to you. Gorton events engage audiences of all ages in many categories, and now your financial support can directly help sustain them into the future. The Gorton Producer Program is off to a strong start with committed corporate and individual sponsors – be sure to check them out! Let’s work together to find a Gorton Producer opportunity for you – please contact Catherine Yehle at catherine@gortoncenter.org for more details.

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Feedback appreciated via feedback@gortoncenter.org.
SPOTLIGHT ON... FILL A HEART 4 KIDS!

Fill a Heart 4 Kids was born right here in Lake Forest from the personal experience and passion of the McAveeney family. After taking in a homeless toddler, they wanted to do more to give homeless children brighter futures. Through the support and service of hundreds of local volunteers, corporations, donors and other kind hearts, Fill A Heart 4 Kids is marking its 13th year of helping foster children and homeless kids in great need.

Fill a Heart 4 Kids gives unaccompanied homeless youth and rescued children tools and positive experiences to help them heal and restore their dignity – 4 brighter futures. Their vision is for homeless kids and foster children to feel loved and valued, and to move forward with confidence, self-esteem and the means for a successful future.

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For more information about Fill a Heart 4 Kids and to learn how you can get involved, visit www.fillaheart4kids.org. Be sure to come visit Fill a Heart 4 Kids in their new EXPANDED office space on the 2nd Floor of Gorton.

A ROOM FOR YOU

The Grotto Annex
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FILMS

JANUARY
3 First Thursdays: The Old Man & the Gun 11am & 7pm
11 Citadel Theater Film Series: Thelma & Louise 7pm
15 Community Film Forum: Intelligent Lives 7pm
Co-presented with LF/LB LDA and NSSED
22 Bag It 1pm & 7pm
Co-Presented with Lake Forest Garden Club
25 & 26 Mountainfilm on Tour
Co-Presented with Lake Forest Open Lands
25 Return to Mount Kennedy 7pm
26 Family Shorts 1pm
26 Environmental Expo 3 - 7pm
26 Adrenaline Shorts 4pm
26 Best of Fest Shorts 7pm

FEBRUARY
2
Discovering Deerpath Film 10 Year Anniversary Screening 11am
Co-Presented with History Center of LF/LB
7 First Thursdays: Warren Miller Film 11am & 7pm
15 Kartemquin Presents: TBA 11am & 7pm
21 Oscar Shorts: Documentary 11am & 7pm
22 Oscar Shorts: Animated 10am & 4pm
22 Oscar Shorts: Live Action 12:30pm & 7pm
26 Community Film Forum: Like 7pm

MARCH
1
Sound of Silent Film Festival 8pm
Co-presented with Lake Forest Symphony
3 One Earth Film Festival 2pm & 5pm
7 First Thursdays: Score 11am & 7pm
Co-presented with Lake Forest Symphony
12 Community Film Forum: Angst 7pm
Co-presented with LEAD
15 Kartemquin Presents: TBA 11am & 7pm
22 The Film Series at Gorton: TBA 7pm

APRIL
4 First Thursdays: TBA 11am & 7pm
7 Fly Fishing Film Fest: Shorts Screenings 1pm & 4pm
Co-presented with Lake Forest Open Lands
7 Fly Fishing Film Fest: Expo 2pm - 4pm
Co-presented with Lake Forest Open Lands
23 Community Film Forum: Most Likely to Succeed 7pm
Co-presented with LEAD
28 The Film Series at Gorton: TBA TBA

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2019 GREATER GOOD PROJECT

Gorton’s 2019 Greater Good Project has once again teamed up with Kellogg School’s Center for Nonprofit Management at Northwestern University to present a series of workshops. The Greater Good Project, launched in 2016 and funded by The Grainger Foundation, was created to support the growth and professional development of the Lake County Non-Profit ecosystem. The intention is to nurture and expand these organizations through relevant speaker series, workshops, and individual professional coaching and networking events. Nonprofit leaders who participate in all six classes will earn a Certificate in Nonprofit Resource Development from The Center for Nonprofit Management at Kellogg School of Management. Classes will start in February and finish with a celebratory luncheon in November. Details coming soon at www.gortoncenter.org

CHILDREN’S DROP-IN LEARNING CENTER

Winter Calendar:
January 7: Return from Winter Break
January 21: Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 9: Drop-off Valentine’s date night from 5 - 8 pm
February 15: Closed for Parent Teacher Conferences
March 22: Spring mini-camps
March 25 - April 1: Closed for Spring Break
April 2: Return from Spring Break

**Starting now Half price enrollment begins. New fees are $105 for a single child until May 31st. $130 for two or more children until May 31st.**

Our Shining Light
In this issue of The Window our light is shining on Ms. Julie Phillips! “Ms. Julie” as most people call her has been with the DILC for 18 years and is currently a teacher in the 2’s and Young 3’s room (also known as the Rainbow Room). She raised three sons in Lake Bluff with her husband and has touched the lives of countless children throughout the years. Children, parents and DILC staff all love her kind heart, cheerful attitude and nurturing presence. Many families choose her classroom for their children’s first experience in a preschool setting for this reason. Combined with her years of experience and her coursework learning the most updated best practices in childcare Julie is an invaluable member of our staff. When Ms. Julie is not at work she likes to spend time playing with her grandson AJ and visiting family in Michigan and Indiana. She also enjoys eating a plate of pasta from Olive Garden! Thank you Ms. Julie for all you do!

Carla and Margherita started volunteering at Gorton during Safety Town Camp in the summer of 2017. They have always been aware of Gorton but after their time at Safety Town they realized how much fun it is to be here, all Gorton has to offer and the good they can do for the community by volunteering. Soon after, they received an email asking if they wanted to volunteer for other things at Gorton. There was no hesitation as they replied “YES” to that request. Since then there has been no stopping them.

The first movie they worked was the sold-out Mountainfilm Fest. They can’t even begin to estimate how many batches of popcorn they’ve popped. Carla really enjoyed working Safety Town Commanders this year. She felt by working with the older 8 – 10 year olds she was really able to show her leadership skills and help instill a sense of community in them. Safety Town Majors program, with 5 – 7 year olds, is Margherita’s favorite event here at Gorton. She loves how the team at Gorton bonds together. She likes that she gets to meet the parents and loves running into the campers around town now! The Zaramella sisters are very close and enjoy spending time together. Carla loves the team at Gorton and sees them as true mentors. As Carla looks toward the future beyond Gorton and Lake Forest High School, Margherita is trying to just enjoy life now and feels that Gorton helps her stay balanced while life is ever changing. We are so grateful for Carla and Margherita and all they do to help Gorton Community Center continue to shine.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at Gorton, please contact Tricia Sweet at tricia@gortoncenter.org

LOOK WHO VOLUNTEERS AT GORTON

200 and Counting! That’s how many hours Carla & Margherita Zaramella have volunteered at Gorton Community Center since June 2017. If you have been to a movie at Gorton then you have definitely seen Carla and Margherita as they serve you popcorn or snacks! Carla (16) and Margherita (14) both attend Lake Forest High School.
Meet Martha! Martha ReQua has worked at Gorton since 2005! Martha has lived in the community for over 50 years and raised her family here. She started working one day a week as an administrative assistant and has pretty much done every job possible since then. Martha works as one of our Event Coordinators, renting space for weddings, parties, meetings and other events. She loves her role here and says it is her favorite because she gets to meet and interact with so many people.

When she’s not giving potential renters tours of the available spaces she can be found in her office with her loyal dog, Rigby, at her feet asleep. Martha is a dog lover which is probably why Gorton’s annual Dog Day event is her favorite. Her previous dog, Daisy, won the “therapy dog” award at the very first Dog Day. Martha loves seeing how Gorton has evolved through the years and what a vibrant place it continues to be. When not at Gorton you can find her taking long walks with Rigby, playing tennis, gardening or spending time with her two daughters and four grandchildren. Come stop by and say “hi”.

In 1936, Ralf Henricksen, a graduate of the Art Institute, created the four murals for the auditorium at the Edward F. Gorton School in Lake Forest. In later years, Henricksen described the Gorton murals as his “most successful.” The murals were commissioned to bring art to the daily life of children at Gorton School and define for them the natural elements. The murals were painted over during the early 1960s due to an accumulation of dirt and grime. They were covered for more than 40 years and were believed to have been destroyed. The paintings were restored over during the early 1960s due to an accumulation of dirt and grime. They were covered for more than 40 years and were believed to have been destroyed. The paintings were restored in 2003 – now’s the time to clean them again so they can always be viewed by visitors. Enjoy!

Join Barb Walti, developmental therapist from Libertyville, Maria Ruetz, psychologist and Cindy Montgomery, activist for those with autism, in an informative panel discussion about this very important topic. 6:30pm

FEB 13: MINDFULNESS
Learn why it is important to teach children how to be mindful, especially in today’s world. Jia, Joy and Gail from Calm Classroom, will be leading this event which will include facilitating a meditation to teach parents how to successfully integrate mindful practices and discuss how mindfulness can positively influence a child’s life. Calm Classroom’s goal is to help children gain a greater sense of self-awareness, mental focus and emotional resilience, and you will learn from this panel discussion how you can help your child reach that goal at home. 6:30pm

APRIL 25: RAISING A RESILIENT CHILD
Join us in welcoming Audrey Grunst from Simply Bee Counseling. Audrey will present on how to raise a resilient child and touch on the pitfalls of helicopter parenting. 6:30pm
KIDS ART WORKSHOP
VALENTINE HEARTS
Saturday, February 9, 11am – 12:00pm
Ages: 8 – 12 Year Olds
Fee: $35
Collage a special valentine using repurposed materials, doilies, tissue paper, and washi tape, then embellish with acrylic paint, rubber stamps and paint markers.

HEART OR STAR CANVAS PANEL
Saturday, March 9, 11am – 12:00pm
Ages: 8 – 12 Year Olds
Fee: $35
Watercolor a simple background, then collage with fabric, paper flowers, buttons and other ephemera. This 5”x7” panel can be framed (without the glass) for a final display.

STENCILED BUTTERFLIES
Saturday, April 6, 11am – 12:00pm
Ages: 8 – 12 Year Olds
Fee: $35
Use acrylic paint and stencils to create a colorful background on a 6” square gallery-wrapped canvas. Then using a masking technique, outline the butterfly and paint in the background. Add a stamped word, if desired.

CHILDREN’S ETIQUETTE CLASS - WITH THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF ETIQUETTE
Sunday, February 10 or Saturday, May 11, 11:30am – 1pm
Ages: 7 - 12 Year Olds
Fee: $95
Students will learn dining etiquette and table manners during a multi-course lunch of soup, salad, main entree and dessert. A full range of age appropriate social etiquette skills will also be taught, such as first impressions, introductions, conversation skills, cell phone etiquette, thank you notes and respectful behavior at home and in public.

CHINESE BUSINESS LANGUAGE CLASS FOR KIDS
Wednesdays, January 23 – May 8 (No Class 3/20), 6pm – 7pm
Ages: 5 – 12 Grades
Fee: $450
When you saw “Alibaba Singles Day sales top $30 billion” on the news, were you wondering which date is the Singles Day in China? Sign up your child to take the “authentic” Chinese business language class. This class is not only useful for business but also daily life in China.

CHINESE MANDARIN PERFORMANCE CLASS WITH BILINGUAL ROCK IMMERSION SCHOOL – HOMEWORK
Wednesdays, Jan 23 – May 8 (No Class 3/20), 5pm – 6pm
Ages: K – 8 Grades
Fee: $345
Our experienced native speaker teachers will work with your child once a week, to help your child with their mandarin homework, answer questions from their Chinese class, and also create meaningful, fun and effective activities for your child to review their Chinese lessons.

GIRL POWER! NUTRITION & YOGA FOR TEENS
Sundays, February 3 & 10, 2pm – 3:30pm
Ages: 13 – 16 Year Olds
Fee: $120
Combine the benefits of “clean” nutrition & yoga/mindfulness in a fun community environment. Molly O’Neil of mPowering Health will conduct peer group health coaching & make energizing recipes that help balance mood, increase energy and fuel your body. Jen Buettner of JB Mindful will introduce the benefits of yoga by breaking down the practice and basic poses. She will conduct yoga flow classes that empower the group.

KIDS COOKING MINI-CAMP (MLK DAY!) - WITH KRISTIN RYAN
Monday, January 21, 9am – 12pm
Ages: 8 – 10 Year Olds
Fee: $75
Create an authentic French meal including fondue, Coq a Vin, ratatouille and, of course, chocolate mousse.

KIDS’ SUPPER CLUB - WITH KRISTIN RYAN
Fridays, January 11, February 22, March 8 and April 19, 5 – 7pm
Ages: 8-10
Fee: $55 Per Class
Friday, January 11-Comfort Food
Friday, February 22-Mardi Gras/Creole
Friday March 8-Down Home Southern Cooking
Friday, April 19-Mexican Fiesta Night

PROCESS ART PLAY GROUP
Thursdays, February 7 – March 7, 10am – 10:45am
Ages: 1 - 3 Year Olds
Fee: $125
Combine the benefits of “clean” nutrition & yoga/mindfulness in a fun community environment. Molly O’Neil of mPowering Health will conduct peer group health coaching & make energizing recipes that help balance mood, increase energy and fuel your body. Jen Buettner of JB Mindful will introduce the benefits of yoga by breaking down the practice and basic poses. She will conduct yoga flow classes that empower the group.

ROBOTHEINK
8 WEEK ROBOTICS CLASS
Thursdays, January 31 – March 21 or April 4 - May 23, 4pm – 5pm
Ages: 5-12 Year Olds
Fee: $220 Per Session
In this 8 week after-school program, students are introduced to the RoboThink building system and how to build durable robots. RoboThink offers academically oriented STEM programs focusing on robotics for budding, intermediate or advanced students. Armed with motors, sensors, gears and mainboards, students build robot creations of all shapes, sizes and functions! Each session, students are introduced to engineering concepts through our trained instructors and STEM workbooks.
YOUTH CLASSES CONT.

DC MOTOR MINI-CAMP
Thursday, February 15, 1pm – 4pm
Ages: 5-12 Year Olds Fee: $35
Students are introduced to how a DC motor works and build and modify moving robots. Learn the fundamentals of how an electric motor works by building an electric robot model such as a two wheeled car in this fun and exciting workshop! No prior experience required.

SOCCER BOT MINI-CAMP
Friday, April 19, 1pm – 4pm
Ages: 5-12 Year Olds Fee: $35
School is out TODAY so Let’s PLAY! Build a robot and play an exciting game of robot soccer in this soccer bot workshop! No prior experience required. Our lesson plans are built around RoboThink’s proprietary kits, plans and STEM curriculum, designed by teachers and engineers.

SPRING BREAK STEM CAMP
March 25 – March 29, 9am – 12pm
Ages: 5 – 12 Year Olds Fee: $180
Don’t let SPRING BREAK give you brain drain! Let’s build battle robots, learn coding, have robotic soccer competitions, design sensor robots, or even motorized robots! During our 5-day camp program, our young engineers get a chance to build unique robots of all shapes, sizes and functions each day! Learn about how gears, motors, sensors, mainboards and programming works through fun and exciting challenges and problems! Students will also have the opportunity to code and really learn how to bring a robot to life!

SEWING CLASSES - WITH CIAO BELLA SEWING!
SEWING WORKSHOP MLK DAY! (UNICORN PILLOWS)
Monday, January 21, 2:00pm – 4:30pm
Ages: 8 – 14 Year Olds Fee: $55
During this fun one-day sewing workshop, students will make a magical unicorn pillow! New students to sewing and returning students are welcome to join. Unicorn pillows will be made out of fleece. Students will use the sewing machine to create their very own pillow.

ADVANCED FASHION SEWING TECHNIQUES
Thursdays, January 31 – March 21, 5pm – 6pm
Ages: 8 – 13 Year Olds Fee: $190
New projects each session! During this advanced fashion class, students will learn the ins and outs of patterns and advanced sewing skills. This class is for students who have knowledge using the sewing machine & have taken Fashion Sewing Techniques 1. By the end of the class, students will have completed at least two different projects; both projects will be completed using the sewing machine.

FASHION SEWING TECHNIQUES
Thursdays, January 31 – March 21, 4pm – 5pm
Ages: 8 -13 Year Olds Fee: $170
New projects each session! Combine the basic techniques of hand sewing and machine sewing during this course. This class is great for new and returning students. You’ll learn basic stitch techniques by hand and you’ll learn how to use the sewing machine. By the end of the class, you will have completed at least two different projects, one sewing project by hand and one on the machine.

YOUTH CLASSES CONT.

MOM & ME SEWING WORKSHOP: AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLOTHES
Sundays, February 10 & 24, 2pm – 4pm
Ages: 8 – 13 Year Olds Fee: $140/$70 each
This fun two-day workshop is designed for participants to make two American Girl Doll dresses. This is a great way to learn about the sewing machine and have some fun.

MOM & ME SEWING WORKSHOP: BEACH BAGS OR TOTE BAGS
Sundays, March 3 & 10, 2pm – 4pm
Ages: 8 – 13 Year Olds Fee: $140/$70 each
Sew your very own Beach Bag or Tote Bag with your mom, grandma or aunt! This fun two-day workshop is designed for participants to make two Beach Bags or Tote Bags. This is a great way to learn about the sewing machine and have some fun. ‘Returning students welcome!’

SPRING BREAK MINI-SEWING CAMP
M/T/W, March 25 – 27, 9am – 11:30am
Ages: 8 – 13 Year Olds Fee: $150 OR $50 Per Workshop
Spend your spring break sewing with Ciao Bella! We will use the sewing machine to sew daily projects such as bags, shorts, and more. We will finish one project per day. This is a fun way to spend your spring break. Sewing supplies, including fabric, thread, needles, and pins, will be provided.

STAND-UP COMEDY FOR KIDS! – WITH IMPROV PLAYHOUSE
Wednesday, February 6 – March 13, 5pm – 6pm
Ages: 5 – 7 Graders Fee: $250
Stand-up Comedy For Kids with Improv Playhouse will help you develop the skills necessary to create a routine and successful style to perform in front of your family and friends!

SUPER SOCCER STARS
Class Dates: Fridays, April 5 – June 21
Ages: 12-24 Months, 9 – 9:40am
2 – 3 Year Olds, 3:30 – 4:10pm
3 – 5 Year Olds, 4:15 – 5:30pm
Come Kick With Super Soccer Stars! It is the goal of Super Soccer Stars to teach soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive, educational environment. Our philosophy is to use soccer to nurture, to build self-confidence, and to develop teamwork in every class.

TAE KWON DO - WITH LEEHAN MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY
Wednesdays, January 23-February 27, 5:30-6:30pm
Ages: 6 & up; families welcome Fee: $255
This World Class Level program shares the same life values as you. Self-discipline, respect towards each other, self-control, and leadership development, are some of the key benefits your child will derive from learning Tae Kwon Do.
NEW
OFF THE SHOULDER TOP, FLEECE VEST OR PATTERN PROJECT OF YOUR CHOICE
Thursdays, Feb 21 – March 21, 9:30am – 11:30am  Fee: $230
Dive into the world of sewing! During this five week class, students can choose to make an Off the Shoulder Top, Fleece Vest or students can purchase their own pattern and fabric for a project of their liking. During the first class, we will review the sewing machine, discuss patterns and choose projects. Students will learn the basics of the sewing machine and gain a better understanding of patterns and production.

ANIMAL COMMUNICATION – WITH LINDA ROBERTS
Wednesday, March 13, 7pm – 8:30pm  Fee: $40
Are you curious about your animal’s feelings and want to strengthen your bond with them? Animal communication is a natural ability that you can access with a few techniques and guidance, from Linda Roberts. She will teach you several approaches to making that heart to heart connection with your animals. Animals can stay comfortably at home but feel free to bring a picture to share.

CAMERA PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY
Saturday, March 2, 10am – 11am or Thursday, April 11, 6:30pm – 7:30pm  Fee: $30
Now more than ever, the smart phone camera is a convenient high quality lens used to easily take and edit terrific photos, plus seamlessly print or publish digitally. Led by Kerri Sherman, owner of Bloom & Focus, this fun class will be a game changer in enhancing your everyday phone camera images.

COOKING AT FROGGY’S
Wednesdays, January 9, February 6, March TBD, 6pm – 8pm  Fee: $65 Per Class
Come learn from the fabulous chef, Chef Thierry Lefeuvre, at Froggy’s French Café! The cooking classes will take place at Froggy’s in Highwood where Chef Thierry will teach you the techniques and you will enjoy a fantastic feast!

DRINKING THROUGH THE DECADES
Feb 12, March 12, April 9 & May 14, 7pm – 8:30pm  Fee: $30 Per Class
Join Sonja Kassebaum, one of the founders of North Shore Distillery (and an avid cocktail nerd), for a spirited discussion of the history of cocktails over the last 150 years. Each month, we’ll explore, discuss and sample what people were drinking during a specific period of time. There are some interesting stories in the history of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff related to cocktails, spirits and Prohibition. *Must be 21 years - Samples will be given!

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WITH OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC
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10am - 11am
Ages: 5 Months – 4 Years Old
Fee: $156 Per 8 Week Session
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Tuesday, February 12, 6pm – 8pm  Fee: $55
The two processes we will explore in this workshop are texture and collage. Participants are welcome to bring snippets of ephemera that are dear to them: copies of a child’s art, handwritten note from a loved one, favorite family recipe, or mementos from a special vacation. Instructor will provide lots of collage materials for use. Finished size canvas is 12”x16”

DANCING DAISIES
Tuesday, March 5, 6pm – 8pm  Fee: $50
Use acrylic inks and heavy body paint to achieve a 12”x12” canvas of “Dancing Daisies;” perfect for spring!

YOUTH CLASSES CONT.

ADULT ART WORKSHOP
BUTTERFLY COLLAGE WITH WATERCOLOR
Tuesday, January 29, 6pm – 8pm  Fee: $50
This is a true mixed media art project in every sense because it uses collage, acrylic and watercolor. Using a butterfly mask, collage a background of neutral papers. Then use absorbent ground to prep for a watercolor wet-on-wet technique for the wings. Finished size: 6” square gallery wrapped canvas.

ADULT CLASSES CONT.

ADULT SEWING - WITH CIAO BELLA SEWING!
BASICS
Thursdays, January 31 & February 7, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Fee: $50 Per Class, $100 for Both
This class is perfect for adults looking to learn the basics of sewing and apply their skills to everyday life.
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Have you ever wondered if the concept of Law of Attraction was real? Can you really attract health? Or abundance? A new partner? Or perhaps more happiness in your life? In this class you will learn several very simple breathing techniques which you can incorporate into a straightforward form of extremely easy-to-learn meditation.

**MEDITATE FOR WELLNESS – WITH LINDA ROBERTS**
Wednesday, February 6, 7pm – 8pm Fee: $25

The benefits of meditation are vast – lower blood pressure, reduction of headaches, peacefulness, and emotional well-being. Join us as we experience several techniques to quiet the mind. No experience needed. We will practice brief, guided meditations to get you started.

**NIA – WITH HANNAH JUDY GRETZ**
Fridays, Feb 8 – May 17 (No class 4/12 & 4/19), 10am – 11am Fee: $15 Per Class

Nia is about the joy of movement and raising life force. It is non-judgmental and specifically includes and encourages free dance. Because of the range of possible movements, Nia can be enjoyed and adapted by virtually anyone, even those with significant physical limitations.

**PALETTE & POURS – WITH DEER PATH ART LEAGUE**
Fridays, 7pm – 9pm Fee: $50 Per Class

Grab a friend and join other adults of differing talents for a fun evening of wine and painting. Lezlie Lenz will be teaching this inspiring yet relaxing class at the Deer Path Art League which is housed on the upper floor of the Gorton Community Center. No matter what your talent level, we guarantee you will have an unforgettable experience and a beautiful new piece of original artwork!

**PROJECT SELFY WELLNESS SERIES – TAKING A SELFY FROM THE INSIDE!**
Fee: $15 Per Class

**WHAT’S THE ‘DEAL’ WITH GLUTEN?**
Tuesday, January 15, 6pm – 7pm

There are two kinds of people in this world: those who talk about gluten like it is pure evil, and those who don’t understand the big fuss about something so simple and common as bread. Does gluten deserve to be so controversial? Come find out the dirty little secrets that may be hiding in your pantry.

**EATING FOR YOUR GENES – PERSONALIZED NUTRITION**
Tuesday, February 5, 6pm – 7pm

In this class, you will find out if you are a Tiger (Carnivore) Bear (Omnivore) or Deer (Herbivore) and what you can do to maximize your food type to turn off chronic disease and prevent even worse ones!
ONGOING CLASSES

PASTA
All winter classes are sold out. Don't miss their performances:

James and the Giant Peach
Saturday, April 20 at 1pm

Robin Hood
Saturday, April 27 at 1pm

Mark your calendars now!

Sign up for the Summer 2019 production of:
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Registration opens WEDNESDAY, JAN 23 AT 10AM! Online Only

VIOLIN LESSONS
Join Donna Curry to begin or continue the journey of learning to play the violin. Suzuki lessons: All ages & Classical Violin lessons: Beginners to Adults. Call 847-721-1860 or email at www.DonnaCurryStudio.yolasite.com

Violin Academy of the North Shore: 'The Curry Method'
Gorton Community Center, Lake Forest & Winnetka

We're excited to be a part of Lake County Cares activities honoring Martin Luther King, Monday Jan 21. Students will perform their favorite repertoire as soloists and in-group play on the Violin and Viola. Come, enjoy the music and share in this special afternoon of tribute.

VINYASA YOGA – WITH ERIN O’NEILL, PH.D.
Wednesday, Jan 16 – March 27, 10am–11am Fee: $15 Per Class
Join Erin O’Neill for this all levels class that cultivates strength, flexibility and coordination. A strong flow of thoughtfully chosen poses connects movement with breath, and will leave you feeling revitalized, centered and nourished.

YOGAPUNCTURE
Sunday, February 10, 1pm – 3pm Fee: $45
Relax and rejuvenate with this unique workshop. Yoga instructor, Erin O’Neill, and Licensed Acupuncture Practitioner, Maureen McLaughlin, seamlessly combine the benefits of restorative yoga with the healing properties of acupuncture for a one-of-a-kind experience.

YOGA – MORNING WITH KRISTY HARLEY
Tuesdays, January 22 – April 30 (No class 2/12, 3/26 & 4/2), 10am – 11am Fee: $15 Per Class or $180 Package
Start your day with Classical Hatha poses, meditation, breath work and deep relaxation. Unite your mind and body in a spiritual transformation. You will tone and elongate your muscles while freeing your thoughts. Yoga has been an integral part of a complete wellness approach for centuries.

ZUMBA® ADULTS:
Thursdays, Jan 3 – Feb 28, 10am – 11am Fee: $15 Per Class
Everybody and every body! Each Zumba® class is designed to bring people together to sweat it on.

ADULT CLASSES CONT.

TRUTH ABOUT SUPPLEMENTS – NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
Wednesday, March 13, 6pm – 7pm
Find out whether these popular supplements are effective and safe to take. Dietary supplement makers offer a wide variety of products to improve your health. In this eye opening talk you will learn the ins and outs of personalized nutrition and the best nutrients to improve your health without the worry of taking something that is worthless or even worse could harm you.

GOOD GUT, BAD GUT – HOW TO TAME THE FIRE IN YOUR BELLY
Wednesday, April 10, 6pm – 7pm
We have more nerves in our gut than in our brain!! That is a scary fact, but an even more disturbing fact is how many people suffer with digestive issues, irritable bowel, constipation, diarrhea and daily stomach aches. Suffer no more, we will shine a light on this subject looking at causes and solutions that you can easily do.

SUMMER SLIM DOWN – KETO KRAZE
Tuesday, May 21, 6pm – 7pm
What is the Keto-Kraze? Ketosis? How does it work? Is it right for everyone? You will learn the science behind eating a low carb diet with lots of healthy protein and veggies to turn off chronic disease, get healthy and most importantly reach your goals without the struggle of intense exercise routines that can leave your tired and sore!

TAI CHI – WITH KEN NING
Saturdays: Jan 26 – May 18, 11am – 12pm Fee: $15 Per Class
Tai Chi is a martial art that emphasizes weight transference to improve balance and body awareness. Its relaxed, slow, graceful and precise body movements can enhance the strength of body and clarity of mind.

TRAVEL TO EUROPE! COME AND DISCUSS! (VOYAGE EN EUROPE! VENEZ DISCUTER!)
Mondays, February 4 – March 11, 7pm – 8pm Fee: $210
Join us on a European voyage. Every week we will explore social issues, cultural events, and historical happenings through the eyes of the French. The class will be conducted purely in French with an emphasis on speaking and obtaining fluency. Whether one is seeking to revitalize their French or to put their knowledge to practical use, this class offers an opportunity to do so. À très bientôt!

WORKING WITH AN ARCHITECT: STEPS ON HOW TO DESIGN YOUR DREAM PROJECT!
Tuesday, January 29, 7pm – 8:30pm Fee: $15
Whether you are contemplating a small renovation or building a large new home, this seminar will give you valuable information regarding the design and building process from project start to completion. We will compare the different project delivery methods, and provide case studies of representative projects, along with plenty of visuals for your understanding. Join Diana K. Melichar, AIA, LEED AP and President of Melichar Architects for this informative seminar!
ONGOING CLASSES CONT.

PIANO LESSONS
Join Randall Manges to make beautiful music on the piano. Email mangesx4@aol.com

MUSIC LESSONS
‘Coming soon! Music lessons with Jared Hochberg. Specializing in saxophone, clarinet, Irish tin whistle and jazz improvisation. For more information, email jaredahochberg@gmail.com

DEER PATH ART LEAGUE
located on the 2nd floor of Gorton Community Center

Please join DPAL for their Faculty Open House, Thursday, January 10 from 7 – 8:30pm

Winter Art Classes begin January 4 in the Art League Classrooms, Second Floor, Gorton Community Center. Some classes to note are Drawing & Painting, Weaving, Decoupage, Eco-Painting, Nuno Felting and many more. Check out the their complete class offerings at deerpathartleague.org

Please note: February 28 is Call to Artists Deadline for applications for the 65th Annual Art Fair on the Square!

After School Art Club Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-5:15pm

Palette & Pours is the First Friday of every month from 7 – 9pm: January 4 (Folk Angel), February 1 (Heart), March 1 (Birds), April 5 (Pet)

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION
Kick-Off summer fun! Mark your calendars all summer camps (except PASTA) open FRIDAY, MARCH 15 at 10am for registration.

Don’t miss out – registration for our Safety Town camps open this day as well!

CENTERSTAGE
CenterStage in Lake Forest will be performing Oscar Wilde’s comic masterpiece, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST on March 15, 16, 22, and 23 at 7:30pm; and March 17, 24 at 3pm in the Stuart Community Room here at Gorton Community Center.

Visit centerstagedlakeforest.org for a complete schedule, to sign-up or receive more information.

Jan 14 Common Core Math for Parents
Lake Bluff Library

Jan 20 Lake Forest Symphony Masterworks 3
“Strings Attached and Detached”
James Lumber Center (at CLC)

Jan 23 Slim Workshop: Wintertime Magic
Lake Bluff Library

Jan 29 Deep Freeze Read Lecture: Prairie, Forest, Lake, Ravine: Our Community’s Relationship With It’s Environment – LFOLA President John Sentell
Lake Forest Library

Feb 2 Community Volunteer Day
Lake Forest Open Lands/West Skokie Nature Preserve

Feb 2 Lake Forest Symphony: Music of Serbia
St. Basil’s Serbian Orthodox Church

Feb 4 Madam President, Edith Wilson
Lake Bluff Library

Feb 7 Chicago’s Sweet Candy History
Lake Bluff Library

Feb 7 Great Decisions Discussion Group:
Refugees and Global Mission
Lake Forest Library

Feb 22 History Trivia Night
History Center Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

Feb 25 Trivia Night at Lake Bluff Brewing Company
Lake Bluff Library and Lake Bluff Brewing Company

Feb 28 A Night at the Oscars:
History of the Academy Awards
Lake Bluff Library

March 1 Gallery Exhibit Opening: Abraham Lincoln
History Center Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

March 5 “Jackie Kennedy” a Portrait
Lake Forest Library

March 10 Reptile Rampage
Lake Forest Parks & Rec

March 16 Lincoln Family Program
with Actor Michael Krebs portraying Abraham Lincoln
History Center Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

April 13 Easter Eggstravaganza
Lake Forest Parks & Rec

April 13 & 14 Lake Forest Symphony,
Masterworks 4, "Beethoven and Berlioz"
James Lumber Center at CLC

April 27 Smelt-O-Rama
Lake Forest Parks & Rec
UPCOMING EVENTS AT GORTON

JANUARY

3 First Thursdays: The Old Man & the Gun
4 Life Line Screening
5 MooNIE & BrooN Comedy Show
7 Red Cross Blood Drive
9 Parenting Series: Spotting Developmental Delays
11 Citadel Theater Film Series: Thelma & Louise
13 Red Rose Jazz Concert
15 Community Film Forum: Intelligent Lives
16 Empty Nest Series: Healthy Living
19 Lake Forest Symphony
“Masterworks 3: ‘Strings Attached and Detached’
22 Bag It Film
23 PASTA Summer camp registration for “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” opens 10:00am
Lyric & Lecture: Understanding What it means to be Transgender
25 Mountainfilm on Tour: Return to Mount Kennedy
26 Mountainfilm on Tour: Family Shorts, Environmental Expo, Adrenaline Shorts, Best of Fest Shorts
27 Shout Section Big Band with Lake Forest High School Jazz Ensemble

FEBRUARY

2 Discovering Deerpath Movie - 10 Year Anniversary co-presented with History Center of LF/LB
2 NA’AMAT Fundraiser
6 Lake Forest Community Forum on Solar Energy
7 First Thursdays: Warren Miller Film
9 & 10 Citadel Theatre for Young Audiences Presents “Junie B. Jones, The Musical”
13 Parenting Series: Mindfulness
15 Lake Forest Symphony Salon Concert
“Gymnopédie Duo - Les Six: Paris in the Roaring Twenties”
15 Kartemquin Presents: Film TBA
16 & 17 Citadel Theatre for Young Audiences Presents “Junie B. Jones, The Musical”
20 Empty Nest Series: Financial Planning
20 Lyric & Lecture: Enter the Microcosm-the Hidden Universe within our Oceans
21 Oscar Shorts: Documentary
22 Oscar Shorts: Animated and Live Action
23 Journey Care Hospice Memorial Reception
23 Fusion Dance Show
26 Community Film Forum: Like

MARCH

1 Sound of Silent Film Festival with Lake Forest Symphony, Salon Series
2 Lake Forest College Music Department Band & Orchestra Concert
3 One Earth Film Festival
3 Christian Science Lecture
6 Deep Freeze Read Event
7 First Thursdays: Score
9 Lake County Illinois State Pageant
9 LF High School Booster Club Fundraiser “Boosterpalooza”
10 Lake Forest Civic Orchestra
“Celebrating Creation”
12 Community Film Forum: Angst
15 Summer Camp Registration Opens for all camps at 10:00am INCLUDING ALL SAFETY TOWN CAMPS
15 Kartemquin Presents: Film TBA
15 & 16 CenterStage Production of “The Importance of Being Earnest” by Oscar Wilde
16 U2 Hype
20 Empty Nest Series: Managing the Middle
22 The Film Series at Gorton: Film TBA
22 & 23 CenterStage Production of “The Importance of Being Earnest” by Oscar Wilde
25 Lake Forest Symphony, Salon Series
“The Orchestra Horn: A Musical History”

APRIL

2 Voting-Local Board Elections
4 First Thursdays: Film TBA
6 Live Theatrical Production of Rumplestiltskin
6 The Benefit of Laughter, a Willow House Fundraiser
7 Fly Fishing Film Fest: Shorts Screenings and Expo
12 Chicago a cappella-Dynamic Duos
13 & 14 Kidstage Presents “Willy Wonka”
17 Empty Nest Series: Educational Opportunities with Lake Forest College
23 Community Film Forum: Most Likely to Succeed
25 Parenting Series-Raising a Resilient Child
26 Lake Forest College Music Department Band, Orchestra & Choir Spring Concert
28 The Film Series at Gorton: Film TBA

ONGOING

Christian Science Services
Sunday mornings, 10am
Insight Chicago Meditation
Sunday mornings, 9:30-11:30am
Lake Forest Caucus Meetings
Twice monthly meetings on Tuesdays, 7 pm
M.A.S.S. Mens Group Meetings for suicide survivors
Every other month on Mondays, 7pm
Toastmasters International
Twice monthly meetings on Tuesdays, 6 pm
WOZ Big Book Meetings
Monday evenings, 5:45pm

Please note all classes listed inside