

Algonquin Middle School - \$12,935

8th Grade Spanish Field Trip: Eighth grade students enrolled in the Spanish program at Algonquin will get a chance to experience the Day of the Dead exhibit at the National Museum of Mexican Art.

AMS Culture Fair: An evening event at Algonquin Middle School will highlight the diverse backgrounds of students and staff. It is a festive night filled with learning, food, music, crafts, games, and dance from cultures around the world.

AMS SELF Field Trip: The SELF students at Algonquin Middle School would spend a day participating in the Chicago Dogs Home Run for Education program. Students would experience the sport of baseball while completing a STEM curriculum complete with activities in reading, math, science, history, and geography.

AMS Summer Reading Program: The summer reading program includes every student at the Algonquin Middle school. Students are given the option of reading one of the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award books to read over the summer. When students return in the fall, they participate in group activities centered around their chosen book. Funds are partially used to ensure that each student has access to at least one of the books suggested.

Astronomy Night: Algonquin students and their families will have the opportunity to participate in a night filled with fun and activities centered around astronomy. Members from Northwest Suburban Astronomers add to the fun and educational experience by bringing various telescopes and holding demonstrations on exploring science together.

Author Visit: Fern Schumer Chapman will visit Algonquin and tell 8th grade students the story of her mother, a Holocaust survivor., and subject of 5 books. Fern's mother accompanies her daughter and shares her story directly when possible.

Boy's Club: A club for boys at Algonquin offers opportunities for boys to build friendships, develop new skills, and find new interests. The activities are decided by the participants and are centered around sports, but also subjects agreed on by the group.

Discover the D.P. Library: Students at Algonquin will be treated to a fun day exploring the Des Plaines Library. They will have a tour, eat pizza, do a craft or scavenger hunt centered around reading and books. There will be two sessions which will coincide with winter break and summer vacation, in order to encourage visiting the library when school is not in session.

AMS Family Literacy Night: A fun night is planned for the students of Algonquin to celebrate literacy and the importance of reading and writing. There will be activities that will interest students and their families, book giveaways, and read aloud sessions for all age groups. The D.P. Park District and D.P. Library are represented at the event as well.

Flight Club: The Algonquin Flight Club will expand its current offering by adding desktop devices to coordinate with the 3 flight simulators that they currently own.

Jazz Band Music Library: A variety of music literature will be purchased for the Algonquin Jazz Band, increasing the available pieces students can choose to perform. The pieces will include non-traditional musical options for the growing number of non-traditional instruments in the school's collection.

Let's Get Moving: Movement tools such as ribbon streamers and scarves will be purchased to use in the general music classroom. These tools reinforce creative thought and allow for a variety of ways to explore music.

Mariachi Club: With interest in the Mariachi club at Algonquin growing, it is important to have the proper instruments. The group would like to purchase 2 guitarrons, mariachi specific instruments.

Nursing Home Tour: A small group of select musicians from the Algonquin music department will be visiting several nursing homes to bring the holiday spirit to the residents in residence.

Project Funway: In this after-school club at Algonquin students will learn all the aspects of sewing. They will learn hand stitches, cutting patterns, and how to use a sewing machine.

Service Club: In conjunction with Kiwanis International a new club called the Service club will be established at Algonquin. Students who believe in the power of service will bi-monthly and host events throughout the year.

Service/Learning Day: Students at Algonquin spend time at the end of the year to give back in various ways to the community. Depending on student interest, that varies from year to year, projects such as making fleece blankets for hospital patients, creating care packages for military service members, and food and clothing drives are some of the options.

STEM Club Field Trip: The STEM Club students at Algonquin will go on a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry. The students will also have the opportunity to participate in the Learning Lab at the museum and learn what it takes to be a forensic scientist.

STEM Girls: Once a month a STEM seminar will be held for Algonquin 6th grade girls to introduce them to the vast world of women in science. Each month a different female scientist will be part of the seminar and speak about her science background, work on math problems with the girls, and answer questions about her career. The hope is that this will increase interest in math and science as well as raise math confidence and scores.

Stop Motion Animation: Music and Drama students at Algonquin will have the opportunity to create an original story, make props out of molding clay to support that story, and use technology to film their own stop motion movie.

Ukulele Inventory: The music program at Algonquin is thriving as is the interest in ukuleles. In order to meet the increasing interest and excessive use, higher quality soprano and concert ukuleles are needed to round out the inventory.

Upgrade to Volleyball: The girls' volleyball program at Algonquin is looking to improve their game by improving their equipment. Portable nets would be purchased that more closely mimic a tournament type game experience. The nets are easy to set up and take down and have appropriate net tension that allows blocking and tipping skills to be taught.

Central elementary school - \$825

Power Hour: Bringing STEAM activities to 4th grade students at Central School is a way to showcase outside interests and future careers. Students will have an hour each week to delve into various STEAM activities that directly appeal to their individual interests.

Chippewa middle school - \$7,016

Chip Lit Night: Chippewa opens its doors to the school community with its annual family literacy night. This celebration brings together families, encourages literacy, and promotes community involvement.

Chippewa Spanish Field Trip: 8th grade students enrolled in the Spanish program at Chippewa will take a field trip to the Day of the Dead exhibit at the National Museum of Mexican Art. Students will participate in a guided tour through the exhibit which will educate them about the history of this significant cultural event.

Music Ensembles Contest: Interested members of the Chippewa Band, Choir, and Orchestra programs will have an opportunity to attend an evaluated performance event hosted by a renowned musical organization.

Community Exploration: Community based outings will be arranged for students at Chippewa that are part of the Educational Life Skills program. Students will once again have the chance to be out in the community exploring task based and social leisure

activities. The community will also benefit from interacting with these students and learning about communication and safety.

Cooking Club: Chippewa students will be able to join a cooking club as an after-school activity. Students will learn about nutrition, meal planning, and working together to create delicious meals they can replicate at home.

Cooking Up Independence: Students in the Educational Life Skills program at Chippewa will learn about food and food preparation materials. They will have cooking lessons and enrichment activities as part of their curriculum.

Intramural's: The intramural program at Chippewa will get a makeover with new equipment.

Mosaic Mural: Students participating in an after-school club at Chippewa will create a tile mosaic mural that will be displayed at the school. The mural will not only be beautiful but will spread the message of kindness at the school.

Reactions & Robotics Club: Chippewa students will be able to participate in after-school activities involving chain reactions. Students create and build with Legos and compete against each other as their knowledge and experience increases. Competitions outside of school offer an opportunity for a student's interest in this topic to grow.

Social Leisure Activities & Games: Games that promote interpersonal skills and communication skills will be purchased for the Educational Life Skills students at Chippewa. During group leisure time the games will be used and facilitated by the social workers at the school.

Tabletop Game Club: The students at Chippewa will have a chance to participate in a once a week after-school club centered around tabletop games. Students will enhance their social emotional skills as well as improve strategic and critical thinking.

Cumberland elementary school - \$5,064

Doggie Bag MakerSpace: Students at Chippewa will have an opportunity to meet and read to therapy dogs. The stories will then be translated into task cards that are created by the students in the MakerSpace.

Elementary ELS Cooking: Students in the ELS program will have lessons twice a month on food & food preparation. They will cook, try new foods, learn about utensils, and reinforce cognitive skills.

ELS Community Outings: Students in the ELS program at Cumberland will venture out into the community to learn about the world and their participation in it. They will visit community establishments involved in retail, health care, banking, and leisure activities.

Hands on Science Truck: A day of STEM activities will be arranged for the ELS students of Cumberland. The students will get to visit various stations set up for them that explore everything from dinosaur excavation to the physics of flight and chemistry experiments.

I Can Be Your SPHERO: Younger students at Cumberland school will have the opportunity to learn about and experiment in the world of coding. Sphero Indi and Sphero mini robots will be purchased.

Support For Neurodivergent Learners: To improve the physical education class and outcomes for the Education Life Skills students at Cumberland, a television for use in the class would be beneficial. The television would allow the students to focus on the screen as they mimic the activity they are trying to master. The paras and physical education teacher can support and critique their participation and its effectiveness.

Forest elementary school - \$2,994

Family Literacy Night: An evening of literacy-based activities will encourage Forest student families to come out and celebrate reading. There will be activities for all ages, free used books, read a-louds, & comfort dogs.

First Chapter Fridays: Friday literacy time will be used to introduce students to the first chapter of a series of books. Forest students will learn about genres and if they like what they hear there will be more where that came from. The books will most often be part of a series that students can continue on with after they finish the first book.

One Book, One School: Students at Forest school will all read the same book at the start of the school year. There will be activities centered around the book and its theme each trimester.

Puppets are Fun!: Kindergarten and first grade students at Forest will experience their music lessons in a fun and animated way with the use of puppets.

Read Aloud & Proud: Each trimester a new read aloud will be chosen for students in 5th grade at Forest school. Multiple copies will be made available to students so they can read along and participate in the activities associated with the book.

Robotics Club: The Robotics Club at Forest School has a collection of robots it uses for its club for students. One of the robots has finished its useful life and needs to be replaced. Forest students love their robots.

Iroquois community school - \$4,745

Anti-Bullying Math: An exciting and interactive school assembly will take place for all students at Iroquois, grades 1 – 8. The program will focus on the magic of math while imparting messages of kindness and anti-bullying behavior. Teachers will follow up with activities that focus on predictive math.

Dan Woodrow Author Visit: Iroquois 1st – 5th graders will have an opportunity to meet author Dan Woodrow. His presentations will excite students to read and inspire them to write their own stories.

Jazz It Up: Students will have an opportunity to work with Jazz Residency artists at Iroquois. The students can then showcase what they have learned at a local jazz festival and receive feedback.

The Juggler With Yellow Shoes: A motivational speaker with an unusual talent will offer anti-bullying strategies to Iroquois students in grades K - 5. Dan Kirk is a juggler who entertains but also helps students understand how to prevent being a victim and build self-confidence.

The Rope Warrior: David Fisher will entertain the students at Iroquois while teaching them about teamwork, being a good listener, respecting others, and empathy.

North Elementary School - \$4,000

Chicago Architectural Studies: 5th grade students at North School will study architecture and some of the renowned architects that have influenced the skyline of Chicago. They will learn about urban planning and try their hand at creating their own cityscape drawing. The unit culminates in a Wendella architectural boat tour.

Holiday Cheer for Dear Des Plaines: The North Elementary Chorus will take to the road for a Christmas caroling tour around Des Plaines. The sites visited will be a combination of District sites and schools along with other sites within the community.

Keep Calm and Love Mother Earth: Kindergarten and first grade students at North School will learn about how to keep the earth healthy as well as climate change and plants. They will participate in hands on activities at school and visit a nature center in the area.

Kings, Queens, Castles and Things: 4th & 5th grade students at North school will learn about the period in history known as the Middle Ages. They will learn about the customs, government, art, and music of that time and how those things are still influencing our culture today. A trip to Medieval Times for educational activities and fun will be part of the unit.

Naper Settlement Admission: 3rd graders at North school will take a trip to the Naper settlement to gain a historical perspective on living in a rural society.

Novel Effects Read-A-Loud Magic at North School: Novel effects is an app that is used to enhance a book being read as a read a-loud. The background soundtrack created for a book adds an extra dimension of engagement that makes reading more enjoyable. More than 1000 titles, English and bilingual, are supported.

Shedd Aquarium Visit: Students from North school will take the 5th grade class to the Shedd aquarium to learn about animal and plant life living in the waters around the world.

Social Emotional Learning Tools: Students at OP will have more comprehensive access to SEL tools in hopes of creating an educational environment where students feel confident and are ready to learn. Social emotional learning tools can create enhanced student focus and awareness that leads to improved learning.

Word Collector's Reading Rewards: This reading program for bilingual students at North aims to improve their reading and comprehension skills. Students read, collect vocabulary, and earn rewards.

Orchard Place Elementary School - \$2,230

Children's Day at OP: Children's Day is an internationally recognized day to promote children's development and well-being. OP will celebrate this day with a community dinner and carnival for the students and their families.

Nature Guided Investigation Discovery: 4th grade students from OP will visit the Botanic Gardens to discover why nature is so exciting. Students will learn about the internal and external structure of plants and how they thrive.

Planetarium Field Trip: Orchard Place 5th grade students will take a trip to the world-renowned Adler Planetarium to supplement their studies of the solar system, universe, and stars.

South Elementary School - \$1,249

Global Perspectives: The 5th grade students at South school will be taking a trip to see the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's performance titled Global Perspectives. The performance is a musical journey around the world and celebrates diverse people, cultures, & places around the globe.

Historic Wagner Farm Field Trip: The kindergarten classes at South school will have the opportunity to visit Wagner Farm. The students will learn about animals, animal habitats, and life on the farm.

