

Social Skills Clubs at MBUSD

Student Services is excited to continue to offer our Social Skills Clubs one time per week at Pacific Elementary School, in Room 8, during the MBUSD school year.

The Social Skills Clubs are open to all students; however, preference is given to students with an IEP who do not benefit from additional MBUSD provided after school programs (home program or NPA services), and space is limited.

This year the clubs will be run in three sessions. They are as follows:

Session 1: September 21st 2011- December 7th 2011 Session 2: January 11th 2012- March 28th 2012 Session 3: April 11th 2012- June 13th 2012

Day: Wednesdays

A. Kindergarten- to- Grade 2 (inclusive) 1:30 (or as soon as you can get there) to 2:45

B. Grades 3, 4 and 5 3:00- 4:30 pm

The program is free and is supported through the Student Services department.

Please provide your child with a snack (we chat and eat to promote conversation skills).

The Social Skills Clubs are designed to provide those individuals with special education needs, and other students, a supported opportunity

to practice social skills and interaction with staff that recognize, understand and can promote play, interaction, team building and group participation skills. The clubs are open to all students (please see exceptions on previous page) and are meant to ensure a natural setting with fun activities with staff who, when needed, can step in and promote healthy and effective social skills. This club is not an IEP based service and we do not collect formal data; however, we can give parents anecdotal information on their child's progress. The clubs are beneficial because they offer a child who may find social skills complex and/or challenging, an opportunity to gain skills in a supportive, natural setting with adults who understand and will help them navigate the social dynamics of the group.

Our staff this year will be:

GROUP A Wendy Cheng (MBUSD behaviorist) Pam Dellinger (MBUSD Teacher) And IBI/TSA staff TBD

GROUP B

Sonia Dickson Bracks (MBUSD consultant) Pam Dellinger (MBUSD Teacher) And IBI/TSA staff TBD

*Please note that on occasion we have substitutes if staff cannot be present at a session

TO REGISTER please E-MAIL Alice Carter at <u>acarter@mbusd.org</u> Please provide your child's name, grade and school site. We will also need a telephone number where you can be reached during the sessions, in case of an emergency. Please also specify the session you want; 1, 2 or 3, and Group A or B

Thanks, Sonia