

## Community Education

Community Education has been part of the Harvard Public Schools for the past 22 years. These fee-based, self-supporting programs include Spectrum, Summer Adventure, Bridges Before and After School Care, Global Child, Crosslinks, and Adult Education.

Spectrum enrichment classes are offered after school, during the summer and during school vacations and teacher professional days. Spectrum programs range from drama, robot building, basketball, arts and crafts to chess, cooking, and baking. Forty children in grades 4 and 5 participated in the worldwide Math Olympiad program that stimulates enthusiasm for math while introducing concepts and strategies for problem solving. Courses are offered by teachers, townspeople and outside companies. Programs offered during July and August range from basketball, field hockey, gymnastics, to Gear Up for Kindergarten and Ultimate (Frisbee™). Harvard Community Education and Park & Rec teamed up again, offering summer tennis lessons for all ages through the Marcus Lewis Tennis program.

Summer Adventure is a full day program offered on a weekly basis during July. It includes drama with a play performed for parents, cooperative games, science, nature and art as well as swimming lessons at the pond run by Harvard Park & Rec. This year, tennis was added to the options for students attending Summer Adventure.

The Bridges program provides supervised before and after school care for elementary students in kindergarten through grade 5, following the school calendar. Students can register for either a regular schedule or the “Drop-In” option for occasional use. Rates vary according to a student’s schedule. On Early Release days special activities or field trips are planned. These events can range from pumpkin picking, a movie at the Strand Theater or a visit from Animal Adventures at the school.

Language classes are offered through Community Education by Global Child, Inc. offering Spanish, French and Chinese to students in grades K-5. Using the curriculum created by Global Child, the teachers have children experience languages through games, songs, and dance.

Our Artist-in-Residence program offers private instrument lessons for students in grades 5-12 with excellent musicians. Math Olympiad and Work Out in the Weight Room were popular class for middle school students.

For Adults, Retirement Planning, Zumba™, dance, Qigong, College Financial Aid, as well as on-line computer and enrichment courses through Education to Go ([ed2go.com/harvardad](http://ed2go.com/harvardad)).

The office of Community Education is located in the Bromfield House at 39 Massachusetts Avenue. Further information is available by calling 978-456-4118.

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