

Middle School Electives:

Students attend their core academic classes such as math, science, social studies and English in the mornings and their elective class is held during 6th period from 1:19-2:11.

Each student will be able to select from the following elective classes: *Spanish, Speech/Debate, Exploratory/Applied Science, Business Economics and Entrepreneurship, Art, Theatrical Music, and Video Broadcasting*. These classes will be offered on a quarter basis enabling students to take up to four different classes throughout the year. Average class size for each 6th period class is 10-12 students.

Descriptions of the elective classes are as follows:

Spanish I: Students will be introduced and familiarized to the world of the Spanish language via listening, speaking, reading and writing. There will be an emphasis on vocabulary, basic grammar, idiomatic expressions in the language and proper intonation and accentuation. Students are taught to note and appreciate cultural differences.

Spanish II: This class is a continuation of Spanish I and emphasizes listening comprehension, speaking, grammar, and vocabulary. Study of various Spanish-speaking cultures is an integral part of the class.

Speech/Debate/Drama: This course is taught with the intention of helping each individual improve his/her poise and confidence when speaking before an audience or defending their opinion. This course is intended to help students develop skills in speaking, research, logic, listening, organizing thoughts, and writing. Major emphasis is placed on the preparation and presentation of formal speeches and debates.

Art: Designed for students who enjoy art and want to enhance their skills and abilities. Students will learn to use painting, drawing, sculpting and design to create their own works of art. Art students will gain an understanding about the cultural impact upon art elements and the development of art forms.

Theatrical Music: Students electing to continue their musical experience will further develop their skills in the areas of singing, instrument playing, and music production. The main emphasis of this course will be the application of music in the performing arts. Combining music production and drama, students will apply their music skills in the presentation of skits, plays, and other various performances. This class may work in cooperation with the video documentary students to record their most memorable performances.

Business Economics and Entrepreneurship: Students will learn how productive resources are used to provide the goods and services that satisfy human wants; more specifically, their wants! Students in this elective class will become entrepreneurs in the operation of the **Salesville Mercantile**. The mercantile, located in the school cafeteria, will be a dry-goods store specializing in the sale of essential school supplies. Lessons will cover decision making and being a knowledgeable consumer, a productive worker, a responsible citizen, and a prudent saver. Students will apply knowledge learned from 4th and 5th grade Jr. Achievement lessons and other elementary consumer

activities. The students will apply those skills learned by working at the **Salesville Mercantile** one lunch period per week.

Business Economics and Entrepreneurship II: Students will expand their knowledge of the creation and operation of business entrepreneurship. Lessons include marketing strategies (advertising in radio, television and newspapers, distribution, pricing, etc.); communication skills (customer etiquette, language, leadership, job descriptions, leveled management); and participation in a "Business Fair" display. Similar to the Business Economics and Entrepreneurship I class, the students will be demonstrating their skills learned through working at the **Salesville Mercantile** one lunch period per week.

Video Broadcasting/Technology: This hands-on course is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge of using video capturing equipment and editing software to produce the morning news for the Gallatin Gateway student body. Students taking this course will learn to edit, trim and join and add effects and music to the news production. This class will also include general technology lessons in the use of software.

Applied Science: Students taking this extended science class will be able to design and conduct experiments using the scientific method. They will describe local floral and fauna and be actively involved in using the school greenhouse. They will define ecology and investigate the relationship of ecology in the environment, including fire succession and predator/prey relationships.

2012-2013 Quarterly Offerings:

Applied Science- Mrs. Matthews
Quarters 1 & 4

Art- Mrs. Deurmeier
Quarters 1 & 4

Business Economics and Entrepreneurship I- Mrs. Haskins
Quarters 1, 3, 4

Business Economics and Entrepreneurship II- Mrs. Haskins
Quarter 2

Spanish I & II- Mrs. Deurmeier
Quarter 3

Speech & Debate- Mrs. Deurmeier
Quarter 2

Theatrical Music- Mr. Mohr
Quarters 1, 2, 3, & 4

Video Broadcasting/Technology- Mr. Coon
Quarters 1, 2, 3, & 4