



# Benton MS Clubs 2022-23



*This list is not all encompassing. Look for new opportunities throughout the year.*

*Activity buses begin Tuesday, September 27. They will run every Tuesday/Thursday and are scheduled to depart the school at 5:00pm. Any clubs outside of activity bus dates/times will require parent transportation.*

*Prior to Sept. 27, the Benton Website will be updated with the Activity Bus Information.*

**American Sign Language:** More info to come!!

**Anime Club:** Anime Club will be a place for students who enjoy Anime, Manga, and Japanese culture. We will watch Anime together as a club and then discuss what we watch. We will also do some Anime related arts and crafts and trivia.  
*Interest meeting- Tues. Sept. 27 in Rm. 1500. Meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3-4:25PM. Club Sponsor- Ms. Murray*

**Art Club:** Art Club promotes imagination, creativity and art production. We are able to experiment with various art materials in an exploratory setting. Students will work on projects that involve various techniques in drawing, painting, sculpture, crafts and mixed media. We are here to learn and have fun!

*Applications for the art club will be available Monday, October 3rd. The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 25th. Meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 3:00-4:30 in Room 1423. Club Sponsor- Ms. Gilbertson.*

**Battle of the Books:** Battle of the Books is an academic competition with questions about 20 books. Participants read and re-read the books throughout the year, attend practices, and compete in the Battle of the Books Open Competition later in the year.

*Interest Meeting- Weds. Sept 21 in Rm. 1500. Meets weekly on Wednesdays from 3-4:25PM. Club Sponsor- Ms. Murray*

**Benton Buddies:** This is a club for students of all abilities to connect and have some fun. It will meet one Tuesday and one Thursday each month.

*First meeting is Tuesday, October 4. Club Sponsor –Mrs. Keller in rm. 1323*

**Dance Team:** Dance Team tryouts are being held this week and have been previously advertised at the school, in our weekly newsletter, and on announcements. Once selected, the team practices regularly and performs at Benton events.  
*Practice info to come after team is selected. Club Sponsor- Ms. Pittman*

**Drama Club:** Drama club offers students the opportunity to explore theatrical arts in a safe and supportive setting. We will meet every two weeks to explore acting, staging, improvisation, set design, costumes and make-up. Our goal will be a performance of a play. We will meet weekly as our performance date nears.

*We are currently working to find a club sponsor. More info to come once we do!*

**Dungeons and Dragons Club:** This club revolves around the tabletop role-playing game, Dungeons and Dragons. Students will create characters and collaborate on a story created by the group leader aka Dungeon Master. The player's handbook contains the guidelines for creating a story and creating characters.

*Interest Meeting- Thurs. Oct. 13 in Rm. 1500. Meets weekly on Thursdays from 3-4:25PM. Club Sponsor- Ms. Murray & Mr. Damanda*

**Family and Consumer Sciences Club:** FACS club applications are available with Ms. Mills in Room 1327. We will be cooking and making something tasty at every meeting. The club also reinforces other skills learned in class such as: social-emotional development, teamwork and time, task and resource management. Space is limited to the first 24 students who return their application to Mrs. Mills.

*Begins Tuesday, October 11. Meets the second Tuesday of every month in Room 1327 from 3:00-4:25pm. Club Sponsor- Ms. Mills*

**GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math, Science)-** GEMS will foster an appreciation for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by using the design process. Students will explore, experiment, investigate, discuss, create, and reflect on a variety of STEM activities throughout the year. Meets once a month on Wednesdays from 3-4:15 pm. Students must have their own transportation on Wednesdays.

*Interest meeting is Wednesday, October 12 in Room 1322. Club Sponsor – Mrs. Schubert*

**Green Team Ecology Club-** The Green Team is a club open to all students at Benton. The purpose of the club is to promote student education and awareness of ecological issues and solutions affecting the world around them. Students participate in projects that are based on monthly themes promoted through the PWCS Office of Energy and Sustainability.

*First meeting is Thurs. Sept. 29 from 3:00-4:25PM in Room 1425. Club Sponsor- Mr. Deane*

**Math Counts:** Math Counts is a nationwide program that offers engaging opportunities for math enrichment to students of all ability levels. Students will build confidence, problem solving skills and test-taking strategies from the advanced level of content. There is also a competition component for interested students. All students interested in taking the Thomas Jefferson HSST entrance exam are encouraged to attend MathCounts for test prep, whether you are in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.

*Meets every Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:00-4:25 in Room 1204. Club Sponsors- Ms. Bastian and Ms. Geisler*

**Military Pride Club:** The Military Pride Club is intended to help support our students whose families, both nuclear and extended, are affected by the military lifestyle. We will also participate in activities to support the military in the greater Washington, DC/Northern Virginia area.

*Next Meeting- Tuesday, October 11 from 3:00-4:25, in Room 1505. Meetings will typically be the second Tuesday of every month, except November, which will meet Nov. 1. Club Sponsors- Ms. Edwards, Ms. Benson, Ms. Keller.*

**No Place for Hate Club:** More info to come!

**Quilt Club:** Students learn how to quilt using a sewing machine and other tools. Members will create at least one quilt to keep. We also make quilts for premature babies at the local hospital. The club is open to both beginners and experienced quilters.

*Stay tuned for dates and times. Sponsor- Ms. Morse*

**Sit-n-Knit:** More info to come!!

**Student Council Association (SCA):** The purpose of the Student Council Association (SCA) is to provide student activities and events to improve school spirit, support our community, improve the leadership skills of the SCA membership, and improve communication between administration, teachers, and students. We will strive to create a better school environment for the students and staff. We will follow our school's motto: "Better Together."

*The SCA members for 2022/23 have already been selected. Leadership meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Regular meetings will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Club Sponsors- Ms. Heino and Mr. Haden.*

**Writing Club:** More info to come!!

**Yearbook Club:** More info to come!!