



Miraleste Intermediate School - Summer 2025

Teacher	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Allison Bellows			Chef's Corner*	Chef's Corner*
Malynn Chetanna	Around the World*	Around the World*	Intro to Math 6 (Intro to PVCMM 6)	Intro to Math 6 (Intro to PVCMM 6)
Patrick Daley	Futsal	Futsal	Pickleball	
Melani Edelstein	Keys to Success	Keys to Success	Creative Writing	Creative Writing
Donna Hargis	Ceramics*	Drawing & Painting*	Ceramics*	Ceramics*
Kurt Hay	Keyboarding	Keyboarding	Financial Literacy for Teens	Financial Literacy for Teens
Ben Kroon	Marine Biology*†	Marine Biology*†	Intro to Math 7 (Intro to PVCMM 7)	Marine Biology*†
Nick Scheftic	Intro to Math 8 (Intro to PVCMM 8)	Pathway to Math 6 Accel (2-period block) (Pathway to PVCMM 6 Accel)		Volleyball
Lily Thomas	STEM: Create, Build, Test & Improve*	STEM: Create, Build, Test & Improve*		
Dave Young				STEM in Motion/Flag Football (Young)*

†SPECIAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT: Students starting after June 20th may not enroll in Marine Biology as mandatory safety instruction takes place the first three days of school.

*\$20 Mandatory materials fee

PVCM = Palos Verdes Core Math

Questions about which Summer Math class to take? Please talk to your student's current math teacher for recommendations and visit the PVPUSD website page for Math Placement (Intermediate School):

https://www.pvpusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=375709&type=d&pREC_ID=2589023

Afternoon Sports Academy: Dave Young			
Week 1: Basketball	Week 2: Pickleball	Week 3: Volleyball	Week 4: Futsal

Course Descriptions

AROUND THE WORLD: Mrs. Chetanna

Taste mochi from Japan and tamales from Mexico. Make African masks. Play fun games from Australia. Join us as we travel around the world investigating and experiencing art, language, geography, music, history, food, games and daily life from different locations around the globe.



Malynn Chetanna has worked at Miraleste for almost 30 years teaching social studies and math. She currently teaches 6th and 7th grade social studies. She enjoys exploring cultures in a fun, relaxed summer school environment in Around the World and looks forward to meeting incoming 6th graders a little early and help them feel comfortable

about starting a brand-new school in August.

CERAMICS: Mrs. Hargis

A complete course in designing, forming, decorating and glazing pottery. Learn basic hand building techniques including pinch, slab (tile making), and sculpture.



Meet Ms. Hargis! During the school year, she teaches science, but in the summer, she brings her passion for art to life by teaching drawing, painting, and ceramics. As an artist herself, teaching art is the highlight of her year. She loves watching her students grow in confidence and discover the joy of creating their own

masterpieces. Whether guiding them through a painting technique or helping them build with clay, Ms. Hargis thrives on seeing her students embrace their creativity and develop a deep love for art.

CHEF'S CORNER: Miss Bellows

Bon Appetit... discover the fun of being a chef and working in a kitchen with friends. Prepare fancy hors d'oeuvres, luscious desserts, perfect pasta, amazing pizza, and more. Students may be exposed to tree nuts, almonds, eggs, seeds, and dairy. Not recommended for students with food allergies.



Ms. Bellows is excited to share her love of cooking with students this summer. As a middle school teacher from 2018-2024, and now a high school teacher at Peninsula High, she has worked with students of varying abilities and ages!

CREATIVE WRITING: Mrs. Edelstein

Do you love to write? If so, then this is a class for you! Students will create an imaginative fun summer story incorporating elements of character development, setting, plot and structure. Aspiring authors will respond to a variety of prompts designed to stimulate creative ideas and innovative thinking. Our supportive summer writing community will have fun offering encouragement and constructive feedback to each other. Everyone has a story to tell...and no one can tell your story but you!



A lifelong bibliophile, an accomplished writer and a dedicated educator, Melani inspires curiosity and creativity by connecting readers to stories that matter. Her work spans from serious journalism to fostering literary love by running a thriving middle school library program.

Melani has been the librarian at Miraleste Intermediate School for 19 years and the Booster-Club's Speech and Debate coach for nearly as long.

DRAWING AND PAINTING: Mrs. Hargis

Learn the basics of pen and ink drawing, sketching, and perspective. Have fun using watercolor, tempera, charcoal, and pastels. Watch your creativity come to life.

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR TEENS: Mr. Hay

Prepare for your financial future with this engaging summer course! Learn essential money skills, from investing in the stock market to managing a checking account, saving wisely, and even buying your first car.

- Stock Market (5 days) – Dive into investing, mutual funds, and real-world stock tracking with a guest stockbroker!
- Career & Income Goals (2 days) – Explore careers, passions, and financial success.
- Checking & Savings (5 days) – Master deposits, checks, bank statements, and interest calculations.
- Insurance (2 days) – Understand auto, property, and life insurance.
- Smart Buying (1 day) – Learn what to consider when purchasing a car or major appliances.

Don't miss this opportunity to build financial confidence before adulthood! Sign up now!



Kurt Hay is in his 28th year of teaching at PVIS in the PVPUSD district. Primarily an 8th-grade math teacher, he has also taught electives in STEM and Personal Finance over the years. A longtime member of the community, all three of his children were raised in Palos Verdes and went through the PVPUSD system. Coach Hay currently coaches Soccer and

Softball at PVIS and Girls and Boys Tennis at PVHS. He is passionate about giving back to the community that has supported his family and is excited for summer 2025!

FUTSAL: Mr. Daley

Join Peninsula Boys Soccer Head Coach Patrick Daley for an action-packed Summer Futsal Class! Designed for players of all levels, this fast-paced, high-energy program will help you sharpen your skills, improve your footwork, and elevate your game—all while having a blast! Don't miss this chance to train with top coaching and take your soccer to the next level. Spots are limited—sign up today!



With 19 years of experience in education, including 15 years at Peninsula High and 4 years in elementary school, Mr. Daley is a passionate PE teacher and coach specializing in boys' soccer, flag football, and lacrosse. Holding a Master's in Coaching and Athletic Administration, he is also a certified

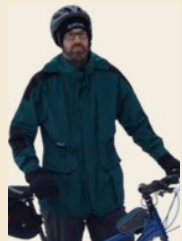
personal trainer and soccer coach, dedicated to leading strength and fitness classes, wellness programs, and fostering a culture of health and teamwork at Peninsula High.

INTRO TO MATH 6 (INTRO to PVCN 6): Mrs. Chetanna

This class is for incoming 6th graders working at grade level and coded for regular Math 6 in the fall, as well as incoming 7th graders needing additional support. This class will cover whole number arithmetic, writing and calculating rational numbers (fractions and decimals), divisibility rules, number theory, and mathematical puzzles.

INTRO TO MATH 7 (INTRO TO PVCN 7): Mr. Kroon

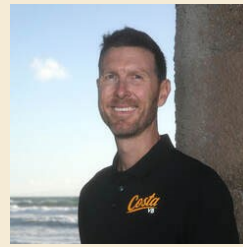
This class is for students coded into Math 6 Accel or Math 7, and 8th graders needing additional support. This class will cover integer arithmetic, the real number system, order of operations, variables and expressions, equations and inequalities, ratios and proportions, and mathematical puzzles. Incoming 6th graders must be coded for Math 6 Accel in the fall.



With over 20 years of experience teaching math and coaching at Miraleste Intermediate School, Mr. Kroon enjoys spending summer school sharing his love of the ocean and its creatures through his marine biology course. He has taught with PVPSS summer school for the last 15 years and sees it as an opportunity for students to enjoy a project and group-based learning environment without the pressure of the regular school year. Every year, he looks forward to introducing students to new and fascinating animals and the wonder of our ocean.

INTRO TO MATH 8 (INTRO TO PVCN 8): Mr. Scheftic

This class is for students coded into Math 7 / 8 Accel or incoming 8th graders coded for Math 8 in the fall. This class will cover solving simple and complex equations, angles and triangles, graphing and writing single and systems of linear equations, functions, real numbers, the Pythagorean Theorem and mathematical puzzles.



Mr. Scheftic teaches and coaches at Mira Costa High School currently teaching Algebra 2 and Geometry and has taught middle school math for 11 years before teaching high school. He also has coached for 15+ years, won a national championship at UCLA and played professional volleyball traveling the world for 6 years before teaching.

KEYBOARDING: Mr. Hay

Ready to level up your typing skills? In this hands-on class, you'll master accurate typing with proper finger placement—no peeking at the keyboard! Using engaging computer-based programs and drills, you'll boost your speed and efficiency while gaining confidence in your skills. What You'll Learn:

- Proper finger positioning for fast, accurate typing
- Mastering all letters and numbers on the keyboard
- Speed drills to increase efficiency
- Intro to PowerPoint & Excel for essential computer skills

Whether you're a beginner or looking to improve, this class will set you up for success in school, work, and beyond!

KEYS TO SUCCESS: Mrs. Edelstein

Discover the essential keys to success in middle school! Sixth graders will kick off the school year with confidence after this exciting, active and informative class. Uncover the secrets to mastering your new campus, from unlocking the mysteries of the lunch period and those pesky padlocks to rocking those PE uniforms. Dive into the details of a full school day, learn the intricacies of all the exciting clubs and activities and gain survival skills for organization, test taking, note taking and more to ensure a stellar start to your middle school journey.

MARINE BIOLOGY: Mr. Kroon

Discover the wonderful underwater world in this class. Acquire an appreciation and knowledge of the ocean and its inhabitants from the great whales to the tiny crustaceans that they eat. Includes dissection of marine life and microscope use.

PATHWAY TO MATH 6 ACCEL (PATHWAY TO PVCN 6 ACCEL): Mr. Scheftic

This **2-period block course** is available to current 5th grade students who would benefit from further instruction to prepare for entrance into Math 6 Accel in sixth grade. Completion of this course will strengthen students' mathematical skill base, provide a stronger foundation of conceptual understanding and better prepare students for the fast pace and rigor associated with the accelerated-level coursework. PVPUSD encourages students to attend this summer program (or enroll in an independent study option**) particularly if the student was not initially recommended by his or her fifth-grade teacher for the Math 6 Accel course.

PICKLEBALL: Mr. Daley

Get ready to jump into the fastest-growing sport in the country - PICKLEBALL! Whether you've never played before or you're looking to level up your game, this fun and exciting summer course is the perfect way for middle schoolers to learn, compete, and stay active. What's in Store?

- Learn the Basics – Serving, volleys, dinking, and scoring
- Master Strategy – Placement, footwork, and winning shots
- Improve Reflexes & Agility – Quick movements = big plays!
- Friendly Matches & Mini-Tournaments – Play with friends and put your skills to the test!

Why Pickleball? It's easy to learn, tons of fun, and a great way to stay active, build coordination, and develop teamwork, all in a fast-paced, exciting environment! Parents, this sport is perfect for kids looking for a fun way to exercise and make new friends.

SPEAK UP!: Mrs. Edelstein

Want to boost your confidence and become an amazing speaker? Join Speak Up! where you'll learn how to speak with power and clarity through fun games and interactive activities! Whether you're presenting in front of the class or speaking to a crowd, this class will help you master the skills to express yourself confidently. Get ready to have fun while becoming a better communicator, your voice is your superpower!

STEM: CREATE, BUILD, TEST AND IMPROVE:

Mrs. Thomas

Get ready for an exciting hands-on journey into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)!

- CREATE, TEST, SHARE & EXPLORE – Dive into the Engineering Design Process and bring ideas to life!
- Build & Code – Learn basic coding and design tailored for your age group.
- Hands-on Engineering – Work with VEX GO, VEX IQ, and other cool tools to tackle fun challenges!

Perfect for young innovators who love to build, experiment, and problem-solve in a fun, interactive environment! Join us this summer!



Lily Thomas is a retired NASA engineer who loves teaching kids to explore through STEM. As a STEM instructor she loves teaching students that their possibilities are endless if they set their minds to it. As a fitness instructor at the YMCA she loves to teach that through discipline comes perseverance. "Every strike brings me closer to the next home run" Babe Ruth.

STEM IN MOTION: THE SCIENCE OF SPORTS**MEDICINE/FLAG FOOTBALL: Mr. Young**

The Introduction to Sports Medicine and Athletic Training Beginning course is designed for students interested in fields such as athletic training, physical therapy, athletic injuries & sports medicine, nursing, fitness, physiology of exercise, kinesiology, nutrition, EMT, and other sports medicine-related fields. This course focuses on the basic information and skills important in the recognition, care, prevention, and preliminary rehabilitation of athletic injuries. The course includes classwork and hands-on application, focusing on Basic Anatomy, Sports Injuries, Rehabilitation, Care, and Prevention of Athletic Injuries.

Through classroom engagement and hands-on experience, students will become familiar with the concepts relevant to sports medicine. Students will learn to prevent, treat, and evaluate athletic injuries and maintain an efficient, professional athletic training facility. Additionally, students in this course will gain experience covering and playing flag football, applying their knowledge in a real-world setting to enhance their skills in injury prevention and care.



David Young has been an educator in PVPUSD since 1998 and a coach since 2005, working with both Peninsula and Palos Verdes High Schools. With a strong background in Physical Education, Sports Medicine, and Coaching, he also spent 14 years teaching elementary school at Rancho Vista. After a brief time as a PE teacher at Miraleste, Coach Young joined Peninsula High School in 2016, where he currently teaches Physical Education and Sports Medicine while coaching Football, Girls Basketball, Surf, and Boys Lacrosse.

VOLLEYBALL: Mr. Scheftic

Ready to bump, set, and spike your way into an awesome summer? This action-packed volleyball course is perfect for middle school athletes looking to build skills, boost confidence, and have a blast on the court! Whether you're new to the game or looking to sharpen your technique, this program is designed to help you learn, improve, and compete in a fun and supportive environment. What to Expect:

- Fundamentals & Techniques – Serving, passing, setting, hitting, and defense
- Game Strategy & Teamwork – Learn how to work together and outplay your opponents
- Conditioning & Agility – Build strength, endurance, and quick reflexes
- Fun Drills & Scrimmages – Practice your skills in real game situations

Parents, this program is a great way for students to stay active, develop discipline, and foster a love for volleyball, all while making new friends and having fun! Spaces are limited, so sign up today!

AFTERNOON SPORTS ACADEMY: Mr. Young

After School Program

4 Week Sports Competition - Each sport starts with casual gameplay with the option of a culmination Tournament at the end of the week.

- Develop competitive teams or groups to compete in a selected sport for the week.
- Teach fundamentals and Gameplay Strategies for all levels.
- Focus on positive playing experience and exposure to sports
 - Basketball
 - Pickleball
 - Volleyball
 - Futsal