



Riverview Martial Arts Aspire Afterschool Program

Welcome to the Aspire Afterschool Program!

The Aspire Afterschool Program offers a variety of safe, enriching, and nurturing activities for elementary aged children at Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School. Program runs from the end of school until 5:30pm in the HBS cafeteria, and is open to all HBS students in grades 2-5. Enrollment is first come first serve.

Program begins on September 5th, the first day of school, and runs through to the last day of school. Please note that the Aspire Program does not operate on half days, school closures, or school vacations. The Aspire Program will run when after school activities are canceled if conditions are safe to do so – staff will notify Aspire families of Aspire Program cancellations.

The Aspire Program offers a 3 Day or 5 Day enrollment option. The 3 Day option cost is \$45, and the 5 Day option is \$55, paid weekly by automatic fund withdrawal. Your first payment is considered a deposit to hold your child's spot in the Aspire Program. Weekly automated billing will begin the second week of program. Siblings receive a 10% discount (Enter *Aspire Sibling* at check out to receive your \$10 sibling discount). Aspire students are continuously enrolled and billed until receipt of a 30 day written notification of enrollment changes.

To enroll your child in the Aspire Program, please go to the following links:

3 Day Program enrollment: <http://member-site.net/?PT--MPMhc>

5 Day Program enrollment: <http://member-site.net/?PT--MPMXP>

Please call the Riverview Martial Arts business office with any questions or for more information at (207) 799-1814. You may also send an email inquiry to Aspire@riverviewfoundation.org.

We hope to see you this fall at the Aspire Afterschool Program!

Why choose the Aspire Afterschool Program?

Program Layout & Benefits

The Aspire Afterschool Program offers a variety of safe, enriching, and nurturing activities every day. Upon arrival at Program, students are greeted by friendly, caring staff and engaged in active martial arts-based movement. Stretching, physical exercise, and martial arts technique & games aid the transition from school to the Aspire Program.

Following our Active Time, students are offered snack to refuel the body and mind before Homework Time. Students have 30 minutes of focused Homework Time Monday-Thursday. Knowledgeable staff work with students to complete school assignments and offer academic enrichment for identified areas of support. Students are able to complete the daily reading requirement. Please contact Aspire staff directly for any academic needs or supports.

Circle Time transitions students out of Homework Time and into Enrichment Time. Program announcements and Enrichment Time options are introduced, and students have the option to share ideas and ask questions. Enrichment Time usually consists of an activity option (outside, gym time, or group game in the cafeteria), a craft option, and free play.

Dedicated, professional staff members greet parents/guardians as they come to pick up their student. Questions, concerns or general check-ins with staff are encouraged as needed. You will leave knowing that your child had a safe and engaging experience at the Aspire Afterschool Program!

Field Trips

The Aspire Program will occasionally take field trips to local destinations. Previously, Aspire has gone apple picking, visited the fire department, and gone bowling. Staff will notify families at least two weeks in advance of a field trip, and will provide families with all necessary details. All Aspire students are welcome on all field trips, regardless of the days they are signed up.

Staff

The Aspire Program staff are dedicated, trained professionals eager to provide your child a safe, rewarding, and enriching experience that makes them excited to return the next day. 4 staff members greet the students as they arrive to Program, and 5 staff members close out the day. Aspire staff ranges from martial artists, HBS staff, and dedicated high school students. All staff are trained in working with elementary aged children and are eager to provide a safe and fun program!

Stephanie Stoddard is the Aspire Program Director. She has been with the Aspire Program for four years, runs Riverview Camps, and has worked with elementary aged children for 10 years. She is excited to take on this new role and work closely with Aspire families to provide the best Aspire experience!

Aspire Program Policies & Procedures

Expectations of Participation

Riverview Foundation's Aspire After School Program is a positive, courteous and non-competitive environment. Students are expected to participate respectfully and cooperatively with all program staff, instructors, volunteers and students at all times.

All students will arrive to Program by 3:20pm and will participate to in all activities to the best of their ability. All students, staff, families, and volunteers will follow all HBS rules and policies.

Attendance

Please contact Aspire staff by 2:30pm if your child is unable to attend Program. Program staff will call parent/guardian of students missing from Program.

Snow Days, Half-Days and Afterschool Cancellation Days:

If travel conditions permit, Aspire will run on after school cancellation days. If conditions do not allow program to run, Aspire staff will contact all families, and an Aspire staff will be onsite to support any Aspire students left at school. The Aspire Program does not run on snow days or scheduled half days.

Late Pick-Up

The Aspire Afterschool Program ends at 5:30pm. While we understand that sometimes schedules change, there will be a late pick-up charge of \$1/minute for consistent late pick-ups.

Contact Information

Please contact the Aspire Program directly with any questions. Like us on Facebook for updated pictures, program updates and important information.

Email: Aspire@riverviewfoundation.org

Phone: (207) 799-1814

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