



Are you looking for something fun for the kids to do after school or need some child care? Send them to:

After-School Friends

Children may be enrolled by the month or by certain days of the week by the month.

The After-School Friends Program offers a safe, fun and relaxed atmosphere for children at the end of the school day. The program is for children in grades K - 5 whose parents want them to join special activities in a peer setting, or are unable to care for them after school. Participants are bused to the Community Center from their schools daily. The children are offered daily snacks and beverages upon arrival to the Community Center.

The After-School Friends Program designs activities to provide children with experiences that enhance physical, emotional and social growth. Children not only develop peer relationships but also develop a connection with the staff who is sensitive to their needs and interests. Children learn to resolve conflicts and develop social skills needed for successful group interaction in future settings.

The After-School Friends Program consists of options based on each child's interests. The group prepares weekly schedules that reflect children's ideas, wants and needs. The weekly schedule can include activities such as arts and crafts, performing arts, sports, outdoor exploration, storytelling/writing, creative group games, field trips next door to EOS sporting events and special themed events that the children and staff are involved in planning together.

The After-School Friends Program recognizes differences in children as well as their need to identify with a group to experience a sense of belonging. We encourage cooperation between all participants including the staff at our program. Daily communications with parents and staff is important to keep you up to date on how your child is doing with After School Friends. A monthly progress report is prepared to help parents appreciate and understand further their child's successes and challenges as we work cooperatively towards common goals.

The After-School Friends Program is open all days that the Mansfield Public Schools are in operation including scheduled half days. Fees are collected on a monthly basis. A one time \$35 registration fee along with the first month's fee is due at registration. **Children may be enrolled by the month or by certain days of the week by the**

month. Fees vary from month to month based on the number of days/hours the program runs. Registered participants may use a drop-in feature if something comes up unexpectedly. Participation is limited so early registration is encouraged. For more information please call 429-3015 ext.107.

Grades K-4

Location: Community Center

Day: Monday - Friday

Times: 4-6 p.m.

Fees: \$160 per month (average monthly fee)*

Grades 5

Location: Community Center

Day: Monday - Friday

Times: 3-6 p.m.

Fees: \$240 per month (average monthly fee)*

There will also be a one-time (annual) registration fee \$35

