

kidsmART AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Registered by N.Y. State Office of Children & Family Services

“How lucky our community is to finally have such a great program. I wish kidsmART was around when I was a child growing up here.”—Gina Machado, kidsmART parent

“Thank you for this great program.”—Patricia Moule, kidsmART parent

“Thank you for this wonderful service and taking such good care of my son!”—Sharon Kalnberg, kidsmART parent

*Painting _ Acting _ Dancing _ Playing _ Drumming
_ Sculpting _ Sports _ Music _ Nature Walks_
Homework Help _ Clay Play _ Chess Games _ Arts
& Crafts _ Science _ Special Events
_ Environmental Art _ Computers*

FREE!

Start Date: October 9, 2007

Dates and Times: Tuesday – Thursday, 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: Building T-149, Fort Tilden

Program Ends: April 24, 2008

Registration Information:

On-Site Registration: Sat., September 29, 2007, 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Building T-149, Fort Tilden

We encourage you to attend the On-Site Enrollment, however if you cannot attend the On-Site Enrollment, forms will be available to be picked up at our office Monday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm, October 1 - 5. The office is located at 260 Beach 116 Street, 2nd Floor.

You will also have the opportunity to enroll at the program once it begins on October 9. However, children will not be permitted to stay at the program until all forms have been completed and returned to the Site Director.

Important kidsmART Facts

* kidsmART is **FREE** to all children ages 6 -13.

* In addition to the visual and performing arts curriculum we offer, we are proud to announce that we also offer homework assistance, a multimedia library with a computer work station, organized sports and outdoor recreation, and a relaxed space for kids to discuss what's on their minds.

* Participants are welcome to attend anywhere from 1-3 days per week, however space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

*The kidsmART after-school program is governed by the safety rules of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Once kidsmART reaches the maximum capacity of children we are legally able to serve at one time, we will be forced to ask additional parents and children to return on the program's next day in session. For this reason, we strongly urge you arrive between 3:30 – 4:00 pm.

*Parents must escort children into the building at drop-off and come in to pick them up at dismissal.

*RAA's kidsmART After-School Program is funded by the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) as part of the nationwide Out-of-School Time initiative to give children safe and enriching spaces in which to spend their after-school hours.

Make A Commitment

kidsmART has been in existence for over nine years and was originally housed in MS 180. This is the fourth year the kidsmART After-School Program has been housed in Building T-149 in Fort Tilden and the third year of operating the program as part of the nationwide Out-of-School Time initiative.

It is the goal of this initiative and RAA to provide a safe and nurturing after-school environment for as many children as possible. It is for this reason that we will begin exercising our right to de-enroll participants who do not attend the program regularly. If a child does not attend kidsmART for three consecutive weeks and a parent or guardian does not contact the RAA office at 718-474-0861 to inform us of the child's intent to return, we will assume the child will not be returning to the program and will give their spot to another child.

We fully understand the hectic lives of parents and children today. Between working in and outside of the home, academic demands and pressures, we as parents ourselves know all too well that most of us are entirely overscheduled. This being the case, we respect every parent's decision to choose the programming that best suits them and their child. However, we ask that if you choose kidsmART as a program that you would like as a part of your child's life, you and your child honor that

commitment the same way you would honor your commitment to their playing a sport, pursuing music lessons, etc. Essentially, please commit to this program the way you would commit to one of the programs that comes with a hefty price tag and is not free.

As for our end for the bargain, we will continue to help your children with their homework, encourage them to form new friendships, simply play, run around and have fun, laugh, use their imaginations, sculpt and paint and do arts and crafts, dance and sing and play music.

It's really a great deal when you think about it.