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## Students exploring interests, building confidence in program



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**Steve Murphy (left) leads a drawing exercise as students (from left) Leela Bhowmik, 9; Mia Wallenhurst, 9; and Charlie Rinehart, 10, follow along during Young Rembrandts held Monday, Nov. 9, at Brookside Elementary School in Worthington.**

Brookside Elementary School students have been learning drawing can be fun, along with art techniques and creative vocabulary, in the Worthington Schools' Young Rembrandts class.

The class has been a consistent curriculum offering in Worthington's After School Program.

Coordinator Megan Henkel said the course teaches basic to advanced drawing skills and vocabulary. She said students not only increase their art abilities, "but their learning skills, self-confidence and self-esteem."

District After School Program Coordinator Kelly Wegley said the current fall classes began in September.

They include Young Rembrandts, Kidz Home Alone, Better Babysitters, Spanish, French, Mandarin, Chess, Lego Club, Taekwondo, Archery and Thurber House writing.

Those are closed for registration, but registration for the winter program will open Dec. 29. Most winter session classes run six or seven weeks -- the term begins Jan. 22 and ends March 14.

"We will offer many of the same courses we offered in the fall and hope to offer drama and creative writing through Thurber House, as well as yoga," Wegley said.

There is a fee for classes; in the case of Young Rembrandts, the cost is \$89 per student.

For more information or to register, visit [Worthington.k12.oh.us/domain/741](http://Worthington.k12.oh.us/domain/741).

Wegley said students have the opportunity to develop and pursue interests in a variety of areas by taking the after school courses.

"As a district, Worthington values whole child development," she said. "The after school program offers additional ways to support student learning and growth beyond the traditional classroom."

She said some of the class providers have worked with the district for several years to build strong programs.

"Others are newer," she said. "We select new programs based on feedback from students and parents, as well as through conversation with providers who reach out to us regarding their programs."

Wegley said the Mandarin and French options would be offered during the early evening at a central location, to be determined, "in order to allow as many students as are interested to participate."

She said the district would also offer a spring term, from March 28 through May 15. Registration for that term opens Feb. 29.