

Debate Club

Spring Session Class Details

Class Introduction

Help your child become a confident thinker and communicator!

Our Debate Club introduces students to the art of persuasive speaking, critical thinking, and respectful argumentation. Through engaging debates, teamwork exercises, and structured practice, students learn to build strong cases, listen actively, and respond with logic. The program makes debate approachable and fun, while equipping children with skills in leadership, reasoning, and effective communication.

In the spring session, students will continue their growth as we progress into Congressional Debate, giving them a deeper understanding of structured debate formats and advanced argumentation.

Who is our teacher: Trisha Binwade

Introduction:

Ms. Trisha is a debate coach with a strong academic background in Political Science. She earned her B.A. from the University of Washington, graduating cum laude with departmental honors and a minor in Data Science. Her background in political science and leadership as founder of the United Nations Association at UW make her especially well-suited to teaching Congressional Debate, where students learn to analyze legislation, build policy arguments, and speak thoughtfully on civic issues.

Who: 3-5 graders

When: Wednesday 2:30-3:30pm, 2/18-5/20 (no class on 4/15), total is 13 classes (If school closes due to bad weather, we will have a make-up class after the last class)

Show Case: 5/20, 3:30-4:30pm (If school closes due to bad weather, the showcase will be moved to the last class date)

Location: School Portable room 159

Class Size: Min 5 / Max 15

Material: Teachers will provide all materials!

Cost: \$352 (If we do not have enough volunteers and cannot open the class successfully, we will inform you and refund the full amount.)

No Volunteer, No Club: If no volunteer signs up at least 7 days before the class starts, we will announce that the class will not open and refund your tuition.

"We encourage each family sign in at least one spot volunteer if possible—volunteering is simple and flexible! You'll just help with sign-in and sign-out, and you're welcome to bring your laptop and work while you're there. [Sign Up Here!](#)

If you need financial support, please contact with school counselor,

Mrs. Muhlestein <jmuhlestein@lwsd.org>

Sign up deadline: 2/10 9pm

Any question? email to clubs@smithptsa.org