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## Wright's After School Program serves up fun

MALTA - Some students at Wright Elementary just can't get enough of school.

They voluntarily stay after school for extra classes.

Wright's After School Program is completing its third year, and opportunities for students have continued to expand.

This semester, 41 different after-school classes were offered - Chinese, technology, kickball, reading, School of Rock, gardening and more.

On a recent Tuesday afternoon, while some students were learning first aid, others were belly dancing in the music room and the gym was rocking with Jazzercise.



Wright students find the beat in an after-school belly dancing class. Provided photo

Lois Miller, Wright media assistant, coordinates the program.

She works with principal Gina Greenwald to plan the schedule, register students and assign classes.

"The after-school classes are a benefit to the Wright students," Miller said, "because they give them a wonderful variety of opportunities for learning the students would not have during the regular school day. Although some classes are just for fun, most of them are great curriculum extensions. Students come away excited about their newly acquired knowledge and skill."

After-school classes range from one-day workshops to twice weekly classes for 10 weeks.

The classes are taught by parents and volunteers and are available for all levels, kindergarten through fifth grade.

More than 170 of the approximately 275 students at Wright participated this semester.

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