

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS**

### ***Julie Averbuch- Readers Writers Cafe***

Julie has been teaching elementary school in NY and in Miami for over 30 years. Julie has won the 2006 Educator of Excellence from NY State Reading Council. She has been a faculty member of MDS for six years specializing in Balanced Literacy and Writing.

### ***David Bernstein / Leora Sulimanoff –All Sports – Softball – Basketball***

Mr. Bernstein has been teaching Physical Education at MDS for over 30 years. MDS prides itself on a winning tradition in Basketball under "Mr. B's" leadership. Leora Sulimanoff is a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at MDS and has been the assistant instructor of the Varsity club for the past 12 years.

### ***Jim DeCarle - Science***

Jim has enjoyed teaching hands-on Science at MDS and other schools. He has taught and sponsored Science clubs at several local schools and offers Birthday Parties.

### ***Leyla Demirtas – Boys Art Club – Acrylic Painting - Mixed Media Art***

Leyla is a professional Portrait Painter and Art Teacher with over 20 years experience. Leyla has been the Art Teacher at MDS for 6 years. She is a Graduate of Hunter College's Fine/Studio Art Department, as well as Art Educator Enrichment courses at the Art Student's League, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum.

### ***Kelli Estes – Imagine That***

Kelly holds a BA in Music from California State University Fresno and Master's degree in Music from University of Houston. She's spent several years touring children's opera throughout the South with Shreveport Opera.

### ***Aleta Gelb – Cooking***

Trained aboard and working in all areas of culinary arts for over 30 years, Aleta has brought her expertise of edible art and creative cooking to MDS. For over 20 years she has been working with students of all grades in projects such as "Theme Thursdays", "Eat a Book", After School Cooking and Cooking Club Birthday Parties.

### ***Billy Duton – Broadway Bound –Musical Theater Improv***

Billy has been teaching and performing Improvisation throughout the city and Tri State area for the past 5 years..

### ***Sifu Eddie Kelen - White Crane Martial Arts - Karate***

Sifu Eddie, a third-degree black belt in Karate and a master of T'ai Chi has been teaching Martial Arts since 1989. He runs many successful Martial Arts programs for adults, children and senior citizens. Sifu Eddie also offers private lessons and birthday parties.

### ***Steve King – Tri State Chess -Chess***

Steve is an expert level chess player who has been teaching students in Tri-State Chess programs for the past 10 years, including 8 years at Ramaz and 7 years at Rodelph Sholom. This is his second year at MDS.

### ***Johanna Soto – Tri State Chess -Chess***

Johanna is a high level player who has been with Tri-State Chess for 3 years. She is looking forward to returning to MDS this year as she pursues her teaching degree.

### ***Debbie Weisz – Jewelry Making – Knitting and Crocheting***

Debbie Weisz has been teaching creative art classes to children and adults at various schools and centers including the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y and the JCC in Manhattan.

### ***Nicole Wells Kurtzman - Speak Up***

Nicole is a public speaking expert who has trained top executives in NYC as well as children preparing for Bar or Bat Mitzvah speeches. To learn more visit: [www.nwkconsultants.com](http://www.nwkconsultants.com)

Please note: The teacher for the Home Work Club, Guitar, Robofun and Yoga will be announced as soon as sign up is completed.