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Dear Parents,

A new after-school program is being offered at Crystal Lake Elementary this year called the Instead Club. The Instead Club is a 4-H club designed to provide 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders with fun, structured activities during the after school hours in a safe and caring environment. Participants will meet every **Monday** throughout the school year immediately after school until 5:45 p.m. in the Music Room. The first day of Instead Club will begin on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Each week students must find their own ride home. The Benzie Bus is a great option for working parents—the phone number is 325-3000.

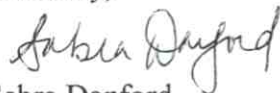
Each session begins with a healthy snack and time to unwind from the school day. Students may participate in a wide-variety of activities that address their interests and needs. The Instead Club offers a variety of activities including swimming trips, hiking, arts and crafts projects, community service projects, character education, and much more.

Instead Club is coordinated by the MSU Extension 4-H Youth Activities and AmeriCorps VISTA. There is a one time, ten-dollar 4-H enrollment fee for the entire year that may be brought in with the permission forms. Permission forms and enrollment forms will be handed out the first day of club, October 20<sup>th</sup>, or are available at the school to be filled out ahead of time.

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Sabra Danford at the MSU Extension office at 882-0025 or by email at [danfords@msu.edu](mailto:danfords@msu.edu).

Thank you for your time. I look forward to a fun and exciting year of Instead Club!

Sincerely,



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