



# ACTIVITIES GUIDE



*Eliot-Hine has a wide range of activities for the global citizen, athlete, performer or scientist. Our clubs build relationships and teach life skills such as leadership, self-discipline, adaptability and persistence while giving our students a deeper dive into new experiences.*



## DCIAA ATHLETICS

### FALL: Archery (co-ed) / Soccer - Boys & Girls / Cross-Country - Boys & Girls

Despite being one of the smaller middle schools, Eliot-Hine takes pride in fielding a range of sports each season. In the Fall, we have soccer and cross-country for both boys and girls. All ability levels are welcome to participate on our teams, and 6th graders are often valued contributors on many of our teams. Middle school cross-country runners race on a 2.5 mile course against their peers from across the city. Last year, archery was a new sport for boys and girls, and our team advanced to the semi-finals.



### WINTER: Basketball / Swimming / Indoor Track / Bowling / Cheer/Dance

Basketball is the big team sport for boys and girls in the Winter, but we also offer indoor track and swimming, each with a boys and girls team. Cheer/dance gets underway with participants cheering on our sports teams and training for cheer competitions. Bowling is also offered for girls, and we have a Ski Club that hits the slopes once or twice.



### SPRING: Baseball / Softball / Outdoor Track - Boys & Girls / Unified Basketball

In the Spring, Eliot-Hine fields teams in baseball and softball, outdoor track for boys and girls and co-ed unified basketball. Some of our student athletes compete in more than one sport in a season, which gives them more opportunities to try out different things.



## Eliot-Hine Television Network

Originally launched as a radio broadcast class in 2012, teacher Mandrell Birks quickly broadened the scope of our student broadcast program to include television in 2014. Students take on all roles in creating the broadcasts, both in front of the camera as well as behind, running the cameras, sound boards and music. In the past 5 years, the program has interviewed Colin Powell, covered DC Statehood hearings and sent 4-student teams to cover the red carpet at the Emmys and the NAACP Image awards. To learn more about our standout broadcast program, visit [https://www.eliothinemiddleschool.org/student\\_life/radio\\_\\_t\\_v](https://www.eliothinemiddleschool.org/student_life/radio__t_v)



## Embassy Adoption Program

Eliot-Hine is a regular participant in the Embassy Adoption program, which pairs our 6th graders with an embassy for cultural awareness and enrichment for the school year. In recent years, we've been paired with Malta, Uruguay and Malawi, and our students have enjoyed hosting the ambassador as well as visiting the embassy where they sampled some traditional dishes. This year, we look forward to partnering with Costa Rica.



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### Monarch Sister School Program

For the second year in a row, Eliot-Hine is participating in the Monarch Sister School Program, where we are paired with a school in Mexico's Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve. Students exchange letters, participate in Skype sessions and present material to Mexican students, who reciprocate to help both schools practice foreign language skills while they enjoy a cultural exchange based on the platform of monarch migration. In the Spring, students raise milkweed plants in Eliot-Hine's GrowLab for a plant sale to help raise money to support our participation in this program.



### National History Day

In SY18/19 and SY19/20, there was a parent-led effort to create an opportunity for our students to participate in National History Day. These projects were a great platform for students to hone their research skills on a topic of their choice, then work on how to present their ideas to a jury. Last Spring, a few of our students submitted virtual projects on the theme of *Breaking Barriers in History* to the judges at the regional History Day event. We look forward to seeing what our students come up with for the SY20/21 theme, *Communication in History: The Key to Understanding*.



### Rocketry Club

Students work in small teams to design and build model rockets that compete in the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) to achieve target altitude, flight time and safe land-ing criteria for the eggs transported by the rocket. Each team refines their rocket using simulations and tests its performance through a series of launches as they participate in the annual TARC Championships. Our club is hosted in conjunction with Eastern High School's club, and the teams share a coach who has been past president of the National Association of Rocketry. Note that middle school and high school teams compete in sepa-rate divisions.



### STEM Enrichment

Eliot-Hine has offered a range of activities to support student interests in science, technol-ogy, engineering and math. Last year, Eliot-Hine students participated in the inaugural Ward 6 Science Fair, placing in several events and sending a contingent of five students across 6th, 7th and 8th grades to the citywide DC STEM Fair. Eliot-Hine also partners regularly with groups like Living Classrooms to offer hands-on science experiences out-side of the classroom, with many of those learning opportunities occuring at nearby sites like Kingman Island.



### Story of Our Schools

Eliot-Hine is putting finishing touches on our Story of Our Schools project this year, which will be installed prominently in our newly renovated building to celebrate the role of our school within our city's rich history. The non-profit organization facilitates a process of self-discovery for students and local communities by creating permanent, history-based exhibits in D.C. schools. The Eliot-Hine project enlisted students to research the history of Eliot-Hine (and Eliot Junior High School and Hine Junior High School). Students interviewed a range of community members with ties to the schools' history. Follow our progress here: <https://www.storyofourschools.org/schools/eliot-hine>

