

O.G.M.S.

STICKBALL

"You don't hit 660 home runs without knowing how to hit a breaking ball, and I learned to hit curveballs playing stickball with youngsters in Harlem"

- Willie Mays

Oak Grove, every Tuesday after school till the End of the World Series, will be transformed into an inner city street stickball field. Immigrant kids passed their time learning American ways and assimilating into American culture by playing the city version of baseball. Stickball! We'll be reliving their footsteps **every Tuesday** after school from **2:40 to 3:40.** Stickball is played with only a broom handle, a rubber ball, a bunch of guys, and a street. Manhole covers for bases, cars and walls for foul lines, roofs for bleachers, and the fire escapes. Our quad will be transformed into a New York City.

There are styles of stickball. We'll be playing slow-pitch, a pitcher stands about 40 to 50 feet away from the hitter, and delivers a sidearm lob (with some spin) that the hitter tries to clobber on a single bounce. This was the most common style of play until relatively recently. Two strikes and you're out. Anything that lands on a roof is an automatic out. Anything that hits a window or lands on a porch or area that gets you in trouble is also an automatic out. Besides that, regular baseball rules apply.

This sport demands dedication and determination. Please come prepared and ready to work hard. Fall Season **starts Tuesday, September 10, from 2:40 to 3:40.** Stickballers are **picked-up sharply at 3:40**. Thanks for understanding!!

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“It’s about history, it’s about teaching [the children] about Major League Baseball and icons like Willie Mays, and teaching them that with the game of stickball, you can grow to be the greatest in the world.”

- Robert Jackson, a Manhattan city [Harlem] councilman.



My student-athlete has my permission to play stickball TUESDAY after school from 2:40 to 3:40. I understand that ALL stickballers MUST be picked up after practice by 3:40.

Student-athlete_____Grade _____

Parent Signature_____
Phone_____
Email _____

If there are any Health Concerns Please List all below: