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I started going to the after school program when I was in Kindergarten at the age of four. I've always liked coming to the program. I have had a lot of new experiences and have learned a lot of new things. Presently I am involved with the Newark Balkan Chorus, Community Cooking and Classic Movie Club.

In Chorus (directed by Elly Barksdale) I learn new songs, interact with others, and perform in concerts such as First Night St. Johnsbury, Young Traditions, and for community events. We don't just sing any old songs, we sing songs that aren't even in English and are of extensive harmony.

In Community Cooking, we prepare and deliver well-rounded meals to the elderly in our community. A typical meal has a protein, vegetable, starch, and a delectable dessert. This enrichment has a high community support level receiving numerous donations.

In Movie Club (led by Mrs. Ro), we learn about diverse cultures and fashion. We watch movies from the 1970s and before. Some are even black and white and/or soundless. We've learned a lot about how black people were treated, slavery, and how hard it was to live in the past.

If I wasn't here I would either be practicing with the NEK Aquatics Swim Team, practicing with the Caledonia Flood Soccer Team or babysitting my little sister. But I would much rather be at afterschool.

Thank you for reading my testimony and supporting our Afterschool Program here at Newark Street School.

Sincerely,
Addison Seibel, 8th grade