

ACE KIDS

Spring 2022

Afterschool | VacationFun | SummerFun

ACE Kids Spring 2022: At-a-Glance

Class	Day	Grades	Class	Day	Grades
BISHOP			STRATTON		
Spanish	Mon	K-3	Creative Dance	Mon	K-3
Circuit Makers 101	Tues	K-2	Video Game Design	Mon	3-5
Actors Toolbox	Tues	1-3	Fit Girls	M/Th	4-5
Scratch	Wed	2-3	Spanish	Tues	K-3
Fit Girls	W/F	4-5	Writing Wizards	Tues	3-5
Chess Wizards	Thurs	1-5	Potion Makers	Wed	K-2
BRACKETT			Creative Cartooning	Wed	3-5
Think, Design, Build	Mon	3-5	Art Explorers	Thurs	K-2
Fit Girls	M/W	4-5	Nathan's Ninjas	Fri	K-5
Chess Wizards	Tues	1-5	THOMPSON		
Parkour	Tues	3-5	Spanish	Mon	K-3
LEGO STEM	Wed	K-2	Fit Girls	M/W	4-5
French/Spanish	Wed	K-3	P.E. Morning Power	Tues	1-2
Computer Art	Fri	2-3	Nathan's Ninjas	Tues	K-5
DALLIN			Coding Fun	Wed	1-2
French	Mon	K-3	Business Sharks	Wed	3-5
Creative Cartooning	Mon	3-5	P.E. Morning Power	Thurs	3-5
Fun with Physics	Tues	K-2	Crafting is Cool	Thurs	1-3
Kids' Test Kitchen	Tues	3-5	Chess Wizards	Fri	1-5
Fit Girls	T/Th	4-5	GIBBS		
Join the Circus!	Wed	K-2	3D Printing	Mon	6
Spanish	Thurs	K-3	Gibbs Running Club	M/Th	6
Code Kingdoms	Thurs	3-5	LARP Foundations	Tues	6
Chess Wizards	Fri	1-5	Jewelry Making	Tues	6
HARDY			Business Sharks	Thurs	6
Chess Wizards	Mon	1-5	Babysitting Basics	Thurs	6
Fit Girls	M/W	4-5	Chess Wizards	Thurs	6
FunDrumz	Tues	K-2	Dungeons & Dragons	Fri	6
Justice Squad	Tues	3-5	OTTOSON		
Parkour	Tues	3-5	Ottoson Running Club	M/Th	7-8
Spanish	Wed	K-3	LARP Foundations	Mon	7-8
Exploring Watercolor	Wed	3-5	Babysitting Basics	Tues	7-8
French	Thur	K-3	Outdoor Parkour	Tues	Ages 11-16
Potion Makers	Fri	K-2	Dungeons & Dragons	Thurs	7-8
PEIRCE			LARP Games	Fri	7-8
App Inventors	Mon	3-5	AROUND TOWN		
Fit Girls	M/W	4-5	Bike Safety @ AHS	Tues/Sat	K-8
LEGO STEM	Tues	K-2	Sand Casting w/Molten Metal @ AHS	Tues	7-12
Join the Circus	Tues	K-2	Outdoor Parkour @ OMS	Tues/Sat	Varies
P.E. Morning Power	Wed	1-5	Bike Repair @ Quad Cycles	W	6-8
Drawing Club	Wed	K-2	Drumming for Beginners @ Gibbs	W	5+
Chess Wizards	Wed	1-5			
Spanish	Thurs	K-3			



ACE Kids (K-8)

Important Information

Registration

Students may take classes at any school. All youth registrations must be made online. It is important that you update your child's grade, school, dismissal information, as well as list any health/behavior concerns in our system that will help the teacher. We want every student to have a positive learning experience so please make sure your child shows an interest in a class before enrolling.

Drop-off & Dismissal

For elementary, an ACE staff member will gather children after school and escort them to class. Students are dismissed by the instructor according to the dismissal plan you selected when registering (walk/pickup/afterschool). If you are picking up your child, please be prompt, late fees apply. Students at Gibbs and Ottoson will receive a classroom assignment a few days before class and may dismiss themselves.

Special Considerations

Our programs are equal access. We do not discriminate against children with disabilities. We encourage parents to disclose any medical or disability-related needs in your child's online

profile. If you believe your child requires a specific reasonable accommodation for medical or disability-related needs, please contact our office to discuss your child's needs at least two weeks prior to start. Please note that ACE programs are not school-sponsored special education programs, so children are not entitled to the same IEP services and accommodations during programming.

Behavior Policy

Children who attend our programs should be able to participate in group activities with teacher supervision and treat fellow students and staff with respect. If a child is unable to do so, the teacher or director will contact parents to discuss appropriate next steps.

Tuition Assistance

Partial tuition assistance is available for most classes for APS students who receive free or reduced lunch. Please call our office before registering.

Withdrawals & Refunds

See policies on p. 44.

Arts & Crafts

Art Explorers

Pam Shanley-Daube, Arlington Center for the Arts

Have a blast as we explore a variety of art media to learn basic art concepts like texture, line, color, and shape, while creating 2D and 3D projects. We will use all sorts of materials—from paints and pencils to found objects and paper mache. In the process we will reflect on our projects and increase our art vocabulary.

Stratton | Grades K-2

7 Thursdays | April 28–June 9 | 2:40–4:10 pm | \$209

Computer Art & Making Things

Einstein's Workshop

Test your art making talent as you learn to use detailed computer art programs. You'll learn how to make awesome images, and then we'll show you how to modify them so that they can be turned from 2D art into 3D sculptures. Using laser and vinyl cutters, you'll make cool and useful objects to take home.

Brackett | Grades 2-3

7 Fridays | April 29–June 10 | 2:40–3:55 pm | \$245

Creative Cartooning

Sue Rice, Arlington Center for the Arts

Have you ever wanted to create characters like ones in your favorite graphic novels? Develop characters, settings, and dialog to design your own comic strips and graphic novels from your imagination. Learn how images, exaggeration, character development, and expression can make your ideas come to life. Work in a variety of materials including ink, colored pencil, and more.

Grades 3-5 | 2:40–4:10 pm | \$209

Dallin | 7 Mondays | April 25–June 13

Stratton | 7 Wednesdays | April 27–June 8

Crafting is Cool

Hui Ru Liang & Lisa Treadwell

Explore a seemingly endless supply of fun materials in this "craft-tacular" class. We'll use yarn, popsicle sticks, beads, and more to make a variety of projects including fluffy pompoms, puppets, pillows, and more. Expand your crafting skills, learn to sew, or improve your sewing skills as we experiment with different stitches. Crafting really is cool!

Thompson | Grades 1-3

7 Thursdays | April 28–June 9 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$155

Drawing Club

Molly Atryzek

Join us for a fun adventure along with other artists your age who share a love for drawing. Together, we will practice drawing your ideas, plus learn some new techniques to broaden our skills. Use art to express who you are.

Peirce | Grades K–2

7 Wednesdays | April 27–June 8 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$155

Exploring Watercolor

Julie Powers, Arlington Center for the Arts

We will experiment with dozens of techniques along with various surfaces and styles as we dive deep into the watery world of watercolor. Use your brushes, palettes, and paints to learn about color theory, composition, and contrast.

Hardy | Grades 3–5

7 Wednesdays | April 27–June 8 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$139

Jewelry Making

Julie Powers, Arlington Center for the Arts

Marble polymer clay, make your own beads, assemble bracelets, earrings, necklaces, and more. No matter what your interest or skill level, everyone will walk away with newly treasured items.

Gibbs | Grade 6

7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 | 3:10–4:10 pm | \$139



Sand Casting with Molten Metal

Jon Koppel

If you've ever wondered how some small objects can contain so many fine details, it's often because they have been cast in a mold. In this class, using Delft Clay and Kinetic Sand as our casting mediums, you will create a series of unique molds, and then fill them with molten bronze or pewter. To make your molds, you will learn how to take impressions of existing objects, and also how to carve into the medium and add details. Some of the things we might cast include detailed pendants, coins, medallions, as well as anything you have created from your imagination.

AHS | Grades 7–12

5 Tuesdays | April 26–May 24 | 3:30–5:30 pm

\$165 (includes all materials)

Dance, Music & Theater

Actor's Toolbox

Arlington Children's Theatre

Experiment with games, improv, voice, and movement to learn basic acting skills and build confidence, all while having fun. Each class begins with warm-up games followed by acting exercises—ranging from silly to serious—that build focus, confidence, and communication skills.

Bishop | Grades 1–3

7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 | 1:10–2:40 pm | \$199

Creative Dance

Thomas Krusinski

During our time together we will explore movement, body awareness, flexibility, and strength. You and your classmates will choose the music—and the moves it inspires in all of us—to create original dances.

Stratton | Grades K–3

7 Mondays | April 25–June 13 | \$145

Session 1: 2:40–3:40 pm

Session 2: 3:45–4:45 pm

FunDrumz

Romy Wilhelm

FunDrumz is a full body and brain workout designed to give you a physical, mental, and social experience through basic drumming and movement. We will use exercise balls, buckets, and drum sticks to rock out and jam to our favorite tunes with movement routines that combine cardio, rhythm drumming, and lots of fun!

Hardy | Grades K–2

7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 | 1:10–2:10 pm | \$145



Drumming for Beginners

Malcolm Jacobs

Learn how to rock out on the drums with this class focusing on foundational skills. Using practice pads, learn how to grip and balance drumsticks and proper technique for playing the snare drum with articulation and overall accuracy. Rhythm and sight reading are other vital skills to master, and we'll have plenty of exercises to practice keeping the beat each week. Enjoy learning how to play a great musical instrument, and have fun doing it!

Grades 5+ | Gibbs

May 4–June 8 | 6:30–7:30 pm | \$109

Join the Circus!

Vegetable Circus

Learn amazing tricks that will wow your friends and family. Real circus performers will teach you skills including hula hooping, spinning plates, balancing objects, twirling flags, and juggling. Our last class will feature a final performance for one another under the Big Top.

Dallin | Grades K–2 | \$145

7 Wednesdays | April 27–June 8 | 2:40–3:40 pm

Peirce | Grades K–2

7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 | 1:10–2:10 pm

Fantasy & Games

Chess Wizards

Chess Wizards

Considered one of the greatest games ever invented, chess teaches many important life concepts such as how to win graciously, how to accept defeat with dignity, concentration, and sportsmanship. Learn chess rules, positional tactics, and basics to more advanced moves with the guidance of an experienced chess master. We will divide into groups according to experience and end the program with a mini chess tournament. All levels welcome.

Grades 1–5

7 weeks | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$169

Bishop | Thursdays | April 28–June 9

Brackett | Tuesdays | 1:10–2:10 pm | April 26–June 7

Dallin | Fridays | April 29–June 10

Hardy | Mondays | April 25–June 13

Peirce | Wednesdays | April 27–June 8

Thompson | Fridays | April 29–June 10

Gibbs | Grade 6

7 Thursdays | 3:10–4:10 pm | April 28–June 9 | \$169

LARP Heroes Academy

LARP Adventure Program

Live Action Role Play (LARP) allows you to participate in an interactive narrative, similar to the “choose your own adventure” books using a combination of theater, martial arts, and costume/prop/stage design. We combine these arts with critical thinking, creative problem solving, and community leadership skills. In *LARP Foundations*, beginners learn the basics of LARPing and returning students continue to hone their skills and knowledge. In *LARP Games* students in the *Foundations* class get to practice what they learned earlier in the week.

Foundations in LARP

Gibbs | Grade 6

7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 | 3:10–4:10 pm | \$159

Ottoson | Grades 7–8

7 Mondays | April 25–June 13 | 3:10–5:10 pm | \$319

LARP Games*

Ottoson | Grades 7–8

6 Fridays | April 29–June 10 | 3:10–5:10 pm | \$269

*Prerequisite: Simultaneous enrollment in *Foundations in LARP*

Dungeons & Dragons Heroes Quests

LARP Adventure Program

Role playing games give players experience with a variety of skills including improvisation, critical thinking, math, and public speaking. We will use *Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition* rules to guide us through the process of creating characters and then testing their might through an interactive story. Everyone will be taught—at a comfortable skill level—how to make characters and serve as dungeon masters.

Gibbs | Grade 6

6 Fridays | April 29–June 10 | 3:10–5:10 pm | \$269

Ottoson | Grades 7–8

7 Thursdays | April 28–June 9 | 3:10–5:10 pm | \$319



Get Moving

P.E. Morning Power

Stephen Murphy/Ryan Wholey

P.E. Morning Power is designed to get you physically active before school while having fun with friends. Research has shown that exercise improves brain power and concentration. Get your blood pumping and start your day primed to learn.

7 weeks | 7:30–8:10 am | \$69

Peirce | Grades 1–5 | Wednesdays | April 27–June 8 (Murphy)

Thompson | Grades 1–2 | Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 (Wholey)

Thompson | Grades 3–5 | Thursdays | April 28–June 9 (Wholey)

Fit Girls

Fit Girls is a non-competitive fitness initiative that inspires active lifestyles, friendships, personal growth, and the confidence that comes from working toward and achieving goals. We meet twice a week for fun and energizing sessions that build physical and mental endurance and prepare us for an optional 5K road race that we will run as a team on Sunday, May 15. This program is inclusive of individuals identifying as transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming.

Grades 4–5 | 2:40–3:40 pm (1:10–2:10 pm on Tuesdays)

Bishop | 7 Wednesdays & 6 Fridays | April 1–May 25 | \$129

Brackett | 7 Mondays & 6 Wednesdays | March 28–May 16 | \$129

Dallin | 7 Tuesdays & Thursdays | March 29–May 19 | \$139

Hardy | 6 Mondays & 5 Wednesdays | April 4–May 16 | \$109

Peirce | 7 Mondays & Wednesdays | March 28–May 18 | \$139

Stratton | 7 Mondays & Thursdays | March 28–May 19 | \$139

Thompson | 7 Mondays & Wednesdays | March 28–May 18 | \$139



Middle School Running Club

Laia Roig & Don Mei/Jessica Nguy & Kristen Burrell

Learn to run a 5K! Join our expert coaches who have years of running experience and learn to run in a fun, non-competitive atmosphere. Build confidence as well as physical and mental endurance with a combination of running, core and strength exercises, and stretching. Meet weekly for fun and energizing sessions to prepare us for an optional 5K road race that we can run together on May 15.

7 Mondays & Thursdays | March 28–May 19 | 3:10–4:40 pm | \$209

Gibbs | Grade 6 (Roig & Mei)

Ottoson | Grades 7–8 (Nguy & Burrell)

Nathan's Ninjas

Nathan Porter

Known for its fun games and teamwork-oriented environment, *Nathan's Ninjas* is a mix of traditional Kempo Karate with elements of sport karate, tumbling, and grappling. This course will give you a true self-defense perspective, all while having fun and building confidence.

Grades K–5 | \$145

Stratton | 7 Fridays | April 29–June 10

Session 1: 2:40–3:40 pm

Session 2: 3:45–4:45 pm

Thompson | 7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 | 1:10–2:10 pm

Parkour

Parkour Generations Boston

Challenge yourself to get from point A to point B in the most creative, entertaining, fastest and most efficient way possible, without assisting equipment. Parkour is like urban gymnastics, and lets you turn the entire world into your personal playground. In a non-competitive atmosphere, you'll conquer natural and man-made obstacles by running, vaulting, jumping, climbing and rolling. Improve balance, coordination, strength, spatial awareness, and flexibility through games, exercises, and drills.

Brackett & Hardy | Grades 3–5

7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 | 1:10–2:10 pm | \$139

Outdoors at Ottoson

7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7

Ages 11–16: 3:30–5:00 pm | \$209

Ages 8–12: 5:30–6:30 pm | \$139

6 Saturdays | April 30–June 11

Ages 6–9: 10:00–11:00 am | \$119

Ages 8–13: 11:15 am–12:15 pm | \$119

Languages

Language Clubs: Spanish & French

RoLa Languages

ACE Language Clubs introduce you to foreign languages and cultures as early as kindergarten. Each week we will practice language skills and learn about the history, food, and culture of the countries where that language is spoken. We will reinforce skills through songs, games, crafts, and storytelling, resulting in a fun and challenging learning experience. Instruction is adapted for a variety of levels, making this an excellent introduction for beginners and an opportunity for returning students to expand their proficiency.

Grades K-3

7 weeks | 2:40-3:40 pm | \$155

Spanish Club

Bishop | Mondays | April 25-June 13

Brackett | Wednesdays | April 27-June 8

Dallin | Thursdays | April 28-June 9

Hardy | Wednesdays | April 27-June 8

Peirce | Thursdays | April 28-June 9

Stratton | Tuesdays | April 26-June 7 | 1:10-2:10 pm

Thompson | Mondays | April 25-June 13

French Club

Brackett | Wednesdays | April 27-June 8

Dallin | Mondays | April 25-June 13

Hardy | Thursdays | April 28-June 9



Life Skills

Kids' Test Kitchen

KTK Chef Instructor

Let's get cooking, tasting, and thinking about healthy ingredients. Working as a team, we'll slice, dice, peel, measure, and cook until we've prepared a finished dish. We will celebrate seasonal produce and offer ideas for quick and healthy family meals. Take home the key ingredient or a sample of the finished dish, and the recipe each day to show off what you've learned. Recipes will include edamame salad, Asian inspired broccoli, super spear & orange stir-fry, skillet pizza with veggies, and green smoothies. Food allergies are taken into consideration, making sure that everyone is having fun and staying safe.

Dallin | Grades 3-5

7 Tuesdays | April 26-June 7 | 1:10-2:10 pm | \$159

Bike Safety

Officer Bryan White, School Resource Officer, APD

Join Officer Bryan White and other members of the Arlington Police Department for a fun and informative course on bike safety. Learn proper hand signals, how to travel on bike lanes and the bike path, and general tips on how to ride safely to school and around town. **Please note:** While this program is free, pre-registration is required.

Grades K-8 | AHS | Free with registration

Session 1: Tuesday, May 17 | 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 2: Saturday, June 18 | 10:00-11:00 am

Bike Repair & Maintenance

Quad Cycles

In just two hours, you can learn the essentials of bike repair and maintenance from the head mechanic at Arlington's hometown bike shop. This hands-on class will teach you how to fix a flat, adjust gears and brakes, and other topics dictated by the interest of the group.

Quad Cycles | Grades 6-8

Wednesday, April 27 | 5:00-7:00 pm | \$35

Family Classes

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Babysitting Basics

Va Shon Wallace-Hiltbold, 4-H Youth and Family Development

This program is designed to better prepare you to become a capable, caring, and responsible babysitter. Understand the responsibilities and skills—including basic first aid and what to do in an emergency—and develop confidence in handling situations you may encounter when caring for young children. Upon completion, your services will be in high demand in the neighborhood!

Ages 12+ | 3:10–5:00 pm | \$125

Ottoson: 3 Tuesdays | April 26–May 17

Gibbs: 3 Thursdays | April 28–May 19

Business Sharks: The Art of the Deal

Right Brain Curriculum

Take your great idea for a business or product and walk it through the entire entrepreneurial process, including pitching it to investors. Develop prototypes, formulate a business plan, and devise a marketing strategy. Learn concepts such as competition, profits, and branding while designing print ads, acting out “TV commercials,” researching prime locations, and designing storefronts. As young executives, you will conclude the program by showcasing your business savvy “Shark-Tank” style.

Thompson | Grades 3–5

6 Wednesdays | April 27–June 1 | 2:40–4:10 pm | \$165

Gibbs | Grade 6

6 Thursdays | April 28–June 2 | 3:10–4:40 pm | \$165



**If the class you want
is full, sign up for the
waitlist!**

**There's no fee and we often get
last minute changes.**



Writing Wizards

Right Brain Curriculum

Foster a love of writing and imagine magical worlds. Using literature like *Harry Potter* and *The Chronicles of Narnia* as inspiration, you'll use artwork, brainstorming, and assignments to write a story. You'll create plot twists and dynamic characters, and practice developing sensory-rich vocabulary that describes what you see in your imagination. We'll help you as you work on major and minor characters, fantastic settings, an extended backstory, and how to combine it all into a finished work.

Stratton | Grades 3–5

6 Tuesdays | April 26–May 31 | 1:10–2:40pm | \$165

Justice Squad

Meredith Moore, Kids for Racial Justice

Do you want to make the world more fair and just? Learn how you can make a difference in your community and beyond. We'll use children's literature, play, and the arts to explore important topics related to race, racism, and activism. Plan and undertake our own action project to address racism, such as making protest art, writing letters and petitions, or raising awareness in the community.

Hardy | Grades 3–5

7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 | 1:10–2:10pm | \$149

STEM

Being Newton: Fun with Physics

Einstein's Workshop

Join in entertaining and educational science experiments to gain an understanding of physics including Newton's first, second, and third laws of motion, Newton's law of gravity, and more. We'll make boats and rockets, make and play with marble runs and catapults, and experiment with many other fun physics projects.

Dallin | Grades K-2

7 Tuesdays | April 26-June 7 | 1:10-2:25pm | \$245

Potion Makers

Wicked Cool for Kids

Engaging hands-on chemistry projects will encourage you to be junior scientists. Unlock the secrets of the laboratory to create customized soaps, lotions, and potions. Explore how chemists create formulas and make your own cool products to take home. Learn about chemical properties and reactions while making fizzing potions and secret solutions.

Hardy | Grades K-2 | 2:40-3:40 | \$185

6 Fridays | April 29-June 3

Stratton | Grades K-2

6 Wednesdays | April 27-June 1

Adventures in STEM with LEGO

Play-Well TEKologies

Let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO parts! Build engineer-designed projects such as chugging steamboats, enchanted moon bridges, and bustling airports. Design and build as never before and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment.

Brackett | Grades K-2

7 Wednesdays | April 27-June 8 | 2:40-4:10 pm | \$195

Pierce | Grades K-2

7 Tuesdays | April 26-June 7 | 1:10-2:40 pm | \$195



Think, Design, Build

Right Brain Curriculum

Using LEGOs, create architectural wonders that expand your knowledge of how buildings are built. Use your love of puzzles and calculations to work on project blueprints, consider probable construction requirements, and create working budgets as we design houses, skyscrapers, and bridges. In roundtable meetings we'll solve problems and use math concepts as we consider how to best construct a class city that is structurally and financially sound.

Brackett | Grades 3-5

6 Mondays | April 25-June 6 | 2:40-4:10 pm | \$169

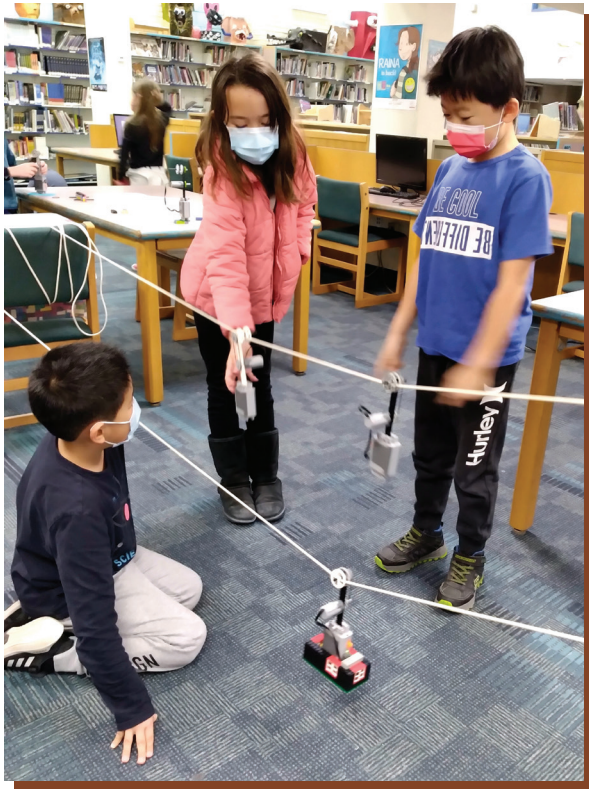
3D Printing with BlocksCAD

Einstein's Workshop

Learn how to design intricate 3D objects using BlocksCAD, a software program that combines 3D modeling with block-based coding. You'll learn computer coding, spatial and dimensional design, and use your problem solving skills to drag and drop blocks of editable code to build 3D models that can then be exported to a 3D printer.

Gibbs | Grade 6

7 Mondays | April 25-June 13 | 3:10-4:25 pm | \$245



App Inventors

Circuit Lab

Want to know how the apps work on your phone or iPad? Or do you already have the next great app idea, and just need to know how to make it? In this no-experience-required course, we use MIT App Inventor software to make fun, creative apps for Android phones and tablets. We will also explore wireless communication by building custom bluetooth hardware controllers and readouts for our apps.

Peirce | Grades 3–5

7 Mondays | April 25–June 13 | 2:40–4:10 pm | \$195

Circuit Makers 101

Circuit Lab

Let's get creative with electricity! Create your own electronics such as light-up greeting cards, electric games, mazes, and even musical instruments. Each class consists of a circuitry lesson and a hands-on electronics project using components like lights, buzzers, switches, motors, and sensors. Most class days will include a project you can take home.

Bishop | Grades K–2

7 Tuesdays | April 26–June 7 | 1:10–2:40 pm | \$195

Coding Fun

Liz Ferola

Come join in on some coding fun. In this self-driven and self-paced course, we will use *Scratch Jr.*, *Ozobots* and *code.org* to explore coding and programming concepts that will bring computer screens to life. All junior coders are welcome.

Thompson | Grades 1–2

7 Wednesdays | April 27–June 8 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$125

Code Kingdoms

Einstein's Workshop

Create your own modifications to Minecraft worlds using the power of code. As you customize your adventures, you will develop programming and problem-solving skills using Code Kingdoms, a simple drag-and-drop interface that allows you to code on various levels, from very simple block coding with pictures, to more complex Java. Impress your classmates when you show them how you've made your projects come to life.

Dallin | Grade 3–5

7 Thursdays | April 28–June 9 | 2:40–3:55 pm | \$245

Scratch

Einstein's Workshop

Learn basic concepts of programming using the incredibly popular programming environment Scratch, developed by MIT. Scratch is a “block based” coding software that teaches students how to program by snapping together digital blocks of code. Animate stories and create simple game mechanics. No previous programming experience required.

Bishop | Grades 2–3

7 Wednesdays | April 27–June 8 | 2:40–3:55 pm | \$245

Video Game Design Using Flowlab

Empow Studios

Channel your video game passion by building your own. You will build simple video games step-by-step, experimenting with specific tasks and movements, and sharing gameplay with your peers, while learning important STEM concepts of design, problem solving, and trial/error. Learn to use the accessible game design program Flowlab—no coding required—a platform used by many professional game designers to prototype new builds. All games will be stored online, so you can access them from home.

Stratton | Grades 3–5

7 Mondays | April 25–June 13 | 2:40–4:10 pm | \$309





APRIL VACATION @ OTTOSON APRIL 19-22 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Actor's Toolbox

Arlington Children's Theatre

In this introductory acting class we will experiment with games, improv, voice, and movement to learn basic acting skills and build confidence, all while having fun. Each class begins with warm-up games followed by acting exercises—ranging from silly to serious—that build focus, confidence, and communication skills.

Grades K-3 | \$229

Learn to Draw

Leng Diamond

Learn to draw animals, vehicles, plants, ocean creatures, and more, using a combination of basic shapes. Pick your favorites and combine them to make a scene that you will color with a variety of media. Each day we will focus on a different theme and build on our drawing knowledge to make more elaborate pictures.

Grades K-2 | \$195

Glass Art

Michel L'Huillier

Learn to work safely with glass while having fun exploring this exciting medium. Choosing from thousands of colors and pieces of glass, we will cut and fuse glass to design and create beautiful tiles and night lights. Then we will move on to mosaic art to create a trivet and a mirror. Finally, we will experiment with jewelry mosaic by creating two necklaces with silver-plated pendants, glass beads, and dichroic glass.

Grades 3-6 | \$269

LARP Heroes Academy

LARP Adventure Program

In a one-of-a-kind experience, you will explore community, art, and self-discovery by becoming your own personal hero in an interactive world of live-action roleplay (LARP). Through themed games, art projects, and interactive theater, we will create a world of magic and wonder, go on fantastic adventures, and discover magical mysteries.

Grades 3-8 | \$295

Metrocraft

Right Brain Curriculum

Learn economics, civics, and how democracy works as we join together online to create a city within a virtual Minecraft world. Design your own house and business as we learn about budgeting, profit and loss, and supply and demand. Serve on a city council, study how laws are made, and work together to create and vote on a city constitution. We will use mathematics and geometry to construct a working urban environment. STEM skills have never been so fun!

Grades 2-5 | \$225

Nathan's Ninjas

Nathan Porter

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Grades K-2 | \$225

Join the Circus!

Vegetable Circus

Learn amazing tricks that will wow your friends and family. Real circus performers will teach you skills including hula hooping, spinning plates, balancing objects, twirling flags, and juggling. We will also make a circus backdrop, and end the week with a performance.

Grades 3-5 | \$225

Nature Explorers

Wicked Cool for Kids

Appreciate the natural world around us while investigating outside and doing experiments in the classroom. We'll learn about climate change and build an anemometer to measure wind speed. We'll study birds and adaptations that help them survive. We'll focus on felines and study their domestic and wild sides. We'll concentrate on classification as we sort through a bevy of bugs. At the end of the week you'll have created a nature collage to take home.

Grades K-3 | \$275

Make a Movie

SGEDU, Eric Hansen

Spend your vacation mornings making a movie trailer or shooting a commercial. Working in small groups, you will script, storyboard, rehearse, and film while learning about techniques like rule-of-thirds and *mise-en-scene*. We'll import our footage into Final Cut ProX and learn to edit as you add titles, sound effects, 3D graphics, and music. You'll fine tune your overall look and have a finished film by the end of the class.

Grades 3-6 | \$175