

**ACE
Kids**
Winter 2026



ACE Kids Winter 2026: At-a-Glance

Class	Day	Grades	Class	Day	Grades
BISHOP			HARDY		
It's Magic!	Mon	K-2	Science Art Lab	Mon	K-2
Science & Alchemy	Mon	1-3	Momentum Machines	Mon	3-5
Fab Felt	Mon	3-5	LEGO: Adventures in STEM	Tue	K-2
Dance Inspired by Stories	Tue	K-2	Chess Wizards	Tue	1-5
LEGO: STEM Explorations	Tue	3-5	3D Printing Design	Tue	3-5
Little Woodworkers	Wed	K-2	Spanish Club	Wed	K-2
Plus de Bonjour Boogie	Wed	2-5	Dance Party	Wed	K-2
Minecraft Coding & Design Studio	Wed	3-5	Hip Hop Dance Jam	Wed	2-5
Chess Wizards	Thu	1-5	D&D: Land of Ithreach	Wed	4-5
Music Making & Gaming	Thu	1-3	Playful Printmaking	Thu	K-2
Spanish Club	Fri	K-2	Sew Fun	Thu	3-5
Basic Electronics with Arduino	Fri	3-5	Toys, Gadgets & Games	Fri	K-2
			Hollywood Filmmaking	Fri	3-5
BRACKETT			PEIRCE		
Circuit Makers 101	Mon	K-2	Ninja Warriors	Mon	K-1
Sew Fun	Mon	3-5	Fun with Things That Fly	Mon	2-4
Nature Detectives: The Way of Winter	Tue	K-2	Embroidery Extravaganza	Mon	4-5
Chess Wizards	Tue	1-5	Drawing Club	Tue	K-3
Music Production 101	Tue	3-5	Music Production 101	Tue	3-5
Movie Making: Superheroes	Wed	K-2	Frozen Science	Wed	K-2
Learn, Cook, Eat Japanese!	Wed	1-3	Chess Wizards	Wed	1-5
Parkour	Wed	3-5	Toys, Gadgets & Games	Thu	K-2
Pop Culture Creations	Thu	K-2	Exploring AI & Coding	Thu	3-5
AI Gaming Maze Runner	Thu	3-5	Spanish Club	Fri	K-2
Potion Makers Club	Fri	K-2	Comics & Digital Animation	Fri	2-5
Momentum Machines	Fri	3-5			
DALLIN			STRATTON		
Spanish Club	Mon	K-2	Wacky Science Television	Mon	K-2
The Wonders of Watercolor	Mon	2-5	Basic Electronics with Arduino	Mon	3-5
Taekwondo	Mon	2-5	Little Woodworkers	Tue	K-2
Spark & Slime Adventures	Tue	K-2	Superheroes of Minecraft	Tue	3-5
Kids in the Kitchen	Tue	3-5	French Through Music	Wed	K-2
Dance Inspired by Stories	Wed	K-2	Chess Wizards	Wed	1-5
Fiber Art Friends	Wed	2-4	Pop Culture Creations	Wed	2-4
AI Gaming Maze Runner	Wed	3-5	LEGO: Adventures in STEM	Thu	K-1
Nature Detectives: The Way of Winter	Thu	K-2	Spanish Club	Thu	K-2
Chess Wizards	Thu	1-5	Fun with Things That Fly	Thu	2-4
Mandarin with Mister Monis	Thu	2-5	Spanish Travelers	Thu	3-5
LEGO: Adventures in STEM	Fri	K-2	Nathan's Ninjas	Fri	K-5
Music Making & Gaming	Fri	2-4	Science & Alchemy	Fri	1-3
Cooking with Mister Monis	Fri	3-5	Computer Art & Making Things	Fri	3-5



THOMPSON

Pop Culture Creations	Mon	K-2
Kids in the Kitchen	Mon	3-5
Early Morning P.E. Power	Tue	1-3
Potion Makers Club	Tue	K-2
Sew Fun	Tue	3-5
Spanish Club	Wed	K-2
Spanish Travelers	Wed	3-5
Nathan's Ninjas	Wed	K-5
Computer Art & Making Things	Wed	2-4
Early Morning P.E. Power	Thu	4-5
Jewelry Makers	Thu	1-3
Minecraft Coding & Design Studio	Thu	3-5
Circuit Makers 101	Fri	K-2
Chess Wizards	Fri	1-5
French: Le Visiteur	Fri	2-5

GIBBS

From Stage Fright to Spotlight	Tue	6
Winter Hiking & Snowshoeing	Tue	6
Hiking Club: Nature Exploration	Tue	6
D&D: Land of Ithreach	Thu	5-6
LARP Discovery	Thu	5-6
BLAST! Babysitting & CPR	Thu	6-8

OTTOSON

Dungeons & Dragons	Mon	7-8
Clay Creations: Sculpture & Form	Tue	7-8
Parkour	Tue	Varies
Winter Outdoor Running	Tue/Thu	7-8
Winter Hiking & Snowshoeing	Thu	7-8
Hiking Club: Nature Exploration	Thu	7-8
Python with Game Development	Thu	7-8
LARP Games	Fri	7-8

AROUND TOWN

Parkour @ OMS	Tue	Varies
Metalsmithing: Silver Jewelry @ AHS	Tue	7+
Our Whole Lives @ AHS	Tue	8-9
Wrestling @ AHS	Tue/Thu	7-8
Printmaking Bootcamp @ AHS	Wed	6+
Climbing Club @ AHS	Wed	7+
D&D: Land of Ithreach @ Gibbs	Thu	5-6
LARP Discovery @ Gibbs	Thu	5-6
BLAST @ Gibbs	Thu	6-8
D&D: Experienced @ Gibbs	Thu	6-10
Beginning Cross Country Skiing	Sat	Ages 6-10
Home Alone Safety @ Online	Sun	3-6

Important Information

Registration

All youth registrations must be made online. We want every student to have a positive learning experience so please make sure your child shows an interest in a class before enrolling. Students may take classes at any school, however ACE does not provide transportation.

Arrival & Dismissal

For K-5 students, an ACE staff member will gather children after school and escort them to class. After class, students are dismissed according to the plan you select when registering (walk/pickup/afterschool). If you are picking up your child, please be prompt; late fees apply. For classes at Gibbs and Ottoson, a class location will be included in an automated *Course Reminder* email that is sent two days before the class. Grades 6 and up are dismissed without an adult.

Student Information

Our programs are equal access. We do not discriminate against children with disabilities. We do not have access to IEPs, therefore, we encourage parents to disclose any medical, behavioral, or disability-related needs in the *Special Needs* section in their online profile—more is better than less, set them up for success. If you believe your child requires a specific reasonable accommodation, 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.

Life Threatening Allergies

There is no nurse on duty during ACE Kids classes. If your child has a life threatening allergy, please be sure to let us know in the online profile. Your child will need to have an EpiPen AND a copy of your child's Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan or Health Care Plan (paperwork that you give to your child's school nurse) that has been completed by their health care provider and indicates that you give permission for the ACE Kids staff to administer the EpiPen in the event of an emergency.

Behavior Policy

Children 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

Tuition assistance is available for most classes for qualifying Arlington residents. Visit ArlingtonCommunityEd.org/Tuition-Assistance for details and to apply.

Withdrawals & Refunds

See policies on p. 49.

Arts & Crafts

Drawing Club

Molly Atryzek

If you love to draw, join us for an art adventure. We will play drawing games, design imaginary creatures, and be inspired by our surroundings. We'll use classic drawing materials as well as paint sticks, watercolor pencils, and sparkle markers to invent magical worlds made of pizza hills and ice cream clouds and endless other possibilities.

Peirce | Grades K-3

8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$169

The Wonders of Watercolor

Hope Howard

Enjoy learning the fundamentals of playing and painting with watercolors, including proper brush selection and application techniques. We'll learn about cool and warm tones, how to add dimension with hues and texture, and so much more. We will also experiment with surfaces, resists, stencils and styles to immerse ourselves in the wonders of watercolor.

Dallin | Grades 2-5

8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$169

Playful Printmaking

Hope Howard

Get ready to explore the playful possibilities of printmaking. You'll create awesome, one-of-a-kind works of art using all sorts of cool printmaking techniques. Stamp with potatoes, make prints with leaves, and even use squishy stuffed animals (don't worry—the instructor will provide the plushies). You'll also create multicolored, layered images with styrofoam and design your own mandala prints using foam and cardboard.

Hardy | Grades K-2

8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$169

Pop Culture Creations **NEW**

Kidcasso Art Studio

Explore a world of color, characters, and creativity inspired by pop trends and collectibles. Build, paint, sculpt, and draw your way through mischievous Labubus, adorable Squishmallows, and vibrant K-Pop vibes, turning your favorite trends into your own unique creations. Each week brings a new project full of imagination, 3D art, and playful design that will help you craft a creative style that truly pops!

Grades K-2 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$219

Brackett | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12

Thompson | 8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16

Grades 2-4 | 1:10–2:10 pm | \$219

Stratton | 8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11

Jewelry Makers

Athena Coding

Unleash your creativity by making bracelets, necklaces, or other wearable items using both typical and unusual materials. To show you what jewelry can be, we'll turn to history to see what people from different ages and places like to wear. Whether you decide that your look is bright and bold or simple and straightforward, you'll assemble a collection of fantastic fashion items.

Thompson | Grades 1-3

8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$215

Little Woodworkers: Hammertime

Nexplore

Turn wood into something special by building a step stool, wall clock, and tic-tac-toe board. You'll plan, assemble, and personalize your creations while learning to safely use tools like screwdrivers, mallets, and hammers. Then sand and paint each project to make it special.

Grades K-2 | \$325

Bishop | 8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:10 pm

Stratton | 8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10 | 2:40–3:40 pm

Comics & Digital Animation **NEW**

CinemaKidz

Explore the art of visual storytelling through comics and digital animation. Plan your shots, design storyboards, and develop original characters with personality and flair. Turn your hand-drawn comic into a digital creation using Procreate, then bring it to life frame by frame to create a short animated story.

Peirce | Grades 2-5

8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13 | 2:40–3:55pm | \$279

Computer Art & Making Things

Einstein's Workshop

Flex your art-making muscle while working with a sophisticated computer art program. You'll practice creating awesome images, and then we'll show you how to modify them so that they can be turned from 2D art into 3D sculptures. Modern "making" is so much more than just working with your hands.

Thompson | Grades 2-4

8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:25 pm | \$335

Stratton | Grades 3-5

8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13 | 2:40–3:55 pm | \$335





3D Printing Design

Einstein's Workshop

Design intricate 3D objects using BlocksCAD, a software program that combines 3D modeling with block-based coding. You'll learn computer coding, graphing skills, and 3-dimensional design. By dragging and dropping blocks of editable code that create and modify 3D shapes, you'll use problem-solving to build models that can then be exported to a 3D printer.

Hardy | Grades 3-5

8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13-Mar. 10 | 2:40-3:55 pm | \$335

Fiber Art Friends

Chelsea Brown, Arlington Center For the Arts

Get an introduction to the vibrant world of fiber arts, where you'll use many different mediums and age-old techniques to create cute, squishy, and fun friends to take home. Some projects will be inspired by video games, cartoons, and pop culture, while others will be driven by your own creativity. We'll cover as many fiber arts as time allows, including hand sewing, felting, embroidery, weaving, and pom-pom making.

Dallin | Grades 2-4

8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14-Mar. 11 | 1:10-2:10 pm | \$179

Embroidery Extravaganza **NEW**

Molly Atryzek

Learn a few embroidery stitches, including backstitch and split stitch, and discover how to use them to stitch your own creative designs. You can make custom patches to iron onto a tote bag or craft a one-of-a-kind piece of art to hang in your room. Develop a new skill that lets you add a personal touch to everyday items and express your creativity in a fun, unique way.

Peirce | Grades 4-5

8 Mondays | Jan. 12-Mar. 16 | 2:40-4:10 pm | \$249

Fab Felt

Rian Chen

Learn to hand sew three-dimensional "puffies" out of felt—everything from food, animals, shapes, and even emojis. We'll sew and stuff our puffies, then embellish them with sparkles and embroidery. Create your own designs or find inspiration from the class.

Bishop | Grades 3-5

8 Mondays | Jan. 12-Mar. 16 | 2:40-3:40 pm | \$169

Sew Fun: Stitching by Hand & Machine

Hipstitch

Make fantastic creations, including bags, pillows, and stuffies, as you learn how to sew both by hand and using a sewing machine. Each week we'll have "sew" much fun as we alternate between hand and machine stitching.

Grades 3-5 | 2:40-3:40 pm | \$335

Brackett | 8 Mondays | Jan. 12-Mar. 16

Hardy | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15-Mar. 12

Thompson | 8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13-Mar. 10

Clay Creations: Sculpture & Form

Kayla McKenna

Experiment with clay to create a variety of imaginative and useful objects. We will discuss form and function and practice hand-building techniques (pinching, coiling, and slab building) as well as surface decoration as we sculpt functional and abstract pieces of art.

Ottoson | Grades 7-8

8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13-Mar. 10 | 3:10-4:10 pm | \$185

Printmaking Bootcamp

Hope Howard

Explore the fundamentals of printmaking as you learn about various techniques, tools, and materials while discovering the rich history of this expressive art form. Experiment with layering colors and patterns through the creation of monoprints, relief prints, reductive prints, and cyanotypes (sun prints). You'll be encouraged to express yourself, solve creative challenges, and embrace the joy of artistic creation.

Grades 6+ | AHS

8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14-Mar. 11 | 3:30-5:00 pm | \$249

Metalsmithing: Silver Jewelry Making

Laurie Savage

Incorporate personal design touches as you learn or refine fundamental metalsmithing skills in this all-level jewelry-making workshop. Beginning makers will fabricate a textured sterling silver band ring and a pendant with a bezel-set stone. Students with prior experience in metalsmithing/jewelry can further develop their skills with sterling silver while fabricating earrings and making a chain link bracelet. Multiple soldering and finishing techniques will be covered, and individual design is encouraged.

Grades 7+ | AHS

4 Tuesdays | Jan. 13-Feb. 3 | 3:15-5:15 pm | \$209



Dance, Music & Theater

Dance Inspired by Stories **NEW**

Sophie Leurent/Lucy Dieringer

Let your imagination move you. We'll read books, talk about the characters, and choreograph dances that will re-tell stories in our own dance way. We'll explore rhythm, movement, and sounds as we develop confidence and coordination.

Grades K-2 | \$159

Bishop | 8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10 | 2:40–3:40 pm

Dallin | 8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:10 pm

Dance Party

Margaux Skalecki

Shimmy, shake, and stretch as we learn basic steps, catch the beat, and groove to the music. Increase your artistic individuality and confidence as you show off your favorite moves, and enjoy being part of an energetic and supportive group.

Hardy | Grades K-2

8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 2:15–3:15 pm | \$159

Hip Hop Dance Jam

Margaux Skalecki

Get into the groove of hip hop steps and style as you work on confidence, creativity, and musicality. We'll also freestyle to the music of your choice. Using your new skills, we will work together to create a class routine.

Hardy | Grades 2-5

8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:10 pm | \$159

It's Magic! **NEW**

Nexplore

Turn on your theatrical charm, wave your wand, and make some magic happen. Learn sleight-of-hand skills and performance panache as you work on new tricks each week. We will construct and customize props, explain the illusions, and learn about timing. Take home your magic tricks to keep practicing.

Bishop | Grades K-2

8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$275

Music Making & Gaming **NEW**

Overture Games

Discover the world of music making and composition through digital games. Explore rhythm, melody, harmony, and sound design with an innovative video game-based curriculum. Learn to keep a steady beat, read music, and use digital instruments to create your own songs. Build rich chords, identify instruments by their sound, and shape your musical ideas with feeling. Piano keyboards will be used to enhance your learning.

Bishop | Grades 1-3

8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$225

Dallin | Grades 2-4

8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$225

Music Production 101

Athena Coding

Transform everyday sounds into captivating rhythms and melodies using Soundtrap, a kid-friendly digital audio workstation. From recording and manipulating sounds, to mixing your very own tracks, to learning the key elements of songwriting and music theory, this hands-on course will encourage you to view the world around you as an endless source of musical inspiration.

Brackett/Peirce | Grades 3-5

8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$215

Movie Making: Superheroes

CinemaKidz

It's a bird, it's a plane—it's a Superkid! Invent and design your own awesome superhero movie star. Plan your character's powers, create an epic costume, and build super accessories to match. Team up to write and illustrate storyboards that bring your heroes to life. Use a green screen to add dynamic backgrounds and special effects as you produce your action-packed movie.

Brackett | Grades K-2

8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:25 pm | \$279

Wacky Science Television

CinemaKidz

Grab your lab coat and secure your goggles—it's time to create your own wacky science TV show. Dream up wild experiments, mix magic potions, bring a slime monster to life with stop motion, or dive into daring science adventures like cave exploring for geo-rocks, dissecting frogs, and launching bottle rockets. From silly to serious, you'll produce original, science-inspired content.

Stratton | Grades K-2

8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16 | 2:40–3:55 pm | \$279

Hollywood Filmmaking

Athena Coding

Make a movie! Your production team will brainstorm story ideas and write a script featuring witty dialogue and convincing characters, with a role for everyone. Then you'll take turns directing, acting, and filming with iPads. You'll edit your footage into a final movie that includes panning, transition shots, special effects, green screen backgrounds, and credits. We'll screen our movies together, and you can also watch yours again at home.

Hardy | Grades 3-5

8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$215

From Stage Fright to Spotlight **NEW**

Right Brain Curriculum

Ready to conquer public speaking? Turn fear into fun as you build confidence through improv games, classroom newscasts, skits, and even friendly staring contests. Strengthen your voice projection, posture, and presence while learning to engage an audience and craft persuasive arguments.

Gibbs | Grade 6

6 Tuesdays | Jan. 27–Mar. 10 | 3:10–4:40 pm | \$189

Games & Fantasy

Chess Wizards

Chess Wizards

Considered one of the greatest games ever invented, chess teaches many important life concepts, such as how to win graciously, or how to accept defeat with dignity. Learn chess rules, positional tactics, and basic 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 are welcome.

Grades 1-5 | 8 weeks | \$229

Offered at all elementary schools. See online listing for details.

► **Fun Fact!** Chess is also offered for adults, see p. 14

Land of Ithreach: Dungeons & Dragons

Roll Models

Go on an adventure set in the land of Ithreach, a fantasy setting where the seasons change and the story grows. If you've previously played D&D with Roll Models, you may continue to play using your character at their current level or create a new 3rd level character.

The Shard of Lumira: In the town of Galen's Well it's festival day, an annual celebration to mark the final prophecy of Lumira. Not everyone has come to the festival to celebrate: cloaked figures mingle in the crowds. An unexpected ambush leads our heroes to embark on a perilous rescue.

Hardy | Grades 4-5

5 Wednesdays | Jan. 14-Feb. 11 | 1:30-3:30 pm

Gibbs | Grades 5-6

5 Thursdays | Jan. 15-Feb. 12 | 3:10-5:10 pm

So Much To Do: A growing reputation comes with a price. In the city of Seerport, word has spread of your heroic deeds, and all manner of people have come to you asking for help. Some requests are simple, while others are complex, some are amusing and others deadly serious, but all of these tasks have one thing in common: they must all be completed in 24 hours! How many will you be able to handle?

Hardy | Grades 4-5

5 Wednesdays | Feb. 25-Mar. 25 | 1:30-3:30 pm

Gibbs | Grades 5-6

5 Thursdays | Feb. 26-Mar. 26 | 3:10-5:10 pm

Ithreach: A Land for Experienced D&D Adventurers

Roll Models

Continue your Dungeons & Dragons adventures. Old friends and new enemies await as we journey together into the unknown, ready to take action at every turn. As we explore this untamed world, Roll Models D&D players are welcome to continue with their existing characters, while players new to the *Land of Ithreach* will make a character at a level appropriate for the adventure.

Grades 6-10 | Gibbs | \$205 **EVENING**

5 Thursdays | Jan. 15-Feb. 12 | 6:00-8:00 pm

5 Thursdays | Feb. 26-Mar. 26 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Heroes Academy®: Dungeons & Dragons

LARP Adventure Program

Become an adventurer in a fantasy world filled with magical beasts. Practice a variety of skills, including improvisation, critical thinking, math, and public speaking. We will use physical tools like books, battle maps, and figures as well as digital ones such as an online library of D&D books and a character creation app to keep the story flowing smoothly.

Ottoson | Grades 7-8

8 Mondays | Jan. 12-Mar. 16 | 3:10-5:10 pm | \$405

Heroes Academy®: LARP Discovery

LARP Adventure Program

Live Action Role Play (LARP) allows you to participate in an interactive narrative, similar to the "choose your own adventure" books. In this class, which is more than just games, you will learn about each aspect of LARPing: game rules, mock combat techniques, and character development. As you gamefully combine theater and martial arts, with costume and prop design, you will practice critical thinking, problem-solving, and community leadership skills.

Gibbs | Grades 5-6

8 Thursdays | Jan. 15-Mar. 19 | 3:10-4:10 pm | \$225

Heroes Academy®: LARP Games

LARP Adventure Program

This Live Action Role Play (LARP) games class is open to all experience levels—whether you're brand new to LARPing or already have some experience under your belt. Each week, you'll take part in tournaments and mock combat challenges using padded foam props. These games encourage critical thinking skills in addition to being a fun way to exercise. Prior experience is not required, nor are costumes or characters, so it's easy to jump right in and give LARPing a try.

Ottoson | Grades 7-8

8 Fridays | Jan. 16-Mar. 20 | 3:10-5:10 pm | \$449



Get Moving

Early Morning P.E. Power

Ryan Wholey

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

Thompson | 7:15–7:55 am | \$69

Grades 1–3 | 8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10

Grades 4–5 | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12

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 | \$185

Stratton | 8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13 | 2:40–3:40 or 3:45–4:45 pm

Thompson | 8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:10 pm

Taekwondo

Michael Monis

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art famous for its lightning-fast and powerful kicking techniques. This Olympic sport is the most widely studied martial art in the world. You will practice striking and self-defense moves and learn a series of traditional forms as we focus on achieving disciplined bodies and minds through fitness and exercise.

Dallin | Grades 2–5

8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16 | 2:45–3:45 pm | \$159

Ninja Warrior

Knucklebones

Jump, hang, climb, and balance as you train to be a ninja warrior. We'll play games, complete drills, and tackle an obstacle course. Each time we meet, we'll add additional pieces of equipment and learn new skills that build upon the previous week's accomplishments. Scale up cargo nets on a truss, walk across balance beams, climb over an A-frame, and hang on monkey bars as you build strength, endurance, and coordination.

Peirce | Grades K–1

8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16 | 2:40–3:40 or 3:45–4:45 pm | \$225



Wrestling for Middle Schoolers:

Step Onto the Mat **NEW**

AHS Wrestling Team Alumni

Learn the fundamentals of wrestling in an energetic and supportive environment. Coached by Arlington High School wrestling alumni you will develop techniques and strategies and be introduced to a sport you could continue through high school. Enjoy training in the same gym at the same time as members of the school's championship team while building strength, agility, and confidence. Please wear athletic clothing and bring water. Everyone is welcome.

Grades 7–8 | AHS

6 Tuesdays and 6 Thursdays | Jan. 6–Feb. 12 | 4:00–5:30 pm | \$149

Climbing Club: Intro to Climbing & Belaying **EVENING**

Jon Brennan

Challenge yourself on the brand-new climbing wall in the AHS gym. Whether you're a complete beginner or have some experience, get the skills needed to safely belay on a ropes course, including how to fasten your climbing harness, tie a figure 8 knot, and participate in a team belay. High schoolers will also have the opportunity to learn how to solo belay using the PBUS (pull, brake, under, slide) method.

Grades 7+ | AHS

8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 18 | 6:15–7:30 pm | \$225

► **Fun Fact!** Mr. Brennan also teaches this class for adults, see p. 8

Parkour

Parkour Generations Boston

Move from point A to point B in the most creative, entertaining, fastest and most efficient way possible, without the help of 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 | Grades 3–5

9 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 18 | 1:10–2:10 pm | \$209

Ottoson | 9 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 17

Ages 11–16: 3:30–5:00 pm | \$249

Ages 8–12: 5:15–6:15 pm | \$209 **EVENING**

Advanced Parkour **EVENING**

Parkour Generations Boston

Bring your training to the next level with this class designed for more experienced parkour practitioners who have established a strong physical and technical foundation. Push yourself with parkour movements, techniques, and challenges that will increase your capabilities in a safe, supervised structure. Incorporate acrobatic elements that explore air awareness, inversion, and “flair” or style into movement. Delve further into the roots and spirit of parkour training and explore how overcoming challenges can build self-confidence and adaptability that can be applied outside of parkour.

Ages 8–13 | 9 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 17 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Ottoson | \$209

► **Fun Fact!** Adults can take Parkour too, see p. 8

Winter Outdoor Running

Christina Delyani & Jessica Pulzetti

Calling all intermediate-to-advanced running enthusiasts! Embrace the fresh winter air and build fitness in this fun and challenging running program. We will move throughout the entire class with a combination of running and proper dynamic and static stretches, as well as plyometrics and strength circuits to stay strong. Independent running will be encouraged throughout the week to stay fit and on track to meet our goal of running a 5K at the end of the program.

Ottoson | Grades 7–8

7 Tuesdays and 7 Thursdays | Jan. 20–Mar. 12 | 3:10–4:25 pm | \$229

Beginning Cross-Country Skiing **NEW**

SkiBoston

Have some winter fun on cross-country skis. Get moving, gliding, and laughing as you learn the basics of cross-country skiing. We'll play tons of games and go on snowy adventures with your new skills. By the end, you'll be confident cruising along the flat trails and mild hills and excited to come back for more snowy XC fun. And don't worry, no matter what this winter brings, there's always snow at Weston Ski Track! Price includes ski rental and trail pass valid for the day.

Ages 6–10 | Saturday, Jan 17 | 3:30–4:45 pm | Weston | \$79



Winter Hiking & Snowshoeing

Guineafowl Adventure Company

Winter hiking is a great way to get outdoors and enjoy the views offered by a leafless landscape, the crispness of the air, the way the forest sounds, and warming up on a cold day. Hike local wilderness areas such as the Middlesex Fells Reservation and the Western Greenway, led by an experienced guide. Engage your curiosity, seek out adventure, build camaraderie, and increase your stamina on hikes of varying distances and challenges. Gain winter hiking confidence as you learn how to use micro-spikes on ice, snowshoes on fresh powder, and headlamps when our hikes continue past sunset. Our club will culminate in an optional full-day hike in the White Mountain National Forest.

Grades 6–8 | 3:00–6:00 pm | \$365

Gibbs | 5 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Feb. 10

Ottoson | 5 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Feb. 12

Full-Day Hike: Sunday, Mar. 1 | 7:00 am–5:00 pm | \$205

Hiking Club: Nature Explorations **NEW**

Guineafowl Adventure Company

Hop aboard the Guineafowl van and gear up for late-winter hiking adventures. Explore local forests as the ground thaws. See the first signs of spring—trees begin to bud, birds start singing, and early insects and amphibians emerge from the cold. Grow your hiking skills alongside the forest's reawakening. All equipment is provided.

Grades 6–8 | 3:00–6:00 pm | \$295

Gibbs | 4 Tuesdays | Mar. 3–Mar. 24

Ottoson | 4 Thursdays | Mar. 5–Mar. 26

Full-Day Hike: Sunday, Mar. 29 | 7:00 am–5:00 pm | \$205

Nature Detectives: The Way of Winter

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Languages & Life Skills

French Through Music **NEW**

RoLa Languages

Make music *en français!* From classic French children's tunes to modern melodies, we'll travel through France's rich musical traditions—from the joyful beats of Paris cafés to the lively sounds of Provence and the islands. Through singing, dancing, and playful activities, you will build your French vocabulary, pronunciation, and confidence.

Stratton | Grades K-2

8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:10 pm | \$215

French: Le Visiteur **NEW**

RoLa Languages

Participez à une merveilleuse aventure. Travel through France, from the iconic Mont Saint-Michel and the lavender fields of Provence to the castles of the Loire Valley and the snowy peaks of the Alps. Through songs, stories, art, and games, you'll practice French while exploring the sunny beaches of Nice, the bustling port of Marseille, the rolling hills of Normandy, and the sparkling lights of Paris.

Thompson | Grades 2–5

8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$215

Plus de Bonjour Boogie **NEW**

Sophie Leurent

Bonjour! Learn more everyday French by creating comic skits, reading with popular French graphic novels, crafting, and enjoying friendly movement games. As we practice French phrases and conversation, you'll sharpen your theater arts skills while making *nouveaux amis* (new friends).

Bishop | Grades 2–5

8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:10 pm | \$159

Spanish Club

RoLa Languages

¡Hola! Learn Spanish by asking everyday questions, performing skits, making crafts, and singing songs. Each term, we will explore a different theme, so our skills will grow throughout the year. In the *invierno* (winter), learn to talk about what you like to do and where you like to go. Lessons are adapted for a variety of levels, making this an excellent introduction for beginners and an opportunity for returning students to practice what they know.

Grades K-2 | 8 weeks | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$245

Bishop | Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13

Dallin | Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16

Hardy | Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:10 pm

Pearce | Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13

Stratton | Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12

Thompson | Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:10 pm

Spanish Travelers: Art & Culture **NEW**

RoLa Languages

¡Vamos a crear y celebrar! Explore the Spanish language through creativity, color, and rhythm. Paint in the style of Frida Kahlo, dance to lively salsa rhythms, and craft colorful piñatas. Build your Spanish vocabulary and expressions while discovering the art, music, and traditions of Spanish-speaking cultures—*¡todo en español!*

Grades 3–5 | \$215

Stratton | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12 | 2:40–3:40 pm

Thompson | 8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14–Mar. 11 | 1:10–2:10 pm

Mandarin with Mister Monis

Michael Monis

Connect with the world by studying Mandarin, the official language of China. Learn the vocabulary to have basic conversations, including greetings, numbers and colors, school and home life, dining, shopping, and more. Also learn how to read and write basic 汉字 (hanzi)-written characters that represent words or phrases. Explore Chinese historical events, traditional cultural practices, and holidays.

Dallin | Grades 2–5

8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$169

Chinese Kitchen: Traditional Dumplings 饺子

Michael Monis

Come celebrate the Chinese New Year by learning how to make traditional Chinese-style pork dumplings! Dumplings are not only loved around the world, but are a symbol of wealth and longevity. They're an important dish enjoyed by families during the Chinese New Year. We will prepare a filling, wrap and cook dumplings in various ways, and learn a little bit about the history and cultural influence of this delectable dish.

Dallin | Grades 3–5 | Friday, Feb. 6 | 2:40–4:30 pm | \$49

Taiwanese Kitchen: Bubble Tea 珍珠奶茶 **NEW**

Michael Monis

Bubble tea has taken the world by storm and become a pop culture favorite. Invented in Taiwan, this tea-based drink mixes milk, syrup, and chewy tapioca pearls called boba. Learn how to shape the boba and stir it into sweet, creamy milk tea. You'll leave ready to make this fun, trendy drink at home and share a taste of Taiwan with friends and family.

Dallin | Grades 3–5 | Friday, Mar. 6 | 2:40–4:30 pm | \$49



Wa-Shokuiku: Learn, Cook, Eat Japanese **NEW**

Table for Two USA

Discover the flavors of Japan through hands-on cooking. Make *maki* rolls, *okonomiyaki* (savory pancakes), miso soup with rice-stuffed tofu pockets, and a sweet fruit parfait with mochi and green tea ice cream. We'll also work on Japanese-style presentation skills by making charming *bento* (lunchbox) with *kawaii* (cute) rice balls, tomato hearts, and mini octopus-shaped hot dogs.

Brackett | Grades 1–3

5 Wednesdays | Jan. 28–Mar. 4 | 1:10–2:25pm | \$205

Kids in the Kitchen

Kids' Test Kitchen

Let's get cooking, tasting, and thinking about healthy ingredients. Slice, dice, peel, measure, and cook special dishes, while practicing essential life skills like process, time management, and patience. 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 to show off what you've learned. Food allergies are taken into consideration, ensuring that everyone has fun while staying safe.

Grades 3–5 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$269

Dallin | 8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10

Thompson | 8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16

BLAST! Babysitting & CPR Training

Juanita Allen Kingsley

BLAST! Babysitting and CPR provides training in first aid, household safety, and some fundamentals of childcare. Get prepared to begin babysitting safely and competently, select safe and suitable games and activities, prevent accidents, and interview for babysitting jobs. We will also cover choking prevention and relief and how to call 911. You will receive a CPR/AED certification.

Grades 6–8 | Gibbs

Thursday, Feb. 12 or Mar. 5 | 3:30–6:15 pm | \$119

Home Alone Safety **ONLINE**

Frank Olivieri

Knowing when a child is ready to stay home alone is a challenging decision, but preparation can make this milestone much easier for your family. *Home Alone Safety* is a readiness program that builds self-confidence, a sense of responsibility, and stronger decision-making abilities through a variety of fun, interactive activities, discussions, and situational role-playing. Topics include effective communication, securing the home, and handling emergencies. It is a stepping stone for younger students as they become comfortable with the idea, and for older children to gain more confidence with being home alone.

Online | Grades 3–6

Sunday, Jan. 18 | 10:00 am–12:00 pm | \$55/screen

Our Whole Lives **EVENING**

Jane Detwiler

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a comprehensive sexuality education class that equips teens with accurate, age-appropriate information and skills to help them lead sexually healthy, positive, and responsible lives. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, OWL addresses a wide range of topics, including body image, relationships, social media/Internet, sexual orientation, gender identity, sexually transmitted infections, birth control, and cultural influences on sexuality. Through fun and engaging activities and discussions in a safe environment, OWL helps teens clarify their own values and build their interpersonal skills. Our Whole Lives is used nationwide in a variety of community settings, including schools, youth-serving agencies, and faith-based communities. OWL is completely secular and contains no religious doctrine. To learn more, visit www.uua.org/re/owl.

AHS | Grades 8–9

16 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–May 19 | 6:00–8:00 pm | \$445

Enjoy fun family classes

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STEM

LEGO: Adventures in STEM

Play-Well TEKnologies

Let your imagination run wild. Build projects such as trains, helicopters, and treehouses with thousands of LEGO. From building robots and engineering structures to creating simple machines and conducting experiments, this class will inspire you to look at LEGOs in a whole different way. The projects change each season, so returning builders get a fresh challenge.

Grades K–1 | 2:40–4:10 pm | \$249

Stratton | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12

Grades K–2 | 2:40–4:10 pm | \$249

Dallin | 8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13

Hardy | 8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10

LEGO: STEM Explorations

Play-Well TEKnologies

Power up your engineering skills with thousands of LEGO. Merge your craziest ideas with real-world concepts in physics, construction, and industrial design through projects such as catapults, dragsters with pullback motors, pendulum rides, and deluxe buildings. Design and build as never before. The projects change each season, so returning builders get a fresh challenge.

Bishop | Grades 3–5

8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10 | 2:40–4:10 pm | \$249

Toys, Gadgets & Games **NEW**

Brains & Motion

Creative thinking meets engineering in this makerspace class. Explore gravity, momentum, and clever design as you build inventive contraptions. Projects include parachute drops, 3D illusions, roller coaster rides, and more, each designed to challenge your problem-solving and ignite your creativity.

Grades K–2 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$205

Hardy | 8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13

Peirce | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12

Fun with Things That Fly

Einstein's Workshop

Ready, set, takeoff! From paper airplanes to rockets, we'll make all sorts of flying inventions while exploring aerodynamics and how things move through the air. Make, test, and reinvent catapults, kites, parachutes, and more, as we explore the laws of physics and the forces that keep objects afloat. This class will be just "plane" fun!

Grades 2–4 | 2:40–3:55 pm | \$335

Peirce | 8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16

Stratton | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12

Momentum Machines: Rube Goldberg Inspired

Brains & Motion

Turn simple tasks into wild chain reactions. Inspired by the zany world of Rube Goldberg, you'll design and build machines where one thing leads to another—and another! Use marbles, ramps, and everyday objects to explore momentum, timing, gravity, and force. Embrace your inventive side and see how creative your contraptions can get.

Grades 3–5 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$205

Brackett | 8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13

Hardy | 8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16

Spark & Slime Adventures

C0deEX

Get ready to mix, bubble, build, and explore with hands-on science experiments that spark your curiosity and creativity. You'll make slime to learn about states of matter, build mini-volcanoes, launch paper rockets, test what sinks or floats, create simple circuits, make rainbow celery, explore the magic of magnets, and more. Ready, set, experiment!

Dallin | Grades K–2

8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$235

Potion Makers Club

Wicked Cool

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.

Grades K–2 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$225

Brackett | 6 Fridays | Jan. 23–Mar. 6

Thompson | 6 Tuesdays | Jan. 20–Mar. 3



Science Art Lab

Erica Dusombre

Discover how science can ignite your imagination and fuel your artistic side. Explore force and motion with spin art, harness the sun for solar prints and color-changing bracelets, mix colors for rainbow-inspired art, and experiment with states of matter as you make oobleck. Science can be beautiful!

Hardy | Grades K–2

8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 23 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$175

Nature Detectives: The Way of Winter **NEW**

Mass Audubon Habitat

Sharpen your observation skills and uncover the mysteries of the winter season. Analyze animal specimens, search the schoolyard to see how nature survives the cold, and conduct hands-on experiments. Who's active in the chill, and what clues do they leave behind? Which animals snooze, or skip town, until spring? Record your discoveries in your own nature journal as you investigate weekly themes like wildlife tracking, winter insects, tree identification, hibernation, and more. Be ready to head outdoors; snowshoes will be provided when the snow is deep.

Grades K–2 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$225

Brackett | 8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13–Mar. 10

Dallin | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15–Mar. 12

Frozen Science

Wicked Cool

Step into a sparkling winter wonderland of science, because the cold never bothered us anyway! Make "frozen" slime, craft delicate six-pointed snowflakes, and create a magical indoor snowstorm. Grow shimmering frost crystals, build a snow globe that defies gravity, and design a dazzling frozen forest. Then warm up by making your own cozy hand warmers.

Peirce | Grades K–2

6 Wednesdays | Jan. 21–Mar. 4 | 1:10–2:10 pm | \$225

Science & Alchemy

Athena Coding

Explore the world of scientific discovery as you create a lava lamp, engineer a race car, or make a ping pong ball hang in the air. You may stir up invisible ink, create a volcanic eruption, or build a Newton's Cradle. We'll discuss the development and application of various scientific principles and build our science vocabulary using illustrations and handouts that you can use to recreate your experiments at home.

Grades 1–3 | 2:40–3:40 pm | \$215

Bishop | 8 Mondays | Jan. 12–Mar. 16

Stratton | 8 Fridays | Jan. 16–Mar. 13

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.

Grades K-2 | 2:40-4:10 pm | \$255

Brackett | 8 Mondays | Jan. 12-Mar. 16

Thompson | 8 Fridays | Jan. 16-Mar. 13

Basic Electronics with Arduino

COdeEX

Build and tinker as you explore the basics of electricity and coding. Use real electrical components, like breadboards, LEDs, resistors, and sensors, to build creative, interactive projects. Starting with block-based coding in mBlock, you'll write programs to control lights, play music, simulate traffic lights, and detect motion. Step by step, you'll gain confidence using both hardware and code.

Grades 3-5 | \$235

Bishop | 8 Fridays | Jan. 16-Mar. 13 | 2:40-3:40 pm

Stratton | 8 Mondays | Jan. 12-Mar. 16 | 2:40-3:40 pm

Exploring AI & Coding

COdeEX

Get a fun, hands-on introduction to artificial intelligence. Explore basic AI concepts like facial recognition, pattern detection, and machine learning using Scratch and Google's Teachable Machine. You'll train simple models with images, build interactive games and animations, and watch your creations respond to real-world inputs. You'll develop skills in logic, problem-solving, and creativity while discovering how AI is shaping our world.

Peirce | Grades 3-5

8 Thursdays | Jan. 15-Mar. 12 | 2:40-3:40 pm | \$235



Minecraft Coding & Design Studio

Athena Coding

Build a solid foundation in personalized game design as you develop unique Minecraft worlds. Embark on an exciting adventure in animation and storytelling, programming in Python and Javascript, and architecture and design. Learn the fundamentals of electrical circuitry, logic gates, multi-system mechanisms, modding, and more.

Grades 3-5 | \$215

Bishop | 8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14-Mar. 11 | 1:10-2:10 pm

Thompson | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15-Mar. 12 | 2:40-3:40 pm

Superheroes of Minecraft **NEW**

CodeAdvantage

The Minecraft world needs heroes! Learn coding fundamentals as you create superheroes with unique abilities to tackle exciting challenges. Travel to a ruined city, explore a frozen bunker, defend the White House, and more while putting your coding skills to the test. Each class offers a fresh adventure and a new opportunity to save the Minecraft world.

Stratton | Grades 3-5

8 Tuesdays | Jan. 13-Mar. 10 | 2:40-3:40 pm | \$279

AI Gaming Maze Runner **NEW**

CodeAdvantage

Embark on a coding adventure in Scratch and train a charming critter to conquer intricate mazes using the basics of artificial intelligence. Learn fundamental programming concepts as you give your critter the ability to make autonomous choices and adapt to new challenges. Program it to remember successful paths, navigate locked doors, and solve problems independently—all while having fun and getting a playful introduction to the ideas behind AI and machine learning. New coders are welcome.

Grades 3-5 | \$279

Brackett | 8 Thursdays | Jan. 15-Mar. 12 | 2:40-3:40 pm

Dallin | 8 Wednesdays | Jan. 14-Mar. 11 | 1:10-2:10 pm

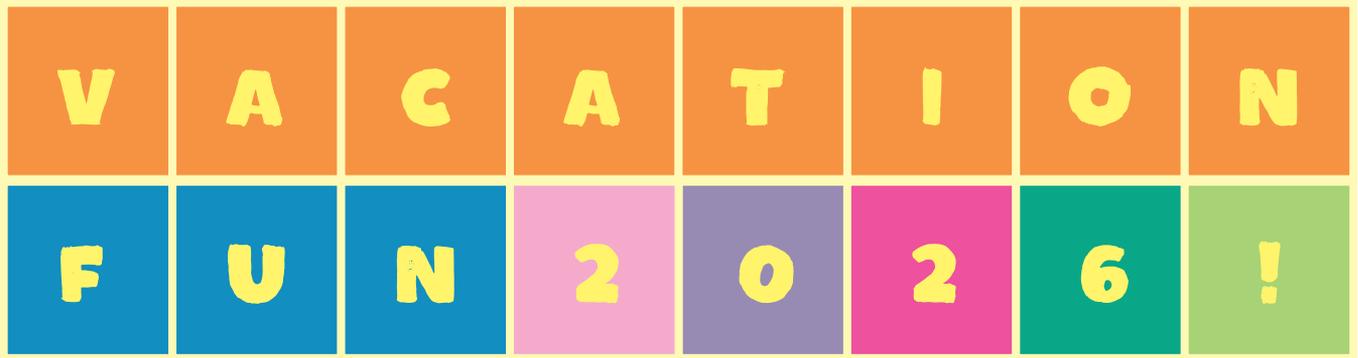
Python with Game Development **NEW**

COdeEx

Unleash your creativity and bring your ideas to life through coding! Learn Python, one of the most popular programming languages, through the exciting world of game development. Using Pygame you'll learn core coding concepts such as variables, loops, conditionals, and functions while designing and programming interactive games. You'll strengthen problem-solving skills, teamwork, and logical thinking—all while having fun turning their imagination into playable projects!

Ottoson | Grades 7-8

8 Thursdays | Jan. 15-Mar. 12 | 3:10-4:10 pm | \$235



FEBRUARY VACATION

Tuesday–Friday, Feb. 17–20, 2026

Arlington High School

AM | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Grades K–8

PM | 12:30–3:30 PM

Choose half- or full-day classes. Students who select both AM & PM classes are supervised during a lunch/recess period and escorted to their afternoon classes.

MORNING PROGRAMS

Doodle Bugs

Arjun Joyce

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. There's no right or wrong in this class—drawing is all about having fun!

AM | Grades K–2 | \$195



Nature Detectives

Mass Audubon Habitat

Bundle up and head outside to sharpen your detective skills. Humans have jackets and grocery stores, but how do animals cope with cold, stormy weather? Track signs of hibernation, spot critters that stay active, and search for clues about their food. Observe, hypothesize, and experiment as you examine specimens, create animal crafts, and explore adaptations. Remember your jacket and boots—unless severe lightning or heavy rain makes it unsafe, we'll be outdoors, using snowshoes if needed.

AM | Grades K–2 | \$279

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.

AM | Grades K–2 | \$239

Clay Creations: Imaginative Beasts

Jen Flores

Bring legendary creatures to life in clay. Sculpt mighty dragons, towering squids, serpent gods, and other fantastical beings inspired by myths and stories from around the world. Craft detailed action figures, design miniature homes and dioramas for them to inhabit, and let your imagination rule the realm.

AM | Grades 1–3 | \$195

SAVE THE DATE!

April VacationFun

**Tuesday–Friday,
April 21–24**

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 take our circus to new heights as we walk on stilts, perform in groups, and weave our acts into one big circus spectacular.

AM | Grades 1-3 | \$239

Music Video Mania

Geoffrey Anderson

Make your own music video! Working solo or in small groups, we will collaborate to plan, choreograph, make props, and learn how to film and edit a music video using iMovie. At the end of the week, we'll celebrate with a music video award show.

AM | Grades 2-4 | \$195



Experimental Artmaking

Hope Howard

Discover your creative voice through hands-on exploration of a wide range of art materials. Experiment with texture, line, color, and shape while bringing both 2D and 3D projects to life. Using paints, pencils, and found objects, create paintings, prints, collages, and more.

AM | Grades 3-5 | \$195

Minecraft Innovators

Right Brain Curriculum

Build a city in a virtual Minecraft world while exploring real-world concepts. Design homes and businesses, manage budgets, and learn about profit, loss, and supply and demand. Serve on a city council, draft laws, and vote on a city constitution. Collaborate in committees to make decisions and design buildings that bring your city to life.

AM | Grades 3-5 | \$239

Breakfast All Day

Steven Tashjian

If breakfast is your favorite meal of the day, then come try foods found in diners, bakeries, and even fine restaurants. Recipes include creative takes on eggs, pancakes, breakfast casserole, French toast, and fruit smoothies. At the end of the week, you'll have new skills and a recipe book to share with family and friends.

AM | Grades 4-6 | \$225

Parkour

Parkour Generations Boston

Jump into the dynamic world of parkour! Explore basic techniques in a safe and progressive setting while building your physical strength and developing self-confidence. Learn to embrace obstacles as an opportunity for fun and exploration and see your physical environment through "parkour vision," where the whole world becomes your playground. Designed for a wide range of fitness levels and abilities.

AM | Grades 4-6 | \$245

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

Experimental Artmaking

Hope Howard

See description in Morning section.

PM | Grades K-2 | \$195

LEGO Challenges: Ready, Set, Le-go!

Right Brain Curriculum

Get ready for exciting LEGO adventures! Build a daring helicopter rescue, a rocket-ready space shuttle, or a city overrun with monsters—anything is possible. Work with your team to dream it up, build it, and then show off your creation.

PM | Grades K-2 | \$245

Join the Circus

Vegetable Circus

See description in Morning section.

PM | Grades K-2 | \$239

Books & Cooks

Steve Tashjian

Mix up cookies, cakes, muffins, and more in this sweet class inspired by stories. We'll start each day with a story that introduces our recipe of the day. Then we'll go over the recipe together, talk about the ingredients, and practice measuring and following directions as we work to bake our tasty treat. Go home with new skills, sweet treats, and plenty of stories to share.

PM | Grades 1-3 | \$225

Parkour

Parkour Generations Boston

See description in Morning section.

PM | Grades 1-3 | \$245

DIY Stuffies

Jen Flores

Love dolls and stuffies? Learn how to make your own! We'll use yarn, paper towel rolls, felt, paper, wooden pegs, and fabric swatches to make a wide variety of dolls and stuffed animals. Use your imagination to craft a different friend each day and take home your creations at the end of the week.

PM | Grades 2-4 | \$195

Robot Commanders 101

Circuit Lab

Learn about what it means to write, debug, and execute computer programs that communicate with different robotic devices. Using the power of code, we'll turn *Sphero SPRK+* robots into Magic 8 Balls, automated red light/green light games, and the arcade classic *Pong*. Unruly Splats will become voting machines, relay races, guessing games, and more.

PM | Grades 2-4 | \$239

Stop Motion Animation

Geoffrey Anderson

Unleash your creativity by building worlds and bringing your ideas (and your toys) to life frame-by-frame through the art of stop motion animation. From conceptualization to execution, you will write, storyboard, direct, photograph, and animate a mini-movie using Stop Motion Studio. End the week with a screening of the movies we make.

PM | Grades 3-5 | \$195



Comic Book Creations

Arjun Joyce

Explore many different ways to create, design, and plan a comic book/strip sequence. Practice character development, story building, facial expression, and figure drawing to make your characters come alive. Look at samples of graphic novels, traditional comics, manga, and anime, then make your own comic that reflects your own voice and style.

PM | Grades 3-5 | \$195

Let's Play Pokémon!

Naeem Denis

Calling all Pokéfans! Learn more about the wonderful world of Pokémon. We'll cover both the trading card game and the video game series and explore the culture surrounding this global gaming phenomenon that was created way back in 1996. There will be open casual play and supervised trading, as well as games and demo decks available for you to try. Bring any cards you have, but don't worry if you forget—everyone will go home with an EX Battle Deck. "Gotta catch 'em all!"

PM | Grades 4-6 | \$225

FULL DAY PROGRAMS

LARP Heroes Academy

LARP Adventure Program

In a one-of-a-kind experience, 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'll create fantastic adventures.

Grades 3-8 | 9:00 am-3:30 pm | \$595



Television Production

Arlington Community Media Inc.

The action begins as soon as you arrive at the ACMi studio. Hands-on training on cameras, lights, and sound equipment will help you make TV magic. Script-writing, video editing, and interviewing others on camera are just some of the things you'll learn over the course of the week. You will use your new skills to create an episode of television, which will then be broadcast on ACMi's TV channels.

Grades 6-8 | 10:00 am-3:00 pm
Offsite | \$445

Hiking & Snowshoeing

Guineafowl Adventure

Spend the school vacation week outside exploring and hiking in different nature areas each day. Winter hiking is a great way to get outdoors and enjoy the views offered by a leafless landscape, the crispness of the air, the way the forest sounds, and warming up on a cold day. Gain confidence as you learn how to navigate and stay warm. We may even use microspikes on ice and snowshoes for snowy terrain. Warm drinks and hiking snacks will be provided, but you will need to bring your own lunch.

Grades 6-8 | 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 18-20
Offsite | \$415

Important Information

Who Can Enroll

ACE welcomes students from anywhere—you do not have to live in Arlington to attend. Adult classes are open to ages 18+ unless otherwise noted. We strive to provide safe, accessible, and comfortable classes for students of all races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, religions, abilities, statuses, and every other category protected by federal or state law.

How to Register

Register online at ArlingtonCommunityEd.org. If you have any questions, please call 781.316.3568 or email CommunityEd@arlington.k12.ma.us.

You are officially enrolled as soon as your payment is processed and you receive a course confirmation via email.

ACE does not prorate tuition.

Please register early! Many classes fill fast and low-enrolled classes are cancelled.

Waitlists

If the class you want is full, sign up for the waitlist. We often get last-minute changes or add sections when possible. You must enter a credit card and complete the checkout process to join the waitlist. We will contact you by email or phone if a spot opens up. Your card will not be charged without permission.

Email/Text Communications

Please register using an email address that you check regularly. ACE uses email as the primary means of communication, sending details such as class reminders, parking information, cancellations, supplies, and any teacher updates.

Please add your mobile phone number to your profile and allow text messaging. We only text with important, last-minute communications, such as weather or teacher absences, and not for marketing purposes.

ACE does not share or sell personal information to third parties.

Class Details

Class times and locations are included in your *Course Confirmation* and *Course Reminder* emails from Arlington@Arux.App. You can also find all class information in your profile in ACE's online registration system.

For in-person evening classes, we will email you instructions for parking and building access before your class begins. ACE staff will be on site to direct you to your classroom.

- Please be on time for your class to ensure minimal disruption to the instructor and fellow students. In certain cases, latecomers may be turned away, and a refund will not be issued.
- We do not allow unregistered students to drop-in, try, or observe classes.
- Minors may not attend adult classes with their parents, nor may they wait in the building unattended during a parent's class.

Credits

If you have an ACE credit, it will automatically appear in your shopping cart and can be applied at checkout. Please contact us with questions.

Withdrawals

- **10+ business days before first class:**
Refund or credit less 10% (max. fee \$25)
- **5–9 business days before first class:**
Refund or credit less 20% (max. fee \$35)
- **Fewer than 5 business days before first class:**
No refunds or credits

Email withdrawal requests during our business hours (Monday–Friday, 9 am–4 pm) to CommunityEd@arlington.k12.ma.us; requests received outside of these hours will be considered the following business day. There are no credits or refunds once a class has started.

If you would like to transfer your registration to a friend or family member, you must contact ACE before the start of class so they can be added to the roster.

Cancellations

ACE reserves the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment or other considerations. If we cancel your class, you will receive a full refund to your original form of payment.

If the Arlington Public Schools are closed during the day due to holidays, school vacations, or inclement weather, ACE classes will not be held. If school is in session and weather becomes inclement during the day, cancellations will be posted on our website, emailed, and texted (please opt in for text!).

If your class is cancelled due to weather, we will make every effort to reschedule a make-up date. We cannot offer refunds or credits for weather-related changes. Online classes will typically run in inclement weather.

Tuition Assistance

Partial tuition assistance is available for most classes for qualifying Arlington residents. Details and application at Arlingtoncommunityed.org/tuition-assistance.

Photo/Video Permissions

We love to use photos and videos of ACE students in action in our print and digital promotions. We would appreciate your opting in for photo permissions when you register.

To preserve privacy, we do not allow students to take video or audio recordings of our classes.

ADA Accessibility

Arlington Public Schools (APS) is committed to providing equitable access to programs and services. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact ACE to request a reasonable accommodation to access and fully participate in our courses. At least two weeks before your class begins, please email your request to communityed@arlington.k12.ma.us or call 781.316.3568.

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ACE reserves the right to change instructors, locations, prices, times, or dates due to unforeseen circumstances and/or typographical errors.

The opinions, views, or recommendations expressed by instructors are their own, and do not necessarily reflect those of ACE. We do not endorse any service or product recommended or offered by instructors.

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