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Sept. 8 - Oct. 30 2015

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# STAR Education



## Proudly Announcing the Launch of STAR S.T.E.A.M. Makers at All Our Sites! – An Investment in Innovation for Our Children's Future



We are proud to announce the launch of **S.T.E.A.M. Makers**, an innovative program designed to immerse our students in the exciting multidisciplinary world of **S.T.E.A.M.** consisting of experimenters, makers, tinkerers, and creators! STAR Education believes learning is a **life long experience** that is most influential at the elementary level. In a future demanding innovation and creativity, as well as high-level collaboration skills, STAR fully believes a strong background in **S.T.E.A.M.** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) will build a foundational skillset for the jobs of tomorrow. Out-of-the-box thinking and critical reasoning are built-in components to our programming that help shape the framework of the initiative. Our goal is to ensure all students have access to these tools today for their ca-

reers tomorrow, regardless of economic circumstances.

We are proud to have been chosen by the **Los Angeles County Office of Education as a partner for S.T.E.A.M. education**. We are also honored that Los Angeles Unified School District's Beyond the Bell Program has chosen STAR as a partner for **S.T.E.A.M.** Education as well. Through our participation as a member on the advisory board of the Los Angeles Regional STEMhub advisory council and the above agencies, STAR shares a common vision to develop our children's curiosity and motivation through nurturing their inner tinkerer and maker with process-oriented investigation and quality learning experiences.

## Expanding STAR Education's Neuroscience Professional Development Program



**STAR's Expands the Neuroscience Professional Development Program- "Why the Grey Matters"!**

STAR Education is thrilled to be expanding the reach of its comprehensive **Neuroscience Professional Development Program Why the Grey Matters**, launching the school year with two STAR all-staff neuroscience trainings.

Why the Grey Matters is a dynamic, hands-on neuro-based education program that focuses on the foundational elements of early brain development and equips parents and educators with a toolbox of skills for applying that knowledge to their classrooms, parenting and personal lives.

Approved by the **University of Southern California** to provide Continuing Education Units this program has been rated by some teacher participants as one of the best professional development program they've attended in 15 years (LAUSD Elementary Teacher). **Why the Grey Matters empowers people as "Neurosculptors"** and gives them the skills to work with the developing brains of tomorrow.



For more information  
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# Albert Einstein STAR NOVA 1

## STAR Nova Dates:

**September 8 - October 30, 2015**

Welcome to the STAR NOVA Program! STAR NOVA invites ALL students to enroll in NOVA classes that are taught by experienced instructors who are specialists in their field.

### HOW TO REGISTER

**You can REGISTER ONLINE!**

**<http://alberteinstein.starinc.org>**. If you are unable to register online, please contact your site director to obtain a registration form. Please note, NO PHONE CALLS will be made to let you know you are enrolled, unless classes are canceled or full.

**Nova Meeting Place: Multipurpose room (Maltz) on first floor.**

### GETTING TO YOUR STAR NOVA CLASS

Kinder students will be dropped off at the multipurpose room by classroom teachers upon school dismissal.

#### 1st - 5th Grade

Students will meet their STAR teacher at the multipurpose room upon school dismissal.

### AFTER YOUR STAR NOVA CLASS

**Students will need to be picked up at the Atrium after STAR classes. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SHOW VALID I.D.**

Please be on time to pick up your child because STAR is not responsible for your child before and after class. Students MUST be checked out by a parent, legal guardian, or person authorized by their parent on emergency form.

### REGISTRATION FEE

A \$10 fee is required for each student PER SESSION to cover insurance and registration costs. This fee is non-refundable and is not applicable toward the cost of the classes.

### ABSENCES

Please contact your STAR NOVA Director if your child will be absent.

### REFUND POLICY

1. No refunds of any kind will be given after the first week of attendance.
2. We reserve the right to cancel any class due to insufficient enrollment. Should such an event occur your money will be credited.
3. Tuition will not be refunded if your child misses a class, quits, or is asked to leave due to disruptive behavior.

### BEHAVIOR POLICY

STAR NOVA reserves the right to dismiss students whose behavior proves disruptive to other participants. In such cases a consultation will be held with all relevant parties before any action is taken. No refund will be offered in such cases.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available on a sliding scale basis. Scholarship paperwork MUST be submitted by August 28, 2015, along with a check for 50% of the total fee INCLUDING REGISTRATION FEE. Please see your STAR NOVA director to inquire for more information.

**If you have any questions, or for information about school closures and minimum days contact your STAR NOVA Director, Beverly Powell, at 310-842-8040 x 120 and [alberteinstein@star-inc.org](mailto:alberteinstein@star-inc.org)**

**STAR MONDAYS • 6 WEEKS**

### HOMEWORK PLUS

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THIS CLASS IS ONE (1) HOUR EACH DAY.**

Students get a jump start on homework in STAR Homework Plus! Supervised by a college-educated instructor, students will be assisted with homework in a quiet and focused study space in all subject areas of math, language arts, science, and more. Students will be taught effective learning strategies, gain useful organizational skills, and develop lifelong study habits. Students will engage in enjoyable and structured activities like games, art projects, and more for students when homework is completed.

**Homework Plus is NOT a 1-1 tutoring session.**

**Day: Monday**

**Time: 4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( K-5 )**

**3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( K-5 )**

**Fee: \$90**

**Date: 9/21/2015 - 10/26/2015**

### MEDIA ARTS: MOVIE STAR!

Producers, Agents and Managers are banging down our doors after the huge success of our first annual Movie STAR festival! Well, almost... But if you missed Movie STAR last year, you definitely don't want to miss it this round. We are back with more STAR-power, better equipment, and skill than ever before. From concept to completion, our expert teachers will guide students through the entire process of filmmaking. If you're Movie STAR alum, we encourage you to come back as a seasoned pro and develop that next big idea. It just might be the hit of our 2016 film festival! You don't have to go to Sundance to be a... Movie STAR!

**Limited to 10 students maximum.**

*A part of the STAR S.T.E.A.M. Initiative, this class utilizes multiple disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) to convey crosscutting concepts.*

**Day: Monday**

**Time: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( K-2 )**

**4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( 3-5 )**

**Fee: \$120**

**Date: 9/21/2015 - 10/26/2015**

## **SPORTS: BASKETBALL STARS**

Take it to the hoop with an alley-oop! Our spirited coaches will teach you fresh ball-handling skills, game strategies and passing techniques to bring your game to the next level. Try your new moves during in-class scrimmages that leave you feeling like a pro. Focus your training and game day skills in this popular STAR class!

**Day: Monday**

**Time: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( 3-5 )  
4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( K-2 )**

**Fee: \$102**

**Date: 9/21/2015 - 10/26/2015**

**STAR TUESDAYS • 7 WEEKS**

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**DAY: TUESDAY**

**TIME: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( K-5 )  
4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( K-5 )**

**FEE: \$105**

**DATE: 9/8/2015 - 10/27/2015**

**NO CLASS: 9/15/2015**

## **SCIENCE: MAGICAL MONSTER LABORATORY (LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCE)**

Join us on a science adventure into the world of mythical monsters! Dragons, vampires and mermaids may just be in stories, but we can explore real science when we investigate their attributes and world! Unlock the mysteries of the zombie brain, dissect a giant squid, and learn how to electrically power your own Frankenstein. See why two eyes are better than a cyclops one! This is one monster mash you won't want to miss!

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**Day: Tuesday**

**Time: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( 3-5 )  
4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( K-2 )**

**Fee: \$133**

**Date: 9/8/2015 - 10/27/2015**

**No Class: 9/15/2015**

## **SPORTS: GYMNASTICS STARS**

Flexibility is your key to a better life! Master advanced movements like round-offs, walkovers and one-handed cartwheels on safe, age appropriate equipment. Tackle these difficult maneuvers in a safe, patient environment, and put all of your new skills together in specialized, challenging routines.

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( K-2 )  
4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( 3-5 )**

**Fee: \$126**

**Date: 9/8/2015 - 10/27/2015**

**No Class: 9/15/2015**

**STAR WEDNESDAYS • 7 WEEKS**

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**DAY: WEDNESDAY**

**TIME: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( K-5 )  
4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( K-5 )**

**FEE: \$105**

**DATE: 9/9/2015 - 10/28/2015**

**NO CLASS: 9/23/2015**

## **DANCE: HIP HOP**

Pop, lock, and feel the beat! From street styles to your own unique style, this class will have you moving in ways you never knew you could! Learn isolation moves, develop rhythm, creativity and greater self-confidence. Then put your best to the test for the end of session step-off. All are welcome! Bring yourself, bring your moves, but whatever you do -- you better BRING IT! T

**Day: Wednesday**

**Time: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( K-2 )  
4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( 3-5 )**

**Fee: \$119**

**Date: 9/9/2015 - 10/28/2015**

**No Class: 9/23/2015**



### **GAMESCHOOL: INTRO TO MINECRAFT**

Minecraft has become one of the most popular games of this generation with a huge community of gamers, developers, and educators at its back. Learn the basics of Minecraft and discover how it has become a gateway to team-building, problem-solving and resource management. Travel, build, destroy, and create incredible worlds using the tools at your fingertips to discover the unlimited hidden potential of Minecraft. **Limited to 10 students per class.**

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**Time: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( 3-5 )**

**4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( K-2 )**

**Fee: \$133**

**Date: 9/9/2015 - 10/28/2015**

**No Class: 9/23/2015**

### **STAR THURSDAYS • 8 WEEKS**

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**Day: Thursday**

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**Fee: \$120**

**Date: 9/10/2015 - 10/29/2015**

### **ART: CLAY STUDIO**

Get ready to mold, shape and roll! Step into our clay studio for one of our most popular classes. Students learn the basic methods of clay sculpting by molding, rolling, and carving to design and create amazing works of art. Students transform a simple slab of clay into fascinating creatures, pop art inspired foods, or adorable animals! This class always features exciting projects for new and continuing students. *A part of the STAR S.T.E.A.M. Initiative, this class utilizes multiple disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) to convey crosscutting concepts.*

**Day: Thursday**

**Time: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( K-2 )**

**4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( 3-5 )**

**Fee: \$144**

**Date: 9/10/2015 - 10/29/2015**

### **MUSIC: BEGINNING KEYBOARD**

Get ready to tickle the ivories and travel the whole world of piano on a journey across the keyboard, learning to read music and play pieces from a variety of cultures and times. Our experienced teachers will cover everything from Bach to the Beatles in an all encompassing musical adventure. You'll perform as part of an ensemble, working with professional musicians and each other! This class runs year-round with an end of the school year STAR Keyboard Concert! Continuing students will be kept together.

**Limited to 8 students maximum.**

**Day: Thursday**

**Time: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( 3-5 ) 4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( K-2 )**

**Fee: \$152**

**Date: 9/10/2015 - 10/29/2015**



*In Clay Studio students create amazing works of art. Students will transform a simple slab of clay into fascinating creatures, pop art inspired foods, or adorable animals!*

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**Day: Friday**

**Time: 3:35 PM - 4:35 PM ( K-5 ) 4:50 PM - 5:50 PM ( K-5)**

**Fee: \$120**

**Date: 9/11/2015 - 10/30/2015**

## ECO STATION: HOW TO SPEAK ANIMAL

Wildlife experts from the world famous STAR Eco Station will teach you how different species of animals swap stories! Experiment with vibrant vocalizations, boisterous body language, and super scents that play an important role in animal communication. Try your hand at speaking ape language using special hand signals! Discover the meaning of a variety of animal dances, from Capuchin to Cockatoos! Each week get up close and personal with one of our rescued exotic animals, and truly learn "How to Speak Animal"!

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## WOODWORKING: TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Venture into the history of "Makers", as we explore and recreate significant tools that have helped or changed the way global cultures thrive. From Tortilladoras, the Abacus, sundials, wagon wheels and more, we will learn about the purpose and history of these long-lasting tools as we build our own versions of them. This class is perfect for enhancing hand-eye coordination, focus and creativity. Come make a part of history! Family and friends will be invited to come by the class on the last day for a special exhibit. *A part of the STAR S.T.E.A.M. Initiative, this class utilizes multiple disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) to convey crosscutting concepts.*

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**Learn all about the "Tools of the Trade" in STAR Woodworking!**



# Cuteness Overload at the STAR Eco Station

An Environmental Science Museum and Exotic Wildlife Rescue Center



## Attention: Sweet Baby Animal Alert! -Sugar Gliders-



### 5 MONTH OLD BABY SUGAR GLIDERS

About three months ago the Eco Station took in two baby sugar gliders from Thailand that were only 6 weeks old! Normally these marsupials would stay in their mom's pouch until they are at least 8 weeks old, but since they were unfortunately separated from their mom, it became the Eco staff's job to care for and nourish them and make them feel safe and at home. Now at almost 5 months old, these boys have grown into spunky, friendly, healthy and adorable gliders!

As cute as they are, sugar gliders are illegal to have as a pet in California as they are an invasive species that would eat ALL the bugs they could possibly find. These guys are nocturnal so they tend to spend most of the day sleeping, but when they do poke their heads out, it is quite a treat to our visitors. The best chance to get a glimpse of these cute babies is through our Eco Summer Camp Program where kids get an up close and personal experience with all of our exciting animals!

## The Softest of Them All! Rescued Chinchilla!

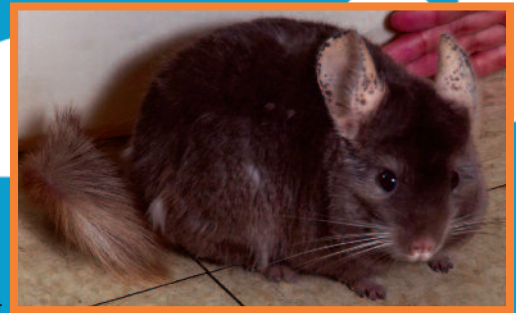
Meet Minccino, one of two chinchillas currently living at the Eco Station. Minccino was recently rescued after someone had her as a pet, but their landlord did not allow pets so they brought her to the Eco Station for us to care for her. Many people get chinchillas as pets because they are so fluffy and adorable, and later realize that they don't always make the greatest pets because they typically aren't used to people, they are nocturnal, and can be very loud and messy.

While chinchillas are commonly seen as pets, they are not so commonly seen in the wild. Chinchillas in the wild are endangered be-

cause people will hunt them for their super soft fur. Chinchillas are believed to have the softest coat of all the land mammals, (it is very dense and has 50-80 hairs growing out of a single follicle, verses humans who have 1-3 hairs per follicle) this soft coat would keep them nice and warm in their natural home in the snowy Andes mountains!

Minccino's favorite things are running on her wheel, eating hay, and getting cuddles! You may be able to get a feel of her fluff on your next visit to the Eco Station.

*Chinchillas are native to the Andes mountains in South America at high elevations of up to 4,270 meters.*



Email us at [ecostation@starinc.org](mailto:ecostation@starinc.org) to find out how you can help us!

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**Join us for our 16<sup>th</sup> annual bug-filled  
adventure at the STAR Eco Station**

**Walls that crawl! Winged wonders! Frightening fangs! It's time to BUG OUT at the STAR Eco Station!** Don't miss this zany entomology expo that showcases hundreds of bugs, from terrifying tarantulas to beautiful butterflies! Test your bug bravery with Fear Factor inspired games, robotic bugs, fun crafts and yummy food, including incredible edible insects at the bug buffet! Join a tour to see all the creepy crawlies and the rest of STAR Eco Station's rescued exotic wildlife.

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 • 11am-3pm**

**Eco Station tours only \$6 for kids & \$8 for adults! only \$5 for STAR kids!**



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