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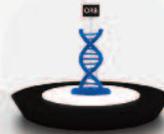
Look Who's On Our Team for S.T.E.A.M. Education: Thomas Suarez



PING
location
compass



WiTag
smartphone laser tag



ORB 3D Printer

Check out: Thomas' Youtube Feature & Apps!

YouTube



Featured on **BBC** World Horizons

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RmgeiSBAXCU>

It's not uncommon to see teenagers glued to their smart phones, swiping over social media sites with the agility of ninjas. But for 17-year-old, Thomas Suarez, being on his phone is all about business. Suarez taught himself coding at the age of 7, developed his first iPhone app at age 9, and gave his first TED talk at 12-years-old, which has been watched over 4.9 million times on TED and YouTube, and translated into 37 languages: http://www.ted.com/talks/thomas_suarez_a_12_year_old_app_developer

Suarez is also the Founder and Chief Engineer of CarrotCorp Inc., a technology company that creates mobile applications for Apple iOS, Android, Google Glass and smartwatches, develops 3D printing systems and provides advanced consulting in engineering and technology. Suarez has been a guest speaker all over the world and recently returned from Cancun, Mexico, where he was the keynote speaker at ASOFOM, a conference for top-level bankers and financiers about how to support and encourage tomorrow's young innovators. He was also invited by the royal family of Saudi

Arabia to speak at the MiSK Global Forum, an initiative to empower the youth of the region to become global citizens and to lead the way for the sustainable development of Saudi Arabia.

STAR: What led you to start coding?

TS: I've always been fascinated by technology. For as long as I can remember I've tinkered with it, even taking apart old VCRs to see how they worked. Initially, I was interested in developing for the Mac platform, and then when the iPhone came out, I wanted to develop apps for it. Through online tutorials and experimentation, I taught myself iOS development skills.

STAR: Did you understand coding right away or did it take some practice?

TS: My coding journey has always been about experimentation. I learn best with a hands-on approach. At the time, there wasn't anywhere to go for someone my age to learn coding, so it was really about trial and error. Without trial and error, I wouldn't be the developer I am today.

STAR: How did you get the opportunity to speak at TEDx and end up on TED.com?

TS: There was a TEDx event in Manhattan Beach and the education foundation was involved with the planning of it. They had heard about me, and the app club (app city) I had started at my middle school, and invited me to speak. The TEDx talk went extremely well and they ended up publishing it on TED.com due to the high demand for it.

STAR: How did you become involved with STAR?

TS: At a Google IO viewing event I attended in 2013, I met a STAR representative. We began to discuss AppCity and all the exciting programs STAR was doing with technology and that's when I formed a working relationship with STAR. It's been awesome ever since.

STAR: Where do you want to be in 10 years?

TS: In the future I would love AppCity and coding education to become prominent, and I look forward to developing and working with upcoming technologies.

West Hollywood STAR NOVA 3
1/30/17 - 3/24/17

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://westhollywood.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: LUNCH TABLES

GETTING TO YOUR STAR NOVA CLASS

Kindergarten

Students will be picked up from their classes and walked to the lunch tables.

1st - 5th Grade

Students will meet their instructors at the lunch tables.

AFTER YOUR STAR NOVA CLASS

Students will need to be picked up at the auditorium.

K-1st grade students who are not in an after school childcare program MUST be checked out by a parent, legal guardian, or person authorized by their parent.

2nd-5th grade students will be released to the yard. Please be on time to pick up your child because STAR is not responsible for your child before and after class.

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.

Students CURRENTLY enrolled in the STAR Galaxy Program DO NOT pay the \$10 registration fee.

ABSENCES

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

If your child is absent from school, it is school policy that he/she cannot attend STAR NOVA that day.

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 **1/25/17**, 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, Rob Himebaugh, at westhollywood@starinc.org
or (310) 961-0087.**

STAR TUESDAYS

Important Note: 3rd- 5th Grade Classes
"All STAR classes incorporate advanced enrichment curriculum for 3-5th graders to appropriately challenge and creatively stimulate our older STAR students."

STAR MONDAYS

SKATEBOARDING: BOARDERZ

Learn the basics of skateboarding from pushing, braking, and turning to advanced moves like kick flips, tail slides, and carving. Join STAR's exciting skateboarding safety and instruction class and you'll be on your way to rival pros like Tony Hawk and Ryan Sheckler! Our professional skateboarding instructors will conduct weekly skill assessments for both beginner and experienced skateboarders as they learn a series of progressive moves from the Boarderz "tricktionary". Students develop skills at their own pace, and learn important "Skate Safe Techniques" to promote skateboard safety. We encourage students to bring their own helmet, elbow pads, knee pads, and wrist guards designed for skateboarding.

NOTE: Limited to 10 students maximum. Boards will be provided during class time.

Day: Monday

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (K-2)

Fee: \$126

Date: 1/30/2017 - 3/20/2017

No Class: 2/20/2017

SKATEBOARDING: RIPPERZ CLASS

Want to be the next Nyjah Huston? Take your skateboarding skills to the next level in this advanced skateboarding class. In Ripperz, skateboarders will learn the biomechanics of ollies, grinds, and flip tricks! Each class you'll learn and practice the "trick of the day" and get individualized instruction on how to master it. Our professional skateboard instructors focus each class on skateboarding safety as they show you how to develop greater board control, "switch stance" skating, and teaching the newest and most advanced skateboard tricks. A skills assessment is required to determine eligibility for this class. Must be able to drop-in and kick turn on the ramp, and have a strong "push". We encourage students to bring their own helmet, elbow pads, knee pads, and wrist guards designed for skateboarding. Boards will be provided during class time.

NOTE: Limited to 10 students maximum.

Day: Monday

Time: 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM (3-5)

Fee: \$126

Date: 1/30/2017 - 3/20/2017

No Class: 2/20/2017

CODING AND GAME DESIGN

Don't just play games... Make them! Learn the fundamentals of coding and computing as you explore the amazing world of game design. In this class, students will learn basic computer skills, and more using computers, simple coding games, and educational electronics. Each week is a new digital adventure as students get the opportunity to work with fellow coders to become part of the design or redesign process. Students discover the strategies of game design and the challenge of building a brand new game from start to finish.

NOTE: Limited to 12 students maximum.

Day: Monday

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (3-5)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM (K-2)

Fee: \$133

Date: 1/30/2017 - 3/20/2017

No Class: 2/20/2017

MISSION TO MARS: ENGINEERING TO LIVE ON MARS!

3, 2, 1... blast off! Get ready for the mission of a lifetime as you design and create everything needed to live on Mars. Design a high flying rocket that can not only take us to Mars but also withstand the landing impact. Build a structure that can withstand Mars' harsh weather, engineer a way to grow and clone your own food for your journey and use the limited materials you have to design your own water-seeking rover. Discover if you have what it takes to be an Aerospace Engineer and thrive on Mars!

NOTE: Limited to 12 students maximum.

Day: Tuesday

**Time: 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM (3-5)
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (K-2)**

Fee: \$144

Date: 1/31/2017 - 3/21/2017

YOGA & CHOCOLATE

Awaken your senses with the power of yoga and dark chocolate! Relax body and mind as you explore fun animal poses. Our master yoga instructors play yoga-themed games designed with everyone in mind to develop balance, self control, and confidence. Enjoy a nutritious dark chocolate snack that is proven to be great for the heart and circulation! Namaste!

Day: Tuesday

**Time: 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM (K-2)
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (2-5)**

Fee: \$144

Date: 1/31/2017 - 3/21/2017

STAR WEDNESDAYS

ROCKSTAR: KINDER ROCK

RockSTAR Music Education, the program that turns children's rock 'n' roll dreams into reality, is proud to offer a kinder RockSTAR class just for your pint size rocker! Previously offered exclusively to 1st grade and up, this introductory class will give your kinder a true RockSTAR experience that culminates with an end of session rock out performance at their school for family and friends! In this immersive class, Kinders will be guided through the most essential elements of musicality, including note value, rhythm, group awareness, original song writing, lyric composition, and even how to read and write basic guitar tablature. With STAR Education, you are never too young to rock, so make sure you get your Kinder on the fast track to stardom with this spectacular intro to RockSTAR.

NOTE: Limited to 7 students maximum. Kinder students will not perform at the Battle of the Bands.

Day: Wednesday

**Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (K)
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM (K)**

Fee: \$152

Date: 2/1/2017 - 3/22/2017

CULINARY ARTS: HEALTHY SEASONAL WINTER DELIGHTS

Lets warm our bodies with healthy comfort delights and seasonal fruits and vegetables to make delicious recipes. We will be creating savory and sweet dishes using vegetables like butternut squash and carrots; and fruits like bananas, and pineapples while discovering how these healthy foods can create yummy treats like butternut squash soup, carrot muffins, banana bread and pineapple tarts. Students will learn how to combine these different fruits, and vegetables to create the perfect winter time meals.

Day: Wednesday

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (K-2)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM (3-5)

Fee: \$168

Date: 2/1/2017 - 3/22/2017

STAR THURSDAYS

SPORTS: SOCCER FUNDAMENTALS

Get a great workout and find out about the strategies of offense and defense. Increase your understanding of basic soccer moves such as passing, dribbling, shooting and goal-keeping as you develop your appreciation of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (K-5)

Fee: \$144

Date: 2/2/2017 - 3/23/2017

SPORTS: SOCCER STARS

It's all in the feet! In this once-a-week session of Soccer STARS, develop an understanding of more complex soccer techniques and strategies as you sweat your way toward becoming a soccer Super-STAR. Balance a ball on the tips of your toes and flip it up to the top of your head. Study game situation soccer drills, rules, positions, and formations to make your best moves in any soccer match.

Day: Thursday

Time: 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM (K-5)

Fee: \$144

Date: 2/2/2017 - 3/23/2017

ROCKSTAR: ROCKSTAR MUSIC EDUCATION

Grab your, drumsticks, grab your guitars, and join the band with RockSTAR Music Education, the most popular after school Rock 'n' Roll education program in Los Angeles. Professional rock musicians teach kids how to play the guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, compose songs, and perform classic Rock 'n' Roll hits. Students will delve into the depths of chord structure, note value, rhythm, lyric composition, songwriting, and how to read and write guitar TAB music! Additionally, participation in this groundbreaking class harnesses the cognitive, social and creative benefits of music education in a format that is perfect for EVERY child. With celebrity support from rock icons such as Slash, Santana, Rod Stewart, BB King, and Gene Simmons, this is a guitar-wailing, bass-thumping, drum-crashing experience You won't want to miss! As if that wasn't amazing enough, every student who enrolls will perform LIVE at our annual Battle of the Bands in Hollywood! All instruments are provided and NO previous experience is required to participate.

NOTE: Limited to 7 students maximum. This class is a two-session commitment. All students are committed for this amount of time to allow for the HIGHEST quality performance possible!

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (1-3)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM (4,5)

Fee: \$320 (2 session fee)

Date: 2/2/2017 - 5/25/2017

No Class: 4/13/2017

SCIENCE: ZIP! BLIP! WHIZ! BLINK!: THE BIG BRAIN CONNECTION

Here's your chance to really get the most out of your brain! Dive into your head and examine the brain, as you learn how your mind and body work together. Explore your taste buds, as you find out how to trick your brain into thinking salty is sweet! Use your smarts to build an amazing neuron that really lights up! Don't blink! or you might miss the all-new, mind-blowing optical illusions happening right in front of your eyes. This brand new class increases brain power and includes take-home, brain-boosting activities for parents and students!

Note: Some lessons include food products. Please contact science@starinc.org or let your site director know if your child has any food related allergies so we can best accommodate your child.

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (K-2)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM (3-5)

Fee: \$152

Date: 2/2/2017 - 3/23/2017

STAR FRIDAYS

ART MOVEMENT: POST-IMPRESSIONISM

Enter the world of Vincent Van Gogh using vibrant colors and thick brushstrokes. Look into George Seurat's systematic use of tiny dots to create amazing masterpieces. Discover Paul Cezanne's intense interest in painting shapes for his still life. Students will explore different drawing and painting techniques and use of color as they create drawings and paintings based on the masters' wide range of styles. Lessons will cover sketching, layering of colors, blending for pens, watercolors and acrylics.

Day: Friday

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (K-5)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM (K-5)

Fee: \$152

Date: 2/3/2017 - 3/24/2017

MUSIC: SEMI-PRIVATE GUITAR LESSONS

Come join us in this small learning environment (capped at 3 students) to take your guitar playing to reach the next level! You'll receive personalized guitar instruction from a supportive and encouraging professional musician. Play along to your favorite songs and discover some new ones too. Students build a strong music foundation studying scales, music theory, reading basic rhythms, guitar tablature and chord charts. Our teachers can handle acoustic AND electric, so grab your favorite guitar and get ready to jam!

NOTE: This is a 1-hour class. Students taking this class will need to purchase or rent their own guitars from a nearby music store such as Sam Ash or Adam's Music.

Day: Friday

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM (K-2)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM (3-5)

Fee: \$256

Date: 2/3/2017 - 3/24/2017



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STAR Eco Station Needs Your Help: Auction Items Please



Auction Items

Electronics, Home Goods, Gift Cards

STAR Eco Station Wish List

Simple Green cleaner

Sponges

Cotton Balls

Q-Tips

Disposable Gloves

Environmentally Safe Dish Soap

Blankets

Towels

Pet beds

Now that we have gotten through holiday season and entered the New Year, you may find yourself looking around your home wondering how you are going to make room for all of the extra gifts you accumulated. Don't worry, STAR Eco Station can take them off your hands and you can contribute to a worthy cause.

The STAR Eco Station is a non-profit rescue so we are always looking for help in providing the best care possible for all of our rescued animals! In an effort to help raise funds to support the facility we are planning an auction. All money generated by the auction will go directly towards the care and well being of all the animals, as well as help in the construction of a brand new enrichment area for our bobcat!

Generating funds for the daily care of over 200 rescued animals is already a steep hill to climb, so when extra projects come up it really stretches our resources. It is time for our bobcat, Lulu, to receive a new home to live in to help improve her quality of life. So if you receive gifts that just aren't you, or that you already have, think of us and donate so we can auction them off to help with the construction of her new enclosure.

In addition, we are always in need of a variety of cleaning and first aid supplies that are used in the care of our animals. Some things the STAR Eco Station is constantly in need of are Simple Green cleaner, sponges, cotton balls, Q-Tips, disposable gloves, environmentally safe dish soap and

cleaners. Lots of our animals like soft and cozy things to cuddle up with, so any clean clothing, towels, blankets or pet beds will also go a long way. If you have any other items you are thinking about donating to the STAR Eco Station but are unsure if it is something that can be used, feel free to contact us.

Happy New Year from all us at the STAR Eco Station and thank you all for your continued support, keepin' it wild!

For more information please email us at ecostation@starinc.org or call us at 310-842-8040

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