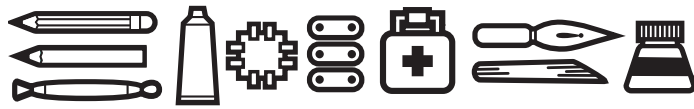
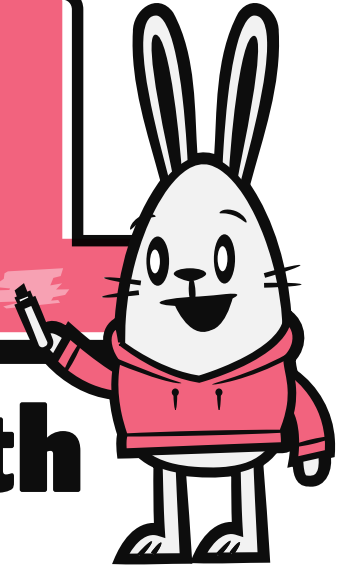


EXCEL



for Youth



2022 SUMMER SCHEDULE

@ SRCS, Helen Lehman Elementary School

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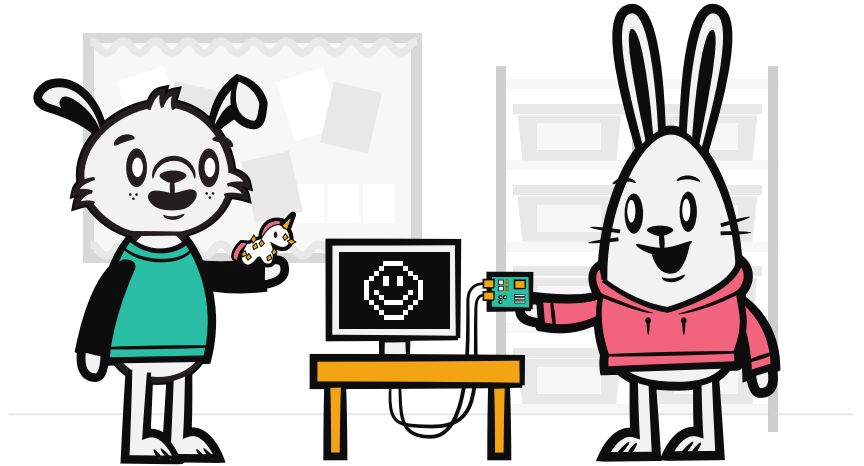
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Instructor: Michael Fanning

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Instructor: Gabriela Vargas

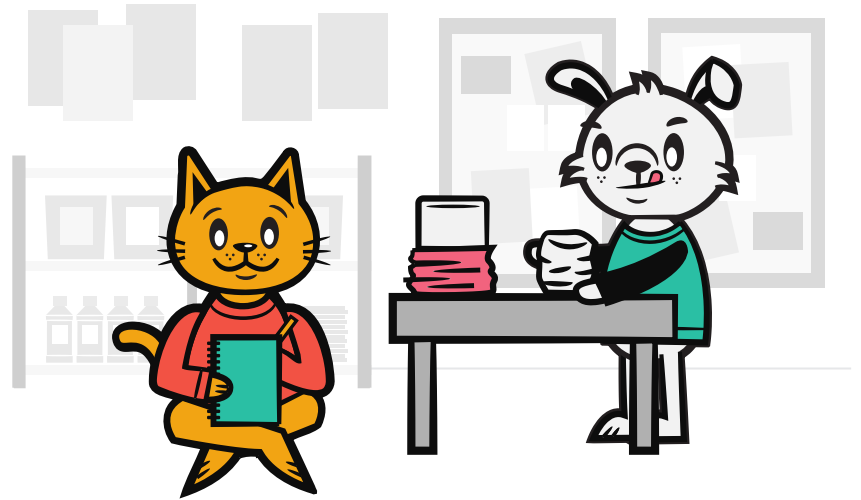
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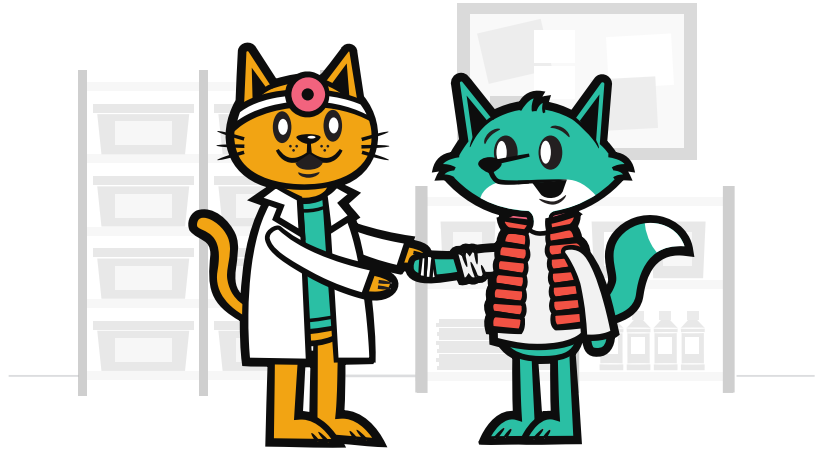
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Art from the Heart : Paint, Draw & Sculpt (Grades 3–7)

Paint, Draw, Sculpt and Move ALL THINGS ABSTRACT! Creating Abstract Art is a freeing and exciting way to express yourself and explore fun, original artwork. We will look at many ways other artists used shapes, texture, form, color and movement to create their fun abstract art, and then you'll let your imagination run wild to create your own unique art pieces.

Instructor: Sandra Novia

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Topics: manga eyes, manga hair, hands, body, Chibi, Shojo, Studio Ghibli characters and more.

Instructor: Barbara Golden

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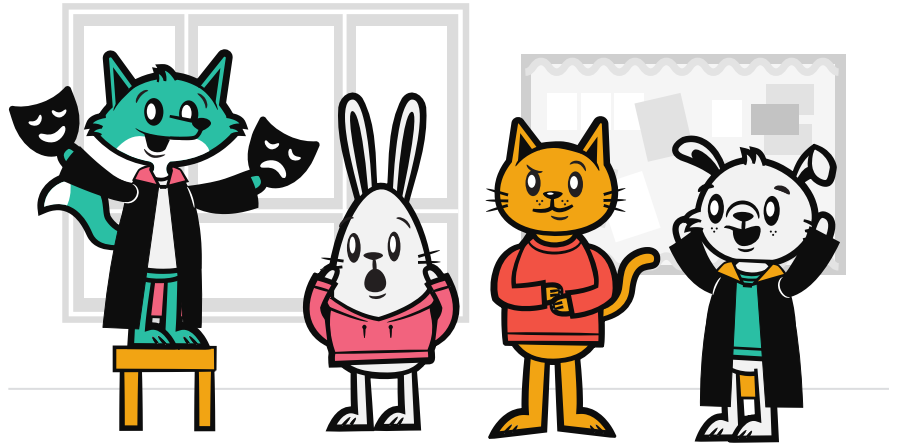
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Geoff Beidler, B.S.

Geoff Beidler is a software engineer working at Fresenius Medical Care. Geoff is a professional engineer with over 20 years of experience, and an amateur computer builder for 30 years.



Class:

Build a Mini Computer



Michael Fanning, Ed.D.

Dr. Michael Fanning is an experienced teacher and professor who uses engaging project based learning to teach students all subjects, including science and business. He shows students how they can apply their academic knowledge and skills in rewarding and interesting careers.



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Kids Biz: How to Create a Successful Business, Pre-Med for Kids



Barbara Golden

Barbara Golden was born in Switzerland, and has taught comics and cartooning for the past 15 years, in Germany as well as California. When her children were young, she created and published a cartoon series which reflected her life as a full-time mother and housewife. Barbara and her husband recently moved from the South Bay to Rohnert Park to be closer to their young grandchildren.



Class:

Manga & Anime Art Class



Geeta Menon, M.S.

Geeta Menon, M.S., in Computer Science and B.S., in Mathematics and Computer Science has many years of programming and teaching experience in various schools, colleges and universities, in the U.S. and abroad. She currently works as an information technology analyst/programmer at the School of Extended and International Education (SEIE) at Sonoma State University.



Class:

Programming in Python



Sandra Novia

Sandra Novia is a local teaching artist, who is dedicated to ensuring high-level art education continues in the classroom and beyond! She has been teaching in Sonoma County both publically and privately for over 20 years. In addition to teaching with the Rincon Valley Education Foundation, Sandra was recently part of a teaching program for Creative Sonoma, where she taught art in 42 primary and secondary classrooms all over Sonoma County. She also teaches in all the Sonoma Public Libraries, local cultural art centers, home schooling, The Museum of Sonoma County and with the Excel program at Sonoma State University for 6 yrs. Sandra loves the artistic exchange with the students and believes it to be good medicine for all the crazy events that we've had to face these past few years and continue to creatively navigate in Sonoma County.



Classes:

Animal Portraits: Wild About Animals!, Art from the Heart: Paint, Draw & Sculpt



Meret Piderman

Meret Piderman has been teaching fiber/art to grades 1–8 for over 20 years, teaching art and art history K–8.



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Design & Decorate Your Own Unicorn Toy, Hand Building with Clay



Laurie Sealy

Laurie Sealy has been designing interesting and engaging learning activities for many years. She has a strong background in K-8th grade science and she also has her own successful consulting business.



Classes:

Kids Biz: How to Run a Successful Business, Pre-Med for Kids



Raymond Skipp

Raymond Skipp is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, England. He currently teaches drama in many local schools. Besides performing in both film and television, he has an extensive Shakespearean background. He has been teaching for EXCEL since 1988. Raymond is fond of reminding parents, "Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded."



Class:

Harry Potter Acting Workshops



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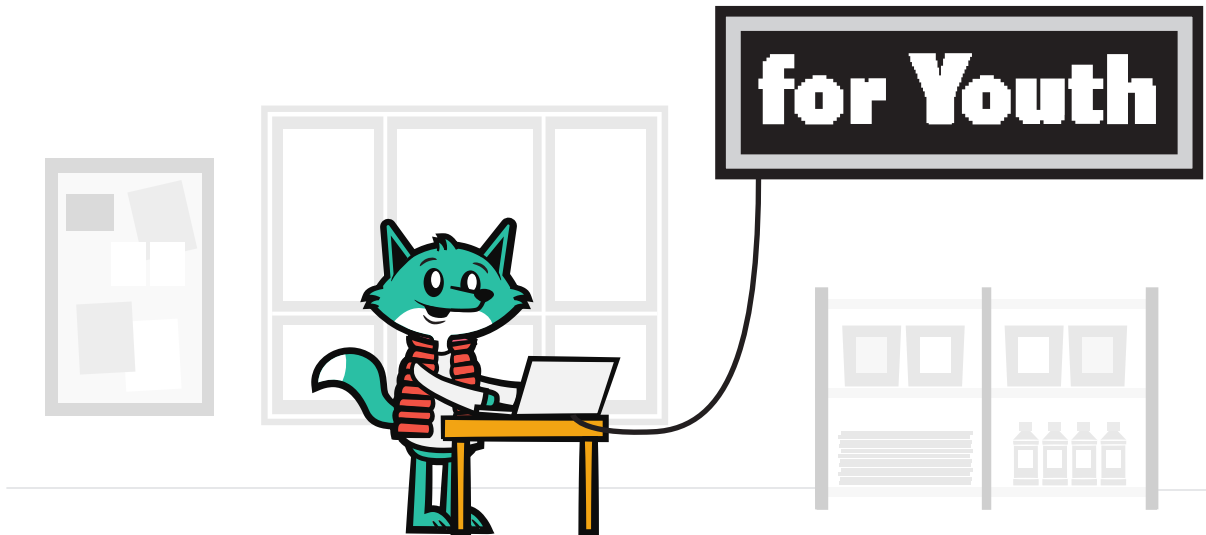
Gabriela C. Vargas is a professional graphic designer with over 15 years of experience. She believes in clean, smart and effective visual elements that accomplish the best communication design solutions. Her strongest skills are brand, editorial and packaging design with a keen attention to typography and color. Gabriela has worked at companies such as Mattel, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, Equinox- formerly known as The Sports Club Company, among others. In the recent years, she has worked from her studio, GDesign, as a creative consultant and graphic designer, specializing in brand, collateral, and print promotional materials. Her clients range from Sonoma State University, Maker Media, Burrito factory, Dot Dot Dot Design, Advancement Branding, Gravenstein Schools Foundation, Graton Day Labor Center, and Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative, among others. Gabriela is passionate about her work and is a creative, motivated team player and key communicator.



Class:

Let's Do Art!

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EXCEL is distinctively focused towards fostering and developing essential 21st Century and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration in a hands-on, interactive, fun campus environment!

EXCEL, an award winning program, celebrates its 40th year this summer at Sonoma State, and has served over 23,000 students since 1982.



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