

Westport Arts Center Youth and Teen Education 2016 - 2017



Welcome to the Westport Arts Center!

Thank you for choosing the Westport Arts Center for your child's arts experiences. We are excited to offer a brand, new season that will feature many new opportunities for returning and new students. We have expanded our weekend classes to include more specialty opportunities than ever before while also continuing to offer introductory, mixed-media classes for students who may still be finding their favorite types of art or who just happen to love it all!

As always, our curriculum will emphasize the importance of artistic process as students work through projects rather than emphasizing a finished product. We know that our educators will guide students toward work that they will be proud of and work that will be uniquely their own. The skills they learn in our classes will transfer to other artistic endeavors helping them to become more well rounded artists.

With so many options to choose from, we know that it can be hard to find the right class. If you have any questions about the types of classes we offer or the best fit for your child, please don't hesitate to reach out

Sincerely
Lindsay Heffernan, Director of Education

WAC's Mission in Education

The Westport Arts Center is a non-profit organization that reaches 4,000 children each year. Our educational programs are designed to build confidence, encourage multiple perspectives and independent thinking, and foster experimentation in a fun and exciting environment.

Visit our website for more information on our entire roster of educational programs:

After School Classes
Birthday Parties

Vacation Workshops and Camps
Weekend Workshops

WAC Gives Back: Therapeutic Arts
Connections Outreach Program

Keep an eye out for our new programs this upcoming season including opportunities for toddlers, teens and more!

Important Information & Policies

Allergies, Medical Conditions and Special Needs

When registering, please provide our educators with information regarding your child's needs to ensure a safe and fun experience. Please do not send your child with any food products that include nuts for the safety of all of our participants. Your participation in our program implies your consent for trained personnel to treat your child in the event of a medical emergency. In registering, you agree to hold WAC harmless in the event of any personal injury or loss sustained on the premises.

Attire

Please dress your child in comfortable clothing that is **okay to get messy**. Your child is likely to get dirty. Art materials such as ink and acrylic paint can leave permanent stains. WAC is not responsible for any damage to clothing or personal materials. A table is made available to students to store personal items including jackets and coats, but we encourage you not to bring any items that aren't absolutely necessary. You may send your child with a cover-up or smock if you wish.

Drop Off and Pick Up Policy

Parents and guardians dropping off for class **MUST** park on Riverside Avenue. There is no parking in the lots available for pick up or drop off. Parents or designated guardians must escort children to and from the classroom, and sign them in and out. Please be sure that our educators are aware of anyone who might be picking your child up.

Cancellation Policy

Registration is non-refundable 2 weeks or less prior to the start of a program. Prior to, or on, the 2 week deadline date, cancellations will incur a \$15.00 processing fee. WAC cannot issue credits or refunds for missed classes for any reason including classes missed due to illness or medical conditions. Transfers to classes of the equal or lesser value are allowed prior to the start of the program if space allows.

Attendance and Inclement Weather Policy

As stated in the cancellation policy, there are no make-ups or refunds for missed classes including classes missed due to illness or medical conditions. In the event of inclement weather, we follow the Westport Public Schools system. If school is cancelled or dismissed early, we will not have class on that day. We make every effort to make-up missed classes, but dates and times of make-ups may be limited.

Late Pick Up Policy

Parents will be charged \$15 if they are more than 15-minutes late for pick-up. If an emergency arises (or you are running late) and you are unable to pick up your child during the designated time, please call the office at (203) 222-7070.

Picture Permission

The Westport Arts Center occasionally uses photographs taken in classes for documentation purposes and for publicizing future Westport Arts Center children's programs. Registration in a course at WAC assumes permission to photograph your child and use his/her image in publicity materials. Please notify a WAC staff member if you prefer that WAC not photograph your child for publicity purposes.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Lindsay Heffernan, Director of Education. You are responsible for understanding these policies prior to attending class.

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2016-2017--- Education Season

Afterschool Classes - Session Dates



FALL SESSION

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 1	September 12	September 13	September 14	September 15	September 16
Class 2	September 19	September 20	September 21	September 22	September 23
Class 3	September 26	September 27	September 28	September 29	September 30
Class 4	October 10	October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7
Class 5	October 17	October 11	October 19	October 13	October 14
Class 6	October 24	October 18	October 26	October 20	October 21
Class 7	October 31	October 25	November 2	October 27	October 28

WINTER SESSION I

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 1	November 14	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18
Class 2	November 21	November 22	November 30	December 1	December 2
Class 3	November 28	November 29	December 7	December 8	December 9
Class 4	December 5	December 6	December 14	December 15	December 16
Class 5	December 12	December 13	December 21	December 22	January 6
Class 6	December 19	December 20	January 4	January 5	January 20
Class 7	January 9	January 3	January 11	January 12	January 27

WINTER SESSION II

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 1	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10
Class 2	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 23	February 24
Class 3	February 27	February 28	February 22	March 2	March 3
Class 4	March 6	March 7	March 1	March 9	March 10
Class 5	March 13	March 14	March 8	March 16	March 17
Class 6	March 20	March 21	March 15	March 23	March 24
Class 7	March 27	March 28	March 22	March 30	March 31

SPRING SESSION

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 1	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
Class 2	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
Class 3	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
Class 4	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
Class 5	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
Class 6	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
Class 7	June 5	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2

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Vacation and Special Workshop Dates



Vacation Day Skill Building Workshops

Ages 6-10, 10am - 12pm; Ages 8-12, 2pm - 4pm

Miniature Monsters (Election Day)	November 8
Underwater Panorama (Staff Development Day)	January 13
Flora & Fauna Blockprinting (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)	January 16
Experimental Acrylic Painting (Staff Development Day)	February 16

Staycation Workshops*

Ages 6-10, 9:30am-12:30pm including snack.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February Break	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24
April Break	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14

* Parents may register students for INDIVIDUAL DAYS or register for the whole week.

Drop In Classes**

Select Vacation and Saturdays, Ages 5-12: 10am-2pm

Pieced Paper Animals	September 10
Upcycled Foam Sculpture (Rosh Hashanah)	October 8
Paint Chip Peacock (Yom Kippur)	October 12
Tooled Metal Sugar Skulls	October 29
Colorful Acrylic Snowflake	January 7
Wintry Sky Pastel	February 11
Modern Artist Sculpture	April 22

** Does not require advance registration. Projects take about 45 minutes. Parents may stay with children

Homeschool Workshops

Last Thursday of Most Months, Ages 6-10: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Vanishing Squares	September 22
Harlequin Masks	October 27
Geometric Greek Columns	January 26
Eric Carle Creatures	February 23
Kinetic Sculpture	March 23
Abstracting an Object	April 27
Monet's Water Lilies	May 25

Art Exploration (Gentle Separation)***

Second Tuesday of Most Months, Ages 2-4: 10am-11am

Bubble Wrap Bumblebee Hive	September 23
Truffula Tree Landscape	October 11
Swipe Art	December 13
Erica Carle Caterpillars	January 10
Abstract Taped Canvas	February 14
Mosaic Turtle	May 16

*** Parents must stay with children or in gallery

Saturday ArtLab

Select Saturdays, Ages 5-8 (9am - 10:15am), Ages 8-12 (10:30am - 12pm)

Plexi Printing	September 17
Magnificent Castles	November 19
Watercolor Bugs	January 21
Isometric Cities	March 18
Painted Skyscapes	May 20

Pre-K Weekend Workshops****

Select Saturdays, Ages 3-5 (3pm - 4pm)

Monster Mash Up	September 17
Pulled String Painting Party	November 19
Dots 'n Spots Pinch Pots	January 21
Printed Lego Landscape	March 18
Jellyfish Jam	May 20

**** This is a drop off class. Students must be potty trained

Saturday Mini Sessions

Select Saturdays, Ages 7-11 (12:30pm - 2:30pm)

Pencil & Pastel	September 24	October 1	October 8
Clay Creations	November 5	November 12	November 19
Abstract Attack	March 4	March 11	March 18
Building Workshop	April 29	May 6	May 13

Special Weekend Workshops

Select Saturdays, Ages 5-8 (10am -12pm), Ages 8-12 (1pm – 3pm)

Spooky Spider Sculptures	October 22
Layered Prints	December 17
Abstract Still Life	January 28
Carved Clay Animals	February 4
Collaged Portraits	February 25
Decorative Art Journals	April 1
African Tribal Masks	June 3
Amate Bark Painting	June 10
Van Goth Flowers	June 17

Portfolio Development

Select Sundays, Ages 14+ (12pm – 4pm)

Fall Workshop	September 25
Winter I Workshop	November 13
Winter II Workshop	January 22
Spring Workshop	March 19
Snow Day (if needed)	TBD

Special Events

Family Art Day: Art of Kindness	November 22
December Drop & Shop	December 3
December Drop & Shop	December 10
Family Art Day: Makers & Designers	March 12