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Coeur D'Alene STAR

Session 2: NOV. 29- FEB. 18



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♥ What's Going on at STAR?

November 2010

STAR Education continues to push the boundaries of educational innovation, recruiting language instructors from overseas and revamping elementary school computer labs to bring them online with the latest technology.

STAR TAKES TECHNOLOGY TO THE NEXT LEVEL

A whole new computer Lab!



The STAR Internal Technology Team and STAR GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) partnered to remodel existing computer labs for use as upgraded Digital Arts and Technology teaching centers at Mar Vista Elementary, Clover Elementary, West Hollywood Elementary and Laurel Elementary.

STAR has created an all-around technology service to aid students and teachers in technical support, professional development and programming throughout the year. The shared goal is to create critical thinkers who will be poised to succeed in the 21st century. With the support of the

parents, teachers and staff of these schools, STAR continues to make a digital difference.

For more information contact Tery Arnold 310.842.8040 ext.113

CHINESE CLASS: CREATING GLOBAL CITIZENS



STAR welcomes our newest Chinese teacher, Vivian (Liping) Wang, who joins us all the way from China! Vivian's service comes courtesy of an arrangement with the Chinese government in conjunction with UCLA's Confucius Institute, and represents yet another way in which STAR transforms children into global citizens, able to communicate with natives of the fastest-growing country on the planet.

As an emissary from a foreign land, Vivian brings a unique perspective, further bolstering STAR's innovative approach to crafting dynamic educational experiences that prepare students for life in the Global Village. We are so proud Vivian is a part of

STAR, and we know she will be a terrific addition to our staff of highly-qualified foreign language instructors. For more information on studying Chinese and other foreign languages, please contact Pablo Tellez, Head of the STAR Language Department, at pablot@starinc.org or by calling him at 310-736-8577.

WIM
Wonder, Imagination and Magic

STAR Education proudly announces its newest free program, WIM (Wonder, Imagination and Magic)! WIM will be a weekly presentation of wonder and whimsy right on school campuses with magicians, musicians and more providing a spark for creating innovative minds, and allowing students, teachers and parents alike to delight in an hour-long whimsical and inspiring performance. With so little time in our busy lives for magic and wonder, WIM is the perfect opportunity to take a break from routine and revel in the joy and delight of magic and imagination! It's a win-win with WIM! Coming soon to your school!

For more information about WIM please contact Breeze Smith at 310.893.9204 or email breezes@starinc.org

For more program information about STAR Education please visit www.starinc.org

COEUR D' ALENE STAR NOVA 2 NOVEMBER 29, 2010 - FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Welcome to the Coeur D' Alene STAR Nova Program! STAR provides fun and innovative after-school enrichment classes to students in grades K-5. We invite ALL students to enroll in STAR classes that are taught by experienced instructors who are specialists in their field.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. **NEW Online Registration at <http://coeurdalene.starinc.org>**
1. Completely fill out the registration form.
2. Attach your check, made payable to STAR Education. Make sure your child's name is on the check in the "for" section.
3. Please return your completed forms and payment to the main office.
4. NO PHONE CALLS will be made to let you know you are enrolled, unless classes are canceled or full.

GETTING TO YOUR STAR CLASSES

Kindergartners

After school dismissal STAR staff will pick up kindergartners from the kinder yard and walk them to their STAR classes.

1st-5th Grade

Students will go directly to Room 8 after school dismissal to check in with STAR staff. STAR instructors will then walk students to their STAR classrooms.

After STAR classes, parents should promptly pick up students and check out with STAR staff at Room 8. Kindergartners should be picked up at their STAR classrooms. Students kinder-2nd attending childcare programs will be escorted to their childcare locations. Please mark on your registration form if you would like for your 1st-5th grade child(ren) to remain at the STAR room or play in the yard until pick up.

STAR THINK TANK

***IMPORTANT: ALL students are invited to enroll in the STAR Think Tank held four days/week (M,T,Th,F) from 2:35pm-3:35pm on Mon., Thurs.,& Fri and 1:35pm – 2:35pm on Tues. in room 8. Students waiting for the 2nd hour of STAR classes should attend the STAR Think Tank in Room 8 at no charge or should be signed up for Youth Services Playground.**

REGISTRATION FEE

A \$10.00 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 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 Education 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 are available based on need. Please inquire for more information.

If you have any questions, or for information about school closures and minimum days see your STAR Director, Marissa Deleon, at (310) 736-8576 and marissad@starinc.org.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

STAR THINK TANK

Maximize your brain power! In the STAR Think Tank 1st through 5th graders will get a jumpstart on their homework and develop lifelong study skills in a focused and supportive environment. Homework will be supervised and assistance will be given. Kinders will be supervised during independent reading and playing educational games. All students will be encouraged to boost their math skills with our IQ-Go Math program where they learn through repetitive practice and self-guided exercises using booklets, games, and hands-on activities. Note: If your child attends a 3:40-4:40 STAR class, s/he must attend Think Tank from 2:35-3:35 at no cost. Students may not go to the playground without a parent or guardian.

Fee: 1 day \$90, 2 days \$170, 3 days \$240, 4 days \$300.

Time: 2:35pm-3:35pm (K-5th) Monday, Thursday, Friday

Time: 1:35pm-2:35pm (K-5th) Tuesday

Date: 11/29/2010 - 2/14/2011

MONDAYS AT STAR (8 WEEKS)

No Class: 12/20/2010, 12/27/2010, 1/3/2011

ROCKSTAR

RockSTAR Music Education is the most popular after school Rock n' Roll education program in Los Angeles. Professional rockers will teach you how to play guitar, bass, drums, and keyboards; compose your own songs, and perform classic Rock n' Roll hits. RockSTAR harnesses the cognitive, social and creative benefits of music education in a program that's for ANYONE, because no previous experience is required! With celebrity support from such rock icons as Slash, Santana, Rod Stewart, Sarah McLachlan BB King, and Gene Simmons, this is a guitar-wailing, bass-thumping, drum-crashing experience you won't want to miss!

NOTE: Instruments are provided and class size is limited to 7 students ONLY!! Sign up ASAP to secure your child a spot in this amazing program.

IMPORTANT: To raise the bar even higher we would like our bands to stay together throughout the school year. To achieve this, RockSTAR will reserve a spot in our Nova 3 & 4 session for students who enroll in Nova 2. Also, if your child is in a band or would like to create one with other students and have a special rehearsal just for them, please contact us at rockstar@starinc.org. Max class size 7

Day: Monday

Time: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM (1-2)

3:40 PM - 4:40 PM (3-5)

Fee: \$136

Date: 11/29/2010 - 2/14/2011

BOARDERZ!

Boarderz welcomes all skate groms to learn the sickest moves from our pro skateboarding instructors! From street to vert, discover new tricks and master old ones. Find out the fundamentals of skateboarding history, health and safety, and the importance of skate park rules and etiquette. Beginners will work on foot stance, pushing, kick-turns, and breaking while advanced students will master ramp maneuvers, ollies, manuals, fakies, and lots more! Let's roll! (Class size limited to 10) Mandatory: All students are required to bring helmets, elbow, wrist, and knee pads designed for skateboarding. Boards will be supplied. Max class size 10

Day: Monday

**Time: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM (1-2)
3:40 PM - 4:40 PM (3-5)**

Fee: \$128

Date: 11/29/2010 - 2/14/2011

SEELN CLICKS DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

SeelN Clicks is a digital photography class designed to teach kids how to take great pictures by helping them sharpen their photographic "eye", discover their own unique way of looking at the world, and capture what they see through the lens. SeelN Clicks takes a shoot-more-talk-less, hands on approach to bringing out a kid's "inner photographer". First time students will get a solid introduction to the richly artistic world of photography while returning students will continue developing their "clicking skills" through fun and engaging add-on activities which will help them continue growing. Max class size 12

Day: Monday

**Time: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM (1-2)
3:40 PM - 4:40 PM (3-5)**

Fee: \$136

Date: 11/29/2010 - 2/14/2011

SPANISH MIX

Got Spanish? This immersion class will provide you with the opportunity to practice Spanish using four skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Other lessons will touch upon simple grammar and sentence structure. You'll reinforce the lessons learned through reading short stories, singing songs, and playing games en espanol! Max class size 14

Day: Monday

**Time: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM (K-2)
3:40 PM - 4:40 PM (3-5)**

Fee: \$120

Date: 11/29/2010 - 2/14/2011

TUESDAYS AT STAR (9 WEEKS)

No Class: 12/21/2010, 12/28/2010, 1/4/2011

BASKETBALL - SLAM DUNK

Practice lightning lay-ups like Lebron and calm and composed free throws like Kobe! Our lively and inspiring coaches will review the fundamentals of the game, and then focus on increasing specific abilities like passing and shooting. Develop an understanding of the strategy that underlies the game, and try out your new skills during in-class scrimmages that will leave you huffing and puffing with joy!

Max class size 14

Day: Tuesday

**Time: 1:35 PM - 2:35 PM (K-2)
2:40 PM - 3:40 PM (3-5)**

Fee: \$99

Date: 11/30/2010 - 2/15/2011

GET HIP TO HIP HOP

Don't just stand there, bust a move! Here's a call for all you b-boy masters and Hip Hoppers to bring your brilliant moves to the dance floor. From street freestyle to the latest music video style choreography this class is your chance to dance to the latest super fly street beats. By the end of this class you'll be a Hip Hop STAR.

Day: Tuesday

**Time: 1:35 PM - 2:35 PM (K-2)
2:40 PM - 3:40 PM (3-5)**

Fee: \$126

Date: 11/30/2010 - 2/15/2011

STAR ORCHESTRA – VIOLIN (BEGINNING)

Grab a fiddle and get ready to play the violin! This comprehensive music program will teach you how to read music, how to play music from a variety of cultures on the violin, and how to play as part of an ensemble. Professional musicians will incorporate your voice along with your instruments into an all-encompassing musical experience. This class runs year-round with an end of the school year Orchestra concert. Watch your performance on our new STARTube! Class size limited to 10 students. IMPORTANT NOTE: Students taking this class will need to purchase or rent their own instrument from a nearby music store such as Sam Ash or Stein on Vine.

Day: Tuesday

**Time: 1:35 PM - 2:35 PM (1-2)
2:40 PM - 3:40 PM (3-5)**

Fee: \$135

Date: 11/30/2010 - 2/15/2011

THURSDAYS AT STAR (9 WEEKS)

No Class: 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 1/6/2011

IQ-GO! ART- MASTERS OF ART

Learn from the masters! Each session we will focus on the work of a different artistic great, learning the styles and techniques the artist employed to achieve his or her artistic vision.

Day: Thursday

**Time: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM (K-2)
3:40 PM - 4:40 PM (3-5)**

Fee: \$135

Date: 12/2/2010 - 2/17/2011

STAR MUSIC – KEYBOARD (BEGINNING)

Crack your knuckles and learn how to tickle those ivories! This comprehensive music program will teach you how to read music, how to play music from a variety of cultures on keyboards, and how to play as part of an ensemble. Professional musicians will incorporate your voice along with your instruments into an all-encompassing musical experience. This class runs year-round with an end of the school year concert. Watch your performance on our new STARTube! Class size limited to 10 students

Day: Thursday

**Time: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM (K-2)
3:40 PM - 4:40 PM (3-5)**

Fee: \$135

Date: 12/2/2010 - 2/17/2011

WOOD, METAL AND STONE - NEW DESIGNS

In this brand new edition of Wood, Metal, and Stone you'll create artistic book ends fitted with stone and a framed copper key rack, as well as construct your very own project, so put your thinking caps on! Discover how to hammer, bend and design on thin gauged metal. We always wear our working protective glasses for a safe working environment. This session we introduce a designing Stylus. Make masterpieces from the most basic elements in this next installment of Wood, Metal, and Stone! This class has a maximum number of 12, so sign up now! Max class size 12

Day: Thursday

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

3:40 PM - 4:40 PM (3-5)

Fee: \$144

Date: 12/2/2010 - 2/17/2011

FRIDAYS AT STAR (9 WEEKS)

**No Class: 12/24/2010, 12/31/2010,
1/7/2011**

STAR ECO STATION- ANIMALS GONE GREEN

Save the animals, save the day and save the planet! Discover the devastating effects of global warming and deforestation, along with the threats they pose to ourselves and our animal friends, and learn the exciting ways in which we can heal Mother Earth and all of her inhabitants.

Day: Friday

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

3:40 PM - 4:40 PM (3-5)

Fee: \$135

Date: 12/3/2010 - 2/18/2011

FILM - MAKE 'EM LAUGH

Love funny movies? Why not make one of your own? Create, direct and perform in your own gut-busting gift for the silver screen. Using moviemaking tools, you will write a comedy screenplay and then film and edit it. Share your completed film with the world on our new STARTube, STAR's very own streaming video channel. Class size limited to 10 students.

Day: Friday

Time: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM (3-5)

Fee: \$162

Date: 12/3/2010 - 2/18/2011

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Day: Friday

Time: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM (1-2)

3:40 PM - 4:40 PM (3-5)

Fee: \$153

Date: 12/3/2010 - 2/18/2011

No Class: 12/24/2010 12/31/2010 1/7/2011

STAR CLASS REGISTRATION

CHILD'S NAME: _____ Room # _____ Grade: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ Sex: M___ F___ Home Language _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone#: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Parent/Guardian1 Name: _____ Cell# _____

Guardian 1 Employment: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Parent/Guardian2 Name: _____ Cell# _____

Guardian 2 Employment: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

In addition to the individuals listed above, the following people have my permission to pick up my child.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

PLEASE INDICATE ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Black (not of Hispanic origin) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White (not of Hispanic origin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Classes

Class	Day	Time	Fee
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STAR Registration Fee \$10.00

Check here if you would like to be considered for a partial scholarship. **Total** _____

STAR POLICIES: PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO CONSENT, BEHAVIOR AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Your signature below indicates that photographs and/or film/videos taken in connection with STAR Education are used exclusively for STAR Education promotional purposes only.

STAR Education 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.

In case of actual emergency STAR will make every effort to contact the parents of the child involved before any treatment is administered; however in the event we are unable to make contact with you, the parents, we require this medical release to be signed by all participants.

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE PHYSICIAN OR HOSPITAL SELECTED BY STAR TO HOSPITALIZE OR SECURE TREATMENT FOR AND TO ORDER INJECTION, ANAESTHESIA, AND/OR SURGERY FOR MY CHILD.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

ANY KNOWN ALLERGIES? _____

PHYSICIANS NAME: _____ PH# _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENTS PLEASE READ THE ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE PAGE OF THIS BROCHURE CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING YOUR CHILD. BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION YOU ARE ACCEPTING THESE CONDITIONS, THANK YOU.

FOR STAR USE ONLY:

Date	Chk#	Amount Paid	Balance Due
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STAR ECO Station



An environmental science museum and exotic wildlife rescue center

What's Going on at the STAR ECO Station?

The STAR ECO Station got a boost from a gaggle of UCLA volunteers to help with the STAR ECO Station's latest projects, and a STAR school principal dropped by ECO and gave it an enthusiastic "A"!

STAR ECO STATION PARTNERS UP WITH UCLA!

A Big Thank you to over 100 UCLA student volunteers who helped beautify the STAR ECO station!



Proud volunteers pose in front of the mural they made!

Over 100 college students from UCLA's Volunteer Center descended onto the STAR ECO Station to help with a variety of outdoor projects. The students worked hand in hand with STAR ECO staff and everyone had a great time doing some great work. "Our project and site leaders loved it," said David Bloome, director of the UCLA Volunteer Center. "It was a big hit with everyone!" The volunteers helped with the construction of a new Alligator Reservoir and the expansion of the bird room, beginning important work on constructing new bird cages! Volunteers also assisted in the first push toward creating an Outdoor Wildlife Enrichment Center and a mobile museum

mural. This day was just one more example of how STAR joins together with the community to make a better world for all its animal inhabitants (including us). We have a feeling the volunteers will be returning for more.

"The students can be hard to please," Bloome said. "But they came back totally excited about the experience."

If you, your organization, or anyone you know is interested in helping complete our new bird cages, or working on any other STAR ECO Station volunteer projects, please contact us at 310.842.8060.



To find out how your organization can volunteer please call 310.842.8060

A PRINCIPAL MOMENT



Preservation through education

Dr. Terry Moren, Principal of Kenter Canyon Elementary school, paid a visit to the STAR ECO Station and got to know more about the work done there both to educate about environmental science and to care for rescued exotic wildlife. Dr. Moren was impressed with what he saw; "A visit to the site provides an opportunity to hear stories about animal smuggling, abuse, and injuries." Dr. Moren also commented on the environmentally conscious nature of the facility, right down to its building blocks. "The ECO Station itself is even more awesome when one learns that it was constructed with reusable and recyclable materials."



Calling All Earth Lovers

Earth Day is a long way off, but it's never too soon to start showing your love for the planet! The STAR ECO Station is planning its biggest Children's Earth Day ever! We need the help of all volunteers, sponsors, and more! If you want to lend a hand, please contact the STAR ECO Station at 310.842.8060.



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Keep Your Schedule Handy!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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WINTER CAMP!

Session 1: December 20th-23rd

Session 2: January 3rd-7th



- Winter field trips

Camp hours: 9am-3pm

- Extended hours available!

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