



Vendor and Teacher bios, Term 2 for school year 2017/18

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- ACAI. Founded in 2008, the Allied Capoeira Arts Initiative (ACAI) promotes and fosters the understanding and practice of Capoeira and Brazilian culture by bringing together people of diverse ethnicities, ages, and backgrounds, and by providing a vehicle for improving their health physical fitness and cultural awareness through the art of Capoeira. www.acaiarts.org
- ALLERGIC TO SALAD. *"Real Food Makes No Excuses"*. We realize many claim to be "allergic to salad"– a convenient and understandable excuse in this era of pre-packaged industrialized food. Our work combats this widespread "allergy," while increasing skills, technique, and familiarity with healthy foods, and creating a platform for a lifetime of nourishing exploration through hands-on, activity-filled classes. www.allergictosalad.com.
- BREF is based on the French Elementary School curriculum standards with a focus on reading and writing as well as expanding of vocabulary, orthographic & grammar skills. Our goal is to provide language support to help reach grade level French. www.bref.nyc
- BROOKLYN ACTING LAB. Brooklyn Acting Lab's mission is to create innovative theatrical works that reflect our diverse global community and to nurture talent by providing comprehensive arts training for children and adults.
- BROOKLYN BRIDGE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB is a youth soccer organization, founded in 2009, whose focus is to increase youth soccer development within the communities of the five boroughs. BBUFC offers every child an opportunity to play in a fun, safe, nurturing environment while learning the fundamentals and social dynamics of sports. Their caring and patient coaching staff enjoy sharing their passion for the beautiful game of soccer with the next generation of young athletes.
- The BROOKLYN MUSIC SCHOOL views music and performance as the birthright of all people, an essential way that human beings connect with others and explore their creativity. The study of music has been demonstrated to enhance academic learning and helps to develop discipline and confidence that will serve children well throughout their lives. www.brooklynmusicschool.org.
- THE BROOKLYN FENCING CENTER. Opened in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn, in January 2003. They are Brooklyn's first competitive fencing club. Their mission is to make the excitement and joy of fencing more accessible to all. www.brooklynfencing.com.
- BROOKLYN SEEDS believes in treating children with respect while teaching them to take care of the earth around them. Eman practices a method called Non-Violent Communication (NV), whereby listening, reflection, compassion and kindness are used in every-day teaching. Gardening teaches children about the earth, and allows them to connect to nature. The act of learning to care for living things around us is an empowering one. Gardening can help calm children while also thrilling them to the core. www.brooklynseeds.net.
- CHESS NYC. *"More than a Game, it's our culture."* Founded in 2007, the Chess NYC philosophy is to emphasize sport and fun and provide as much Chess instruction as each child can bear...but not overload. In providing supervised, spirited play, each student associates Chess with fun, and therefore larger numbers of them ultimately excel or at least become proficient in the great, significant, game of Chess...From there?... Excellence! www.chessnyc.com.
- COURT 16 is the 1st and the only kids' tennis club in Brooklyn. With perfectly kid-sized courts and a modern approach to training, our community gives new and seasoned players the right foundation to play with imagination, energy and a whole lot of heart. www.court16.com.
- CREATED BY KIDS is an arts program that provides the skill and materials for your child to explore their artistic abilities in an encouraging, engaging environment. www.createdbykidsnyc.com.
- JACKIE DUVALL-SMITH is a Brooklyn based artist who has been teaching art classes to children ages 8-14 for over five years. She has taught stop action animation, knitting, sculpture, jewelry, and sustainability classes at PS295 in Brooklyn and The Brooklyn Urban Garden School. Jackie attended the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul, MN and holds a BFA in graphic design.
- KINDERDANCE® BROOKLYN. Their programs are designed so children will have fun while learning and are taught by experienced professional Kinderdance® teachers who specialize in dance and gymnastics education for children ages 2-12. They stress development of physical skills, imagination and socialization while building self-confidence and self-esteem. The programs help develop gross motor skills, movements creativity and body awareness. The blending of these disciplines ensures that each child has an optimal learning experience. www.kinderdancebrooklyn.com.

- KOKO NYC KOKO Open Source is about seeing and doing. Ideas over technique. Organized by Open Source Gallery, we combine Open Source's mission to support socially engaged art and environmental sustainability with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, ART, and math) programming. We believe the only bad ideas are the ones that go unexplored. KOKO's innovative, learner-centered art workshops enable participants to shape their own experiences through a peer-to-peer learning strategy. We nurture and fuel children's creativity and curiosity, encouraging visual thinking as a means of self-expression. Our goal is to create a greater understanding of art and technology and help your child develop problem-solving skills that will benefit them in school and for the rest of their lives. www.open-source-gallery.org/koko.
- At LAUGHTER AND LANGUAGE STUDIO, their integrated approach specifically engages the child in lively and creative activities to enhance developmentally appropriate skills in a foreign language. Classes are activity-based, full language immersion classes that will engage students in a circle of interesting and age-appropriate activities and experiments. Instruction is experiential and hands on with a focus on children's individual needs and interests. We help children to recognize and do their personal best to grow as happy learners. At LLS, it is our goal to help lay a foundation for the long-term appreciation of learning a foreign language, revealing the rich cultural and linguistic wonders that French and Spanish have to offer. www.thelanguageandlaughterstudio.com.
- MAKER-STATE believes in Standards-based STEM education. Their curriculum and instructional approach follows these key sets of standards: Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), NYC DOE STEM Framework, Common Core State Standards (CCSS), International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Student Standards, Computer Science Teachers Association Guidelines. www.maker-state.com.
- MAX DUYKERS is a proud father of two great kids in at PS 133 where he is a class parent, assists with *playlab133*, and is the on the Executive Board of the PTA as Communications Secretary. Max has a Ph.D. in music composition, has taught music at the college level for several years, is an active composer writing music for many ensembles, and also co-directs his own music ensemble in NYC. Max also has 20 years' experience as a software consultant for a highly-specialized accounting, payroll, estimating, and project management software program and support clients throughout the Northeast.
- MONKEY DO! YOGA. With yoga at their core, but activities ranging from Kids Capoeira all the way to MandarinLab - Monkey Do is the place where kids have fun exercising, learning and making new friends— both in their Brooklyn studio and on-site in schools and organizations. www.MonkeyDoYoga.com
- NICHOLAS LEICHTER (Choreographer/Teacher) has taught throughout the United States and at festivals in Africa, Asia, Canada, and Eastern and Western Europe, and he has been on faculty at Tisch School of the Arts, Sarah Lawrence College, Hunter College, Wayne State University, University of Iowa, Bates Dance Festival and the American Dance Festival in Durham, New York, Russia, Korea, and Shanghai. He is currently a part time lecturer at Rutgers and has been on faculty at the Dance Factory and Usdan Summer for the Performing Arts where he teaches students ages 7-18.
- PARKER-ANDERSON founded in 1986, their staff of instructors are highly trained, and bring their intellectually stimulating enrichment to students in a fun and exciting way! The best thing about Parker-Anderson founders; Jamie and Josh, is that they are still kids at heart, designing their enrichment programs according to the motto, "Fun Comes First". They develop programs with an eye on what kids like and what is good for them. www.parker-anderson.org.
- STUDIO IN A SCHOOL has a mission to foster the creative and intellectual development of youth through quality visual arts programs, directed by arts professionals. Studio hires only professional artists to teach in its programs. Working artists are particularly suited for teaching art, not only because they have extensive knowledge of the history and culture of art and strong technical skills, but also because they are able to model an artist's way of thinking and working. This enthusiasm is conveyed to their students, who learn that art is more than skill - it is a process of exploration and discovery. Every year, hundreds of artists apply for teaching positions with Studio; from the talented group, only the most qualified are chosen. www.studioinaschool.org.
- SUNSET PARK MARTIAL ARTS, INC. is a member of the Kar-Do-Jitsu Ryu Karate Federation, which has had a presence in the Sunset Park neighborhood for over 40 years. They are a family oriented school working to teach their students respect, humility, discipline, responsibility and most of all self-defense. Hanshi Hector Arias is the Owner and Chief Instructor, who began his Martial Arts journey in the Kar-Do-Jitsu Ryu Karate Federation at the age of 13 and received his black belt at the age of 18. He has been instructing students for the last 30 years. www.sunsetparkmartialarts.com.
- SCHOOL OF ROCK believes that playing real music is the only path to proficiency and a true appreciation for music. Their unique approach to music instruction teaches students vital fundamentals through songs they know and love. School of Rock isn't just about creating killer musicians with a lasting love for all things rock. Because life isn't a solo act, we're equally focused on creating awesome bands of friends and musicians. We're as much about orchestrating a community full of cool experiences as we are about building confidence, extraordinary teamwork, and achieving excellence through their unique teaching method. www.schoolofrock.com/brooklyn.