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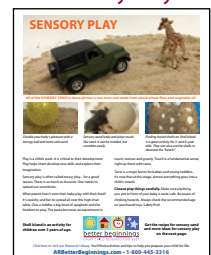

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The Dishes Experiment

My husband Tyler recently tried what he called “an experiment.” (He didn’t tell me about so-called experiment until after the fact.)

First, a little background information. Tyler likes everything to be organized and tidy. I’m pretty sure cleaning solution runs through his veins. When something is left out, he questions why it couldn’t just be put away. Contrary to the typical sitcom couple (messy husband, tidy wife), my pajama pants are the ones that get left on the ground while his socks always make it to the laundry basket.

Don’t get me wrong, I love that he loves to clean. But I don’t always keep up with his tidying skills.

We try and split up the housework (I usually end up cooking while he ends up cleaning), but several weeks ago, he decided to run his little experiment: he didn’t wash the dishes and let them pile up in the sink to see how long it would take before I started doing them myself.

Well, he cracked before I did, and a few days in, he was back at the sink scrubbing pots, loading the dishwasher and telling me that he couldn’t believe I hadn’t washed them yet myself. I had to laugh because part of me hadn’t even noticed the growing stack, and the little part of me that did knew that he would come in and take care of it eventually. I joked back that I should have not cooked him dinner for four days to see if he’d take over those duties. (This isn’t an experiment I even want to try because I know I’d be eating frozen pizza and cereal for its entire duration.)

The point is, we all have habits. We have responsibilities — whether spoken or just assumed — that we’ve likely taken over in the house. And your kids likely have the same. Are they going to pick up their toys after four days of piling up, or do they know that Mom will come in and put them away? Just like I’m capable of washing the dishes, your kids are capable of cleaning up after themselves.

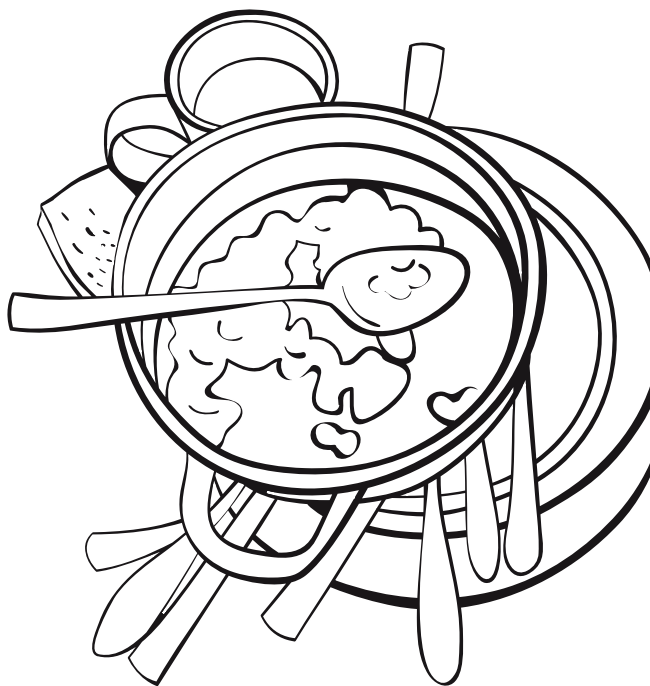
In this issue, we’re diving into spring cleaning on a broader level — not just dusting shelves and scrubbing countertops, but rather decluttering, eliminating unnecessary items and reorganizing in a way that makes sense for your home and family. Part of maintaining a clean and organized home is teaching your kids habits and skills to keep it that way. Cleaning house shouldn’t be a one-man (or one-woman) job.

So check out our cover story on page 16 for loads of tips and tricks from professional organizers — including one who has two young kids of her own.

Now what are you waiting for? Get cleaning! And maybe I’ll go home and wash the dishes.

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7 Ways to Clean Up Your Finances

By Kathleen Lawson, Executive Director of Economics Arkansas

All the baseboards have been washed and the ceiling fans have been dusted, but your spring cleaning isn't done yet. It's time to get your financial house spic and span; here are seven items to have on your checklist:

Update Your Budget

If you don't have one, creating a budget should be your number one priority. If you already have one, review it periodically to account for things that shift as your children enter new phases of their lives. For example, we are spending less on daycare, but more on extracurricular activities. A budget helps you prioritize.

Open an Account With Your Kids

Studies say that money habits are formed by age 7, so it's crucial to start instilling good financial practices now. Take your kids to the bank to set up their

own savings accounts; I recommend a location that has a coin counter so kids can watch their piggy bank savings translate into bills they can then deposit.

Before opening their accounts, I read my kids "Just Saving My Money" by Mercer Mayer, and it helped lay the foundation for what they were doing.

Ensure You Have Adequate Life Insurance

When is the last time you examined your life insurance policies? If you have recently had another child, a change in income, or purchased a new home, it may be time to ensure that you are adequately covered should the unthinkable occur.

Update Your Information on All of Your Accounts

Don't wait until disaster strikes to find out you never updated your beneficiary on your retirement account.

Make a quick list of any retirement and investment accounts to ensure that all your information is correct. This includes updating your name after getting married.

Consider Multiple Accounts

We've probably all heard about the envelope system for ensuring that you are spending within budget in various categories, but there are other, digital ways to achieve the same goal. Additional bank accounts can be especially helpful for large expenses.

This is a great time to set up a Christmas club-type savings account. We budget 1.5 percent of our annual income and set that as the cap for Christmas spending. Whatever your budget is, you can allocate that amount from your paychecks into a special account so you aren't acquiring credit card debt at the end of the year.



Consider a Home Maintenance Account

After years of diapers and daycare bills, my home maintenance has been neglected. Experts say you should expect to spend between 1-3 percent of the value of your home in repairs each year.

We recently established a new account to handle these expenses. We took 1.5 percent of the value of our home, divided it by 26 pay periods and have that amount transferred into an account each pay period.

Start Saving for College

Set up an Arkansas 529 College Investing Plan to jumpstart college savings for your children. Once it's in place, it's easy for friends and family to contribute to your child's future instead of adding to the growing pile of toys in your playroom.

Be sure to check out Upromise; it's free to join and helps families save for college by doing what you normally do: buying groceries, shopping online, dining out and more. I have earned over \$1,000 through Upromise with very little effort on my end.

Take Control of Your Financial Future



Attention ladies! It's never too early or too late to learn how to achieve financial freedom. Register now for the **Smart Women Smart Money** conference, which provides women of diverse ages and circumstances with the necessary tools they need to take control of their finances. Former WNBA basketball player and Olympic athlete, **Tamika Catchings**, will be the keynote speaker at the conference.

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The Old Dog

By Charlotte Zolotow

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Ages 5-8



I Took My Frog to the Library

By Eric A. Kimmel

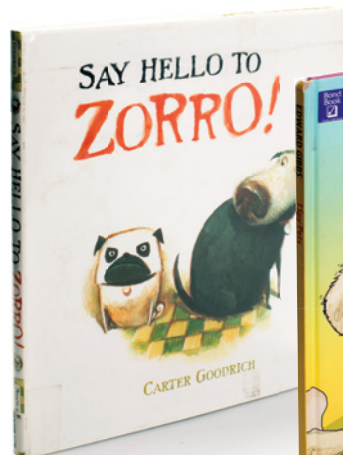
Bridget just wants to bring her animals along to the library! But should a frog really be in the library?
Ages 3-7



The Prince's New Pet

By Brian Anderson

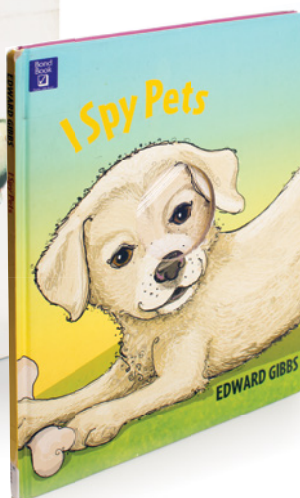
The prince lives in a dark and gloomy world. Will his new pet bring color to the kingdom?
Ages 4-8



Say Hello to Zorro!

By Carter Goodrich

Mister Bud the dog is enjoying his regular schedule – until Zorro arrives.
Ages 4-8



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By Edward Gibbs

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Mom of two and lover of paper products
Kimmie Harrison shares some of her local favorites as well as the scoop on her business, Fresh Entity.



On Family

My husband Grant and our boys Lyle and Leo are truly God's greatest earthly gift to me. (And of course our pup Wally, too.)

On Her Business, Fresh Entity

About 12 years ago I created a calendar for friends and family for Christmas and it has just kind of grown from there. I'm a details person so everything from the card designs to the special aspects of the packaging energizes me.

I love creating around Scripture and my prayer is always that these simple verses might be used to draw someone deeper into the fullness of God's word.

To check out more Fresh Entity products, head to www.FreshEntity.com

Favorite Accessory

My personalized Bella Vita bracelets with my boys' names and birthstones. They are meaningful and beautiful and remind me everyday the gift my boys are to me.



Favorite Hangout Spot

If it is good weather, you will usually find my family at either Two Rivers or Burns Park walking a trail or having a quick picnic.



Portrait by Sarah Oden



Can't-Live-Without Beauty Product

I mean of course I'm obsessed with my NARS eyeshadow pallet but I'd feel a little disingenuous if I didn't give credit to the trusty Clinique pressed powder that I've used every day for about 20 years.

Favorite Local Eats

Nothing beats a diet coke and turkey salad sandwich from Burge's!

Mom Advice

Few things remind your child of your love for them better than intentional time together. It's so easy to just live beside one another, but taking the time to look them in the eye and step into their world speaks to their hearts.

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Organizing Professionals Dish on Cleaning House — and How to Keep it Tidy

By Alexis Crowe / Photography by Sarah Oden

Do you live in clutter or cleanliness? Are your kids' rooms organized or disaster zones? As spring kicks off, it's a perfect time to dive into all the closets, drawers, boxes and bins in every room of the house.

And cleaning isn't just for cleaning's sake — it's actually beneficial to your health to go home to an organized space.

"There have been so many studies on the effects of clutter on your wellbeing and your clarity," says Megan Ludvinsky, professional organizer and owner of About Space. "So many people actually cannot focus in a cluttered space; it gives you anxiety. Not being able to find something makes it really hard to focus and complete a task."

About Space, which is based out of Maumelle, is a professional organizing and personal concierge service. And while it's Ludvinsky's job, she knows it's not realistic to be 100 percent clean all the time — but she does love an organized space.

"It brings me joy to make things clean and uncluttered and serene," she says.

Similarly, KonMari certified consultant Sue Fehlberg, who runs decluttering and organizing business Tidy Nest, sees the happiness that an organized space can bring.

"I think people are so overwhelmed by their lives and how busy they are ... So to be able to come home to a place that's peaceful where they can relax and rest, I think that's what people are looking for now," says Fehlberg.

Fehlberg practices Marie Kondo's methods, which became increasingly popular after the debut of Kondo's Netflix series, "Tidying Up with Marie Kondo," at the start of the year.

Though different organizers like Fehlberg and Ludvinsky utilize different methods, they share a common goal: to help people feel in control and eliminate the clutter from their lives. While that task may seem overwhelming, there are steps anyone can take to get organized and then stay organized.

On the following pages, read some of their advice on teaching kids good habits, figuring out what to get rid of and more.

Ludvinsky uses these concepts throughout each home she organizes. They're simple ideas, but when followed, it's easy to figure out how to put things away and maintain the organization.

1. Store Like with Like

Ludvinsky says a simple illustration of this is a silverware drawer: forks with forks, knives with knives and so on. It's much easier to find things when they're stored together. For example, keep all your scissors in one spot instead of scattered in drawers and bins in different rooms.

2. Have a Home for Everything

Everything needs a place to belong. For example, if you have a designated bin for your kids' sporting gear, you're much more likely to put it away rather than letting it pile up on the laundry room floor.

3. Put it Away

It's as simple as it gets, but as Ludvinsky says "Once you add one piece of clutter, it gives birth to more clutter and more clutter and the clutter will multiply!" Don't delay in putting things away and you'll stay on top of the mess before it can even begin.

Lyndsey Sullivan, Eva, 17 weeks, and Jonah, 4. Lyndsey, who manages her own photography business, uses both Google Calendar and a paper calendar (which even includes grocery lists and meal plans) to keep her worlds organized. She also utilizes Google Tasks Manager for work, which allows her and her employees to see each other's lists, add to them and help cross things off.



HOW TO TIDY KONMARI STYLE

Fehlberg follows Marie Kondo's six rules for decluttering and organizing. Even if you're not on board with Kondo's entire process, anyone can take bits and pieces and use these as guidelines for getting neat and tidy.

- Commit yourself to tidying up.
- Imagine your ideal lifestyle.
- Finish discarding first.
- Tidy by category, not by location/room.
- Follow the right order: clothing, books, papers, miscellaneous and then sentimental items.
- Ask yourself if it sparks joy.

Following these rules, there are two basic steps that you should take if you'd like to organize the way Fehlberg teaches:

1. DISCARD

Begin by going through and picking up every single item and deciding if it "sparks joy." Fehlberg says it's important to gather items from across the house into one spot. So, for example, when starting with clothes, take everything from under-the-bed storage, dresser drawers, closets, etc. and combine it.

"You start from a place of abundance so you see that 'oh, I have plenty of things. I don't have to worry about getting rid of too much,'" Fehlberg said.

If an item sparks joy, keep it. If not, discard or donate it. Fehlberg defined "spark joy" as something that's "useful or beautiful."

"Our potato masher is not beautiful, but mashed potatoes are beautiful," she said, laughing. "So if it's useful, that can be a way it sparks joy for you."

2. STORE

After you've narrowed down your items to only things that spark joy, it's time to store them in a way that makes the easy to access and see. With clothing, it's essential to organize drawers in a way that keeps everything visible.

"The main thing you're doing is folding things into rectangles that can stand up on their own, and then you file everything vertically in your drawers," Fehlberg said. "You'll really be able to see everything at once and not have to ... grab things from the bottom."

Want to learn more about how to clean KonMari style? Fehlberg is teaching a free workshop at 1 p.m. on April 6 at William Laman Public Library in North Little Rock. She'll demonstrate folding techniques, share organization tips and answer questions.



5 TIPS FOR KEEPING KIDS' SPACES CLEAN

1. USE PICTURE LABELS

Label toy bins with photos or clip art rather than words so that kids actually know what goes where! Using bins without lids is also easier for little hands that don't need the extra step of taking off a lid (and then putting it back on).

2. TEACH CLEAN HABITS

"I don't have a no-shoe policy in my house for adults, but when we come in, my kids are usually covered in mud or sand or something else," Ludvinsky said. "So they take their shoes off and I don't even have to ask them anymore!"

There's a rack at the door where her kids know shoes should be placed and now it's just part of the coming home routine. Any parent can help their kids create clean habits, whether it's putting dishes in the dishwasher immediately after eating or closing drawers in the bathroom after getting ready in the morning.

3. DON'T MICRO-ORGANIZE

Keep the categories basic. In the toy room, for example, stick to "stuffed animals" as the category for a bin rather than separating into "teddy bears" and "Beanie Babies." The easier it is, the more likely kids are to follow through on cleanup.

4. USE ARTKIVE FOR PAPER KEEPSAKES

Artkive is an app that allows you to photograph artwork, cards, certificates, etc. and save those images digitally rather than holding on to every physical keepsake. The app also allows you to print a hardcover book of all of those images once you have a collection compiled.

"If they're not framers, they probably don't belong in your house," Ludvinsky said.

She restricts sentimental items to only keeping pieces that fit in one box about a cubic foot in size for each member of the family.

5. TRY A SANTA TAKEBACK

It can be hard to say "no" to new things coming into your kids' lives — and toy bins and closets. That's why the Ludvinsky family practices a "Santa takeback" each Christmas.

"At our house, Santa takes old toys and gives them to other little kids; we have a one in, one out policy with our toys," Ludvinsky says. "The more they give, the more Santa is inclined to give back."

She has also had honest conversations with grandparents and friends about not gifting "stuff" to her kids but rather experiences, which helps cut down on clutter.

For more information on Megan Ludvinsky's company, visit www.AboutSpaceOrganizing.com.

For more information on Sue Fehlberg's company, visit www.TidyNest.net.



GETTING KIDS INVOLVED

IN ORDER TO TEACH KIDS to stay clean and organized, parents need to model that behavior themselves.

"Just clean and put away things as you go," says Ludvinsky. "Those are habits that are hard to make and sometimes hard to break if you're not doing it the right way."

By involving kids in the decluttering, cleaning, and organizing processes, they're much more likely to help maintain that level of tidiness. Fehlberg said she recently worked with a 3 year old to go through her things and decide what to keep and what to donate. She recommends saving toys for last, since kids generally have more of an emotional attachment to those than to other items.

However, she says that you'll be surprised how many opinions your kids have about their things.

"Definitely involve your kids," Fehlberg said. "We just worked with a 3 year old and she got rid of probably half of her clothes. She would say 'no, I don't like that,' and her mom thought she would want to keep everything."

However, Ludvinsky warned against letting kids have too much control. Asking questions to help them decide what they truly want to keep and what can go is helpful, in her opinion.

"I think most kids under the age of 10 can't decide what's a real keepsake — they've got 10 favorite trucks," she said, laughing. "But I think it's good to ask them things like 'How often do you play with this?' because I'm always trying to get my kids to think about stuff differently."

Donation Guide

Central Arkansas locations where your gently-used furniture, clothing, baby gear and more can be resold or reused. This is not a comprehensive list.

Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center

Mission: To help women understand their options concerning their pregnancy and sexual health.

Donation Needs: Baby clothing, strollers, highchairs, car seats, toys, baby gear.

Website:
www.CaringHeartsPregnancy.org

Drop-Off Location: 2003 Fendley Drive, North Little Rock

Civitan Services

Mission: To provide care, support, encouragement, education and love for people with developmental disabilities.

Donation Needs: Housewares, working appliances, clothing, accessories, linens, toys, furniture, decor, books, CDs, DVDs, sporting goods.

Website:
www.CivitanServices.com/shoppe

Drop-Off Location: 409 S. Reynolds Road, Suite 3, Bryant; call 501-776-0691 to schedule a donation pick up.

Habitat for Humanity: Restore

Mission: To partner with people to build or improve a place they can call home.

Donation Needs: Home-building supplies, working appliances, furniture, home decor, clothing, books.

Website:
www.HabitatCentralAR.org/restore

Drop-Off Locations: 6700 S. University Ave., Little Rock; 2657 Pike Ave., North Little Rock; visit the website to schedule a donation pick up.

Happy Gray Resale

Mission: Sales support the Dorcas House in Little Rock, a shelter that helps victims of domestic violence and those struggling with addictions to find hope through a relationship with Jesus.

Donation Needs: High-end clothing, bags, shoes and accessories.

Website: www.URMissionLR.org/happy-gray-fashions

Drop-Off Location: 14710 Cantrell Road, Little Rock

Little Rock Compassion Center

Mission: To give individuals and families a chance to recover from homelessness, addictions and poverty.

Donation Needs: Clothing, accessories, shoes, bedding, curtains, houseware and glassware, tools, small appliances, furniture.

Website:
www.LRCompassionCenter.org

Drop-Off Locations: Main building: 4210 Asher Ave., Little Rock; call 501-296-9114 for drop-box locations.

Live Thankfully

Mission: Sales support Immerse Arkansas, an organization that benefits teenagers aging out of the foster care system, and Young Lives, an organization that benefits teenage moms.

Donation Needs: Upscale furniture, home decor, jewelry, accessories, shoes, bags, clothes.

Website: www.LiveThankfullyLR.com

Drop-Off Location: 10020 N. Rodney Parham Road, Suites 3 & 4, Little Rock



LITTLE READERS ROCK, APRIL 27

Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library & Learning Center

Fairy and folk tales rule the day including authors, animals, activities, book giveaways, and a live version of *The Emperor's New Clothes*.

In partnership with the Junior League of Little Rock.

ARKANSAS LITERARY FESTIVAL

APRIL 25-28



ARKANSASLITERARYFESTIVAL.ORG

The Arkansas Literary Festival, a program of the Central Arkansas Library System, is sponsored in part by the Arkansas Humanities Council.

The One Inc./The Van

Mission: To care for unsheltered and homeless neighbors.

Donation Needs: Blankets, sleeping bags, sheets, pillows, tents, tarps, flashlights, backpacks. Check website for updated list.

Website: www.TheOneInc.org

Drop-Off Locations: Warehouse: 8016 Faulkner Lake Road, North Little Rock; Donation Box: Zips Car Wash, 620 S. Bowman Road, Little Rock

Our House

Mission: To equip homeless individuals and families with the skills, resources, and confidence to overcome homelessness permanently

Donation Needs: Clothing, bedding, backpacks, umbrellas, towels, washcloths for on-campus use; any items for resale store.

Website: www.OurHouseShelter.org

Drop-Off Locations: From Our House to Yours resale stores: 8609 W. Markham St. Suite I, Little Rock | 4653 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock



The STRUGGLE is REAL.
and RECOVERY is POSSIBLE.

In Arkansas, mental health issues are affecting people of all ages and the suicide rate across all ages is at an all-time high. But there is hope.

The BridgeWay provides a continuum of care that is safe, secure and serene. Just as each patient is different, so too are our programs. **The BridgeWay** is the only psychiatric hospital in Arkansas with distinct programs for seniors 55 and older, adults 18 and older, adolescents, ages 13-17, and children, ages 4-12. Whether it is for mood, thought or substance abuse disorders, we provide separate units for each population.



The BridgeWay

Children • Adolescents • Adults • Seniors

21 BridgeWay Road, North Little Rock, AR 72113
1-800-245-0011 | thebridgeway.com

Worship at St. James this Easter!



Palm Parade Sunday, April 14 • 9:30 & 10:55am

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, April 18 • 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross Friday, April 19 • 8:30am – 8:30pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service • 7:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt & EGGStravaganza

Saturday, April 20 • 10:00am

Easter Sunday Services Sunday, April 21

Traditional Worship with Choir & Brass 8:30 & 10:55am

The Journey (Contemporary) 9:30am

Vertical Event (Contemporary) 10:55am

St. James United Methodist Church | 321 Pleasant Valley Drive | Little Rock
217-6700 | www.StJamesLR.org

Attention New Mothers

Arkansas PRAMS Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System

You may receive a **PRAMS** survey in the mail if you recently had a baby in Arkansas.

Please complete the survey because every pregnancy is different, and the answers you provide can help save the lives of babies and improve the health of mothers and babies in Arkansas.

If you complete the survey, you can receive a **FREE GIFT CARD**.

For more information visit:

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/prams>



ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH





• 2019 ULTIMATE • ALL-SCHOOL GUIDE

Living in central Arkansas means plentiful educational options for your family. From kindergarten through 12th grade, choose from dozens of public, private, parochial and charter schools. There are even great resources for homeschooling families.

And while having so many fantastic options is a privilege, it can also feel overwhelming. In this special section, we've created a guide to assist in your selection process. We hope that you gain a better understanding of the various schools and school districts in the area, making your decisions easier.

The goal of this guide is to help you to take the first step in choosing the best educational option for your kids. Once you've read through the following pages flip back to page 42 to see what questions you can ask when touring a school or on the phone with an admissions counselor. And then relax — you've done your homework and now it's time for the kids to do theirs.

A LITTLE ROCK FAMILY SPECIAL PROMOTION

Little Rock School District



New Little Rock Southwest High School, opening in 2020.



810 W. Markham St.
Little Rock
501.447.2950
LRSD.org

Superintendent:



Michael A. Poore

MISSION STATEMENT The mission of LRSD is to equip students with skills and knowledge to realize aspirations, think critically and independently, learn continuously and become productive citizens. We do this through open access to a diverse, innovative and challenging curriculum in a secure environment. Staff is dedicated to excellence and empowered with trust and support from community.

HONORS & AWARDS:

- 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year
- Nearly 200 National Board-Certified Teachers
- Parkview and Central ranked 3rd and 6th nationally in U.S. News & World Report
- Roberts Elementary (2017) joined Forest Park Elementary with National Blue Ribbon designation (2012)
- State's only K-8 STEM Academy
- 2018 National One District One Book Award Recipient



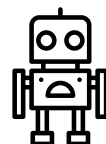
PROGRAMS EXCEL Careers for Advanced Professional Studies — EXCEL is designed to connect high school students to career and college pathways based on their passions and interests.

SPECIAL SERVICES As the state's largest school district, LRSD has resources to meet the needs of individual students. Whether your child thrives in a gifted and talented learning environment or has special needs, LRSD provides a welcoming, nurturing educational atmosphere for all students.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is designed to guide each elementary, middle and high school with a road map that identifies and organizes strategies/resources that will lead to student success.

TECHNOLOGY

Forest Heights STEM Academy has an intense focus on technology for students K-8, and several LRSD campuses have EAST labs, which offer hands-on learning with many forms of technology. A continuum of studies allows elementary students to transition to secondary schools for award-winning robotics and coding programs. Plus, LRSD hosts a Computers for Kids program where students get real-world experience in refurbishing computers, which are then provided to LRSD families at a low cost.



BRIGHT FUTURES

Bright Futures connects students with caring community partners who meet students' needs within 24 hours.

Schools by the Numbers:

21 pre-K sites
2 specialized academies
26 elementary schools
7 middle schools
5 high schools
3 non-traditional campuses

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 16: Evening of the Stars honoring volunteers in public schools
April 22: OneRock Student-Athlete Awards
May 5 -12: Teacher Appreciation Week

EXCITING PROJECTS State-of-the-art, 400,000 square-foot high school in southwest Little Rock — the district's first new high school in 50 years — opens in 2020 to students zoned for McClellan, J.A. Fair, and 300 Hall High students zoned for the 2,250-student campus. Advanced 21st century learning environment with expanded career tech.

McClellan High School

MISSION STATEMENT The McClellan High School family promotes mastery of a comprehensive curriculum, responsible citizenship and an appreciation of cultural diversity. By providing a safe, intellectually stimulating and nurturing learning environment, we are preparing critically thinking, capable and proficient students for their roles in our global society.



9417 Geyer Springs Road
Little Rock
501.447.2100
LRSD.org

Principal:
Antony Hobbs

Established: 1965

Grades Served: 9-12

Current Enrollment: 864

Student Teacher Ratio: 15-to-1

School Motto:

Committed to the Crimson

School History:

McClellan High School was named for Senator John Little McClellan and was named an Arkansas Blue Ribbon School in 1998.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Senior prom: April 27
Graduation: May 21 at 6 p.m.



EXCITING PROJECTS

Restorative Justice-Teen Court, introduction of the debate team, and involving our students with volunteerism are our current focal points.

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

Our teachers utilize best practices that are research-based, relevant and relative to quality education.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS

- Extensive media center
- Two gymnasiums
- Multiple science labs
- Center for performing arts
- Engineering classroom
- Multiple computer labs
- Credit recovery classroom

TECHNOLOGY Virtual classrooms, interactive assessments and electronic portfolios challenge our learners to acclimate to the demands of the 21st century.



McClellan High School.

SCHOLARSHIPS McClellan is proud to be in a district where we historically have the most National Merit Semi-finalists in Arkansas. McClellan seniors are among the LRSD students who receive \$20 million-plus in scholarships, annually, to colleges and universities in Arkansas and across the country.

HONORS & AWARDS

Annual Academic Signing Day honors nearly 100 district students with this criteria: top four in class, 4.0 GPA or better, National Merit Semi-finalists, Commended Scholars, National Hispanic Scholars and Gates Millennium Scholars.



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM

Our curriculum adheres to guidelines set out by the Arkansas Department of Education in conjunction with Common Core State Standards.

Pinnacle View Middle School

MISSION STATEMENT The mission of Pinnacle View Middle School, in partnership with the community, is to lead students through rigorous academic programs, which include exploratory and multi-cultural experiences, utilize the strength of its diverse population and enable students to reach their full potential as independent thinkers in a global society.



**Pinnacle View
SKY HAWKS**

5701 Ranch Drive
Little Rock
501.447.8500
LRSD.org

Principal: Dr. Jay Pickering

Established: 2016

Grades Served: 6-8

Future Enrollment: 1,200

Student Teacher Ratio: 12-to-1

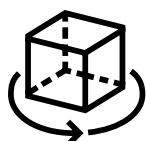
School Motto: Only the Best in Our Nest

School History:

Pinnacle View Middle School was established in 2016 for sixth grade. Grade seven was added in 2017 and followed by grade eight in 2018.

Important Upcoming Dates:

ACT Aspire Testing will be conducted during the month of April.



EXCITING PROJECTS

EAST students are creating a virtual tour of the new middle school building for the public to monitor construction progress.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS

Pinnacle View Middle School is a 200,000 square-foot facility with 6,000 square feet of library space, three music rooms, three art classrooms and makerspaces on both the first and second floors. The cafeteria is over 10,000 square feet with a capacity of 800 students. Athletic facilities include an air conditioned gym with 1,300-seat capacity and an artificial turf surface for football and soccer.

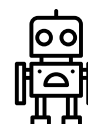
INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

Professional learning communities and teaming are utilized daily to meet the holistic needs of all students.



The Pinnacle View Middle School Sky Hawks.

TECHNOLOGY Students use Google Apps for digital learning as well as an online program to individualize the math and literacy curriculum for each student. In addition to liberal arts education, Pinnacle View is adding STEM programs, which includes robotics and engineering.



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM

A rigorous liberal arts curriculum with a culture and climate conducive to all students achieving their full potential.

Upcoming Little Rock Southwest High School



9715 Mabelvale Pike
Little Rock
LRSD.org

Principal: To be determined.

Opening: 2020

Grades: Will serve 9-12

Proposed Enrollment: 2,250

School Motto: Focusing on the future and teaching and equipping students with 21st century global readiness.

School History:

The new campus will combine student populations from JA Fair, McClellan, and 300 Hall High students who reside in the zone. It will be the first LRSD school built in 50-plus years. Featuring large classrooms, shared collaboration spaces, simulation labs, virtual classroom technology and makerspaces, the school will strive to prepare students for the global stage through project-based learning and unique academic approaches.



EXCITING PROJECTS

The Excel Program provides invaluable opportunities for students by giving them another pipeline to postsecondary education and careers, adding a new level of support for them and the local business community.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS Plans for the new SWLR high school include approximately 400,000 square feet of academic and athletic space, with classrooms upsized for future growth. Visual and performing arts classes and a high-tech auditorium will help students take their creativity to the next level. Plus, the comprehensive athletic facilities will allow the school to host tournaments. In addition, those areas, along with spaces designed specifically for community access, will create a new dynamic, collaborative approach for engaging all stakeholder groups.



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM In addition to an advanced 21st century learning environment, the new high school will feature visual and performing arts along with a state-of-the-art auditorium. Comprehensive athletic facilities to support student athletes will include an arena-sized gym, a combined football and soccer field, track and field facilities, baseball and softball fields and tennis courts.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The school will be in a district that historically has the most National Merit Semi-finalists in Arkansas. Students receive \$20 million-plus in scholarships, annually, to colleges and universities in Arkansas and across the country.



TECHNOLOGY

The virtual classroom technology will ensure students' preparedness for real-world opportunities, as well as workforce and college readiness. Simulation labs and makerspaces are designed to provide students with hands-on experience that piques their curiosities and enhances their learning environment.

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS Students will be exposed to a number of new career strands that will create more pathways to college and workforce readiness. The district created the Excel program, which guides students in aligning their passions and interests to courses and allow them to earn industry certificates and college hours as well as high school graduation credits. Excel courses give students the chance to immerse themselves in particular fields and the opportunity to learn by doing.

J.A. Fair High School of College and Career Academies

MISSION STATEMENT It is the mission of J.A. Fair High School to create an environment that actively engages all students through a relevant and rigorous curriculum. This effort will be supported through high expectations and working collectively and collaboratively with faculty, staff, parents, students and community support systems.



13420 David O. Dodd Road
Little Rock
501.447.1700
LRSD.org

Principal: Michael L. Anthony

Established: 1981-1982

Grades Served: 9-12

Current Enrollment: 780

Student Teacher Ratio: 18-to-1

School Motto: Soar High With the War Eagles

School History:

The school was named for James Augustus Fair, who spent his career as an educator and life-long board member.

Important Upcoming Dates:

ACT Aspire Testing is conducted during the month of April. Graduation at the Verizon Arena is scheduled for May 21 at 8:30 p.m.



EXCITING PROJECTS

Our students are currently expanding our broadcast capabilities and partnering with a local radio station to gain experience with the media.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS J.A. Fair College and Career Academies encompasses innovative technology. The Environmental Science Academy supports a greenhouse, nature trail and community garden. The school is also known for its state-of-the-art informational broadcasting system. The Academy of Sports Medicine allows students to train in-house for professions in the medical field.



War eagle soaring high above all others.

TECHNOLOGY Computer labs, iPad labs, Mac computer labs, Apple TVs and smart technology are used in every classroom with wireless connectivity.



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM

A technology career academy provides students with personalized and supportive learning with emersion in 21st century skills.

SCHOLARSHIPS Sixty-five percent of J.A. Fair graduates attended post secondary education opportunities through two to four year colleges and universities. Of that 65 percent, 35 percent received scholarships in an excess of \$2.8 million dollars, doubling the amount compared to previous years.

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

Academic Interventions and Advanced Placement courses are aligned with the school's turnaround transformational model to develop both teaching and learning.



Mount St. Mary Academy



3224 Kavanaugh Blvd.
Little Rock
501.664.8006
MtStMary.edu

Principal:



Angie Collins

MISSION STATEMENT Mount St. Mary Academy, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, develops young women with a moral and intellectual foundation rooted in Catholic tradition. Mercy-minded and college-prepared, our students meet the future with wisdom, compassion and integrity.

\$10.7 MILLION
in college scholarships
awarded to the Class
of 2018

81%
of 119 seniors
offered scholarships
from colleges and other
institutions

19%
of the Class of 2018
scored a 30 or higher
on the ACT, and two
students in the Class
of 2019 scored a 36
composite score

\$519,000
in financial aid assisted
MSM students and
families in 2018-2019



ALL-GIRL ADVANTAGE As the only all-girl high school in the state, Mount St. Mary Academy is a sisterhood of talented, intelligent young women of faith and vision.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY Integrating 21st-Century Skills and classical education promotes active learning, inquiry and critical reasoning within and beyond the classroom.

STUDENTS AT ALL-GIRL SCHOOLS:

- Report higher confidence.
- Say they were offered greater leadership opportunities.
- Are six times more likely to consider STEM careers.

National Coalition of Girls' Schools, 2015



HONORS & AWARDS:

- 2018 Kid's Directory Best Choice, Private and Parochial High School
- Seven Stephens Awards for Outstanding Teaching by The City Education Trust, 2016-2018
- Six National Merit Finalists and three National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars, 2016-2019
- Three Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame Girls of Distinction, 2017-2018
- 2018 President's Volunteer Service Award recipient
- 13 athletes have signed to play at the collegiate level since 2017

EXCITING PROJECTS

All students participate in a yearlong service learning program their junior year, through which they regularly contribute more than 7,500 collective hours of meaningful, hands-on service to 25-plus community organizations.

CAPSTONE AP Capstone AP and concurrent credit programs drive students to excel, develop important skills for success and offer opportunities for college credit.

TECHNOLOGY Through a 1-to-1 laptop program utilizing Google's G Suite for Education platform, state-of-the-art classroom technology and multimedia classes, students are able to collaborate and share information quickly and effectively with their peers and teachers while gaining technical proficiency needed for college and the world beyond.



45 CLUBS

EXTRACURRICULAR Forty-five clubs, organizations and teams offer every girl the chance to find her voice, apply her talents and develop valuable leadership skills.

Established: 1851
Grades Served: 9-12
Current Enrollment: 485
Tuition Range: \$8,820-10,210
School Motto: Elevating Expectations

School History:
Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1851 at the request of Arkansas' first Catholic bishop, Mount St. Mary Academy adheres to the Sisters' belief that *"nothing can be more productive of good to society than the careful instruction of women."*

Schedule a Tour!
Contact Annie Cross,
Director of Admissions
501-664-8006 ext.106

Pulaski Academy



PULASKI ACADEMY

12701 Hinson Road
Little Rock
501.604.1910
PulaskiAcademy.org

Head of School:



Matt Walsh

MISSION STATEMENT Inspiring students to explore, create, contribute and achieve.



TECHNOLOGY Classroom technology is a valuable resource used to enhance the student experience through interactive activities and problem solving opportunities.

AFTERCARE & TUTORING After-school and tutoring services are offered as well as learning support services for qualified students.

ALUMNI Lauren Jackson, class of 2013, was named a 2017 Rhodes Scholar. She is one of 32 Americans representing the U.S. with scholarships that provide education at the University of Oxford in England.



Established: 1971
Grades Served: Pre-K2-12
Current Enrollment: 1,344
Tuition Range: \$6,655-\$15,760
School Motto: Honor above all

School History:
Pulaski Academy was founded in 1971 and expanded in 2008 to a 32-acre campus in the Pleasant Valley neighborhood.

Important Upcoming Dates:
April 4 – Middle and Upper School
Preview Day; May 7 – Early Childhood
School Preview Day

CAMPUS & FACILITIES

Our 32-acre campus boasts a 1,600-seat auditorium, five art studios, two music rooms, two state of the art STEM labs and newly renovated athletic amenities.

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCING PA provides need-based aid, merit scholarships and tuition assistance based on financial need, academic history and character. See website for more information.

EXCITING PROJECTS
Expanded electives and course options in the middle and upper schools are implemented each year. Enhanced campus security features are continuously added.

**32
ACRES**



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM Pulaski Academy offers a diverse, nurturing learning environment focused on a personalized and dynamic student experience.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Fine arts opportunities include drama, concert band, jazz band, visual arts and choir. Since 1992, Pulaski Academy has won 49 state titles and currently manages 34 athletic teams and countless clubs.



100%
of our students
attend college.

In the Class of 2018,
students were offered a
combined total of
\$19.4 million
in scholarships.

78%
of our graduating
seniors were offered
college scholarships.

Pulaski County Special School District



Across the district, our students excel in the classroom and extracurricular activities, which guide them to become future leaders

MISSION STATEMENT Pulaski County Special School District is committed to creating a nationally recognized school district, which assures that all students achieve at the maximum potential through the collaborative, supportive and continuous efforts of all stakeholders (teachers, administrators, support staff, families, students, communities and businesses).

EXCITING PROJECTS

- Virtual Academy to launch in 2019, allowing students to attend cyber school.
- Expanded campus to open for Sylvan Hills High School.

PROGRAMS AVID is a college and career readiness system centered on engaging professional learning. Our teachers learn how to increase student engagement, promote classroom collaboration, and activate deeper levels of learning in their classrooms with practical, immediately useful tools and instructional strategies.



SPECIAL SERVICES Gifted and talented programs and special education services



TECHNOLOGY All students have an iPad or Chromebook to use at school and at home.



925 E. Dixon Road
Little Rock
501.234.2000
PCSSD.org

Superintendent:



Dr. Charles McNulty

Number of Schools in the District:

16 elementary schools - 14 include
Pre-K3 and Pre-K4
4 middle schools
4 high schools



Graduation Dates:

All graduations will be held on
Saturday, May 18 at the Jack Stephens
Center at UALR.
Robinson - 9 a.m.
Sylvan Hills - 11:30 a.m.
Mills - 2 p.m.
Maumelle - 4:30 p.m.

ACCESS®

MISSION STATEMENT Expanding Individual Potential Through Innovative Instruction.



TECHNOLOGY

Technology is used in therapeutic and academic environments at ACCESS. From augmentative communication devices to smart boards and electronic tablets, students at every level are able to supplement curriculum with appropriate and engaging learning activities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCING

ACCESS accepts Medicaid, Tefra and Waiver for qualifying individuals, and is an Arkansas Succeed Scholarship-approved private school for qualifying school-aged children. ACCESS also offers tuition assistance.

AFTERCARE & TUTORING ACCESS takes a team approach to learning, meaning therapists are involved in the day-to-day activities of the classroom and can engage in one-on-one therapy sessions. Academic therapy (specialized tutoring) is available for school-aged individuals with additional learning difficulties. Outpatient therapy services are offered for families who do not attend ACCESS full time. Aftercare services are available at both campuses for an additional fee.



EXCITING PROJECTS

ACCESS offers three vocational programs to supplement its curriculum – horticulture, ceramics, and the Vocation Innovation Project. These programs offer a fun way to teach, provide additional therapeutic environments and gain transferable vocational skills.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS

The ACCESS Stella Boyle Smith Early Childhood campus hosts a 6,700 square-foot state-of-the-art therapy gym, feeding lab, two renovated playgrounds and a library. The ACCESS Academy and Young Adult campus boasts the ACCESS Evaluation and Resource Center, therapy gym, library, art and ceramics studio, athletic gym, state-of-the-art greenhouse and multiple outdoor spaces.



TEACHING METHODS ACCESS uses unique, literacy-based curriculum and a multi-sensory approach to learning by engaging all of the senses.



10618 Breckenridge Drive
+
1500 North Mississippi St.
Little Rock
501.217.8600
AccessGroupInc.org

Executive Director:
Tammy Simmons, M.S., CCC-SLP
Established: 1994
Ages Served: Infants through adulthood
Student-Teacher Ratio:
Between 4-to-1 and 8-to-1
depending on age group
Current Enrollment: 252
Tuition Range: \$7,266 - \$9,770
School Motto: Building Brighter Futures
Graduation: May
School History: Founded in 1994,
ACCESS offers evaluation services, full-
time education, therapy services and
vocational training for individuals with
special needs.
Important Upcoming Dates: ACCESS
begins its academic year in August
and continues year-round. Students
may be accepted at any time pending
availability. To learn more about ACCESS
programs, please call to schedule a tour
with the admissions specialist.

The Anthony School

MISSION STATEMENT The Anthony School educates children pre-K3 through eighth grade in a challenging and nurturing environment, engages them through an advanced curriculum and empowers them to become independent and excited students.



EXCITING PROJECTS

STEAMapalooza is an innovative and fun event bringing together approximately 50 central Arkansas community members and professionals who demonstrate and engage students in their areas of STEAM expertise.

CAMPUS & FACILITIES

This school has a gymnasium, gourmet kitchen, media center, technology lab, state-of-the-art science lab, cafeteria/auditorium and a STEAM classroom to explore science, technology, engineering, art and math. The multi-purpose playground offers a place to play and socialize, and the campus provides students a diverse and well-rounded learning experience.

VISION The Anthony School equips children to become curious and passionate learners, creative and confident thinkers, and informed and engaged citizens.



TECHNOLOGY iPads are used in early childhood. Elementary students have use of laptop carts. Our middle school 1-to-1 laptop program utilizes Google classroom. All classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics first place school along with several individual winners.
- Regional science fair awards.
- Junior Theater Festival choreography award.
- Foreign language state recognitions.
- Fine art awards.



7700 Ohio St.
Little Rock
501.225.6629
AnthonySchool.org

Head of School:
Dr. Blane Covert
Established: 1944
Grades Served: PreK3 - 8
Current Enrollment: 330
Tuition Range: \$8,050 - \$9,900
School Motto: Advancing independent
and excited students since 1944.

Accredited by ANSAA

School History:

This is the oldest nonsectarian, independent school in Arkansas. It was the first to emphasize the significance of early childhood education.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Preview nights and days are held throughout the year. Visit the admissions page for dates and information on submitting an application at TourAnthony.com.



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM

The environment is positive and encouraging. The challenging curriculum is rooted in tradition, yet advances with educational trends.

Christ Lutheran School

MISSION STATEMENT The mission of Christ Lutheran School is to partner with families to raise followers of Christ, teaching His grace and academic excellence.



TECHNOLOGY

Using Google Classroom with Chromebooks and programming Dash and Dot robots are highlights for students in the area of technology. iPads and a computer lab enhance learning and offer students the opportunity to be creative using devices.

CAMPUS & FACILITIES CLS is blessed to be on a 14-acre campus with a gymnasium, science lab, art classroom, music room, library and technology lab. Students attend a weekly chapel service in the worship center. Two playgrounds, a courtyard, football field, basketball court and garden offer students plenty of outdoor play space.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM CLS teachers use alternative seating to help students work. Our above-grade-level curriculum gives students a firm educational foundation.



Christ Lutheran School is a NLSA and ANSAA accredited school in Arkansas.

AFTERCARE & TUTORING Our extended care program called Falcon Club runs from 7-7:30 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. Students are able to play, eat a snack and work on homework with a caring and fun after-school care staff.

SCHOLARSHIPS Financial assistance is available by applying through Financial Aid for School Tuition. Visit www.CLSLR.org or call the school office. The deadline to apply is July 1.



315 South Hughes St.
Little Rock
501.663.5212
CLSLR.ORG

Principal: Heidi Jerry
Established: 1870

Grades Served: 6 weeks old through eighth grade

Current Enrollment: 175

Student Teacher Ratio: 12-to-1

Accreditation: NLSA, ANSAA

Tuition Range: \$3,300 - \$6,650

School Motto: Imitate Jesus

School History: Christ Lutheran School (originally First Lutheran) has been sharing Christ's

love through education in our community for nearly 150 years.

Important Upcoming Dates: Open enrollment is going on now through Aug. 1. We encourage families to come for a personal tour at their convenience and invite students to shadow on Wednesdays throughout April and May



INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

Our teachers engage students with hands-on learning projects, experiments, scavenger hunts, STEM activities and more.

LISA Academy Public Charter Schools

MISSION STATEMENT Provide an academically rigorous college preparatory program in partnership with students, families and the community to guide all students in gaining knowledge, skills and the attitude necessary to direct their lives, improve a diverse society and excel in a changing world.

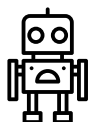


SCHOOL HISTORY

Since 2004, LISA Academy is unique for its science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) focused college-preparatory curriculum.

CAMPUS We serve K-12 students from three campus locations in central Arkansas. Our West campus serves seventh-12th grades, and our Chenal campus serves grades K-6.

TECHNOLOGY: Students use Chromebooks to access research opportunities on the internet and access individualized learning platforms and Google classrooms.



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND CURRICULUM: LISA Academy provides a student-focused, STEM-based curriculum to students with proven results.



LISA Academy offers a student-focused, STEM-based curriculum with proven results to families in central Arkansas.



EXCITING PROJECTS

- LISA sponsors the Arkansas STEM Festival each spring, which brings thousands of students to see STEM projects in action.
- At the start of the 2019-2020 school year, we will open a new North middle/high school for students in grades 6-12.



10825 Financial Center Parkway
Little Rock
501.916.9450
LISAacademy.org

Superintendent:
Dr. Fatih Bogrek



Year Established:
2004

Grades Served:
K-12

Current Enrollment:
2,200

Student Teacher Ratio:
14-to-1

School Motto:
Embrace the Future

Primrose School of West Little Rock

MISSION STATEMENT We believe that every child represents the promise of a better tomorrow and we are committed to making a difference for all of America's children—especially those at greatest risk. We call this the *Primrose Promise™*.



SCHOOL HISTORY Primrose Schools is a national system of accredited, private preschools that provide a premier early education and child care experience for children and families.

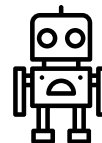
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND CURRICULUM: With purposeful play and nurturing guidance from teachers, our **balanced learning** approach inspires children to think in more ways: with creativity, compassion and resourcefulness.



TEACHING METHODS With our balanced learning approach, we nurture curiosity, confidence, creativity and compassion. This leads to a lifelong love of learning.



TECHNOLOGY: We know that a child's interests can lead to exploration, discovery and understanding of the world. That's why our balanced learning approach integrates STEM throughout the day to make learning fun.



1601 Kirk Road
Little Rock
501.821.2200

PrimroseWestLittleRock.com

Franchise Owners:
Malika Pabani and Nisa Khan

Year established:
2017

Grades served:
Infants-preK, after-school care

Tuition:
Varies; reference website.

School Motto:
Purposeful play and nurturing guidance

Quest Academy of West Little Rock

MISSION STATEMENT Quest is a 21st century school, using technology to allow students to accelerate beyond the pace of the classroom. Instruction is a mix of teacher-directed, project-based and independent learning. Individualized learning is a collaboration between the teacher and student. Teachers, in collaborative groups, focus on developing a learning path for all students.



EXCITING PROJECTS

Many projects use community partners. One such project uses virtual reality for hospitalized patients. This project is entirely student run.

TUTORING

Every teacher is available after school for tutoring, or for any extra help that the student may require.

TECHNOLOGY Quest Academy is using Google extensively in the classrooms



to improve communication and individualized projects. High-school students have individually-assigned technology.

METHODS Personalized Learning Time (PLT) Time built into the student's schedule to focus on educational needs and enrichment.



1815 Rahling Road
Little Rock
501.821.0382
Quest-WestLittleRock.
ResponsiveEd.com

Principal: Rhonda Bradford

Established: 2014

Grades Served: 6-12

Current Enrollment: 225

Student-Teacher Ratio:
Approximately 15-to-1

School Motto:
Blending Education and Character

School History:
Quest Academy was founded in 2014 to meet the growing needs of families in central Arkansas



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM
We concentrate on high rigor and an individualized learning environment.

CAMPUS We offer the EAST (Education Accelerated by Service and Technology) program, an off-site gymnasium, art and music room, science lab, drama department, basketball, soccer, track and cross-country.

Second Presbyterian Preschool

MISSION STATEMENT The mission of Second Presbyterian Preschool is to provide children and their families with a secure, enriching environment to foster individual development, self-esteem and spiritual growth.

PHILOSOPHY Second Presbyterian Preschool provides education and experiences that enrich and enhance each child's cognitive, language, social, emotional, physical, creative and faith development. Each child is given daily opportunities to create, explore and learn new concepts through hands-on experience.



ACCREDITATION As one of the few NAEYC-accredited preschools in Arkansas, we maintain a high standard of care for our children and adhere to many requirements and standards in order to continue to receive this exemplary status.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM

Second Presbyterian Preschool utilizes different curriculums to cater to each specific age group, ranging from 6 months to pre-K5. The preschool also works with several speech and occupational therapists to ensure that each child is meeting developmental milestones before entering elementary school.



Second Presbyterian Preschool is one of the few NAEYC-accredited schools in Arkansas enrolling children ages 6 months to pre-K5.

FAMILY INTERACTION We host annual book fairs, fundraising events, charitable events, carnivals and parents' nights out for our families.

CAMPUS SAFETY Safety is a top priority, and the preschool is equipped with a state-of-the-art security system, including cameras in all areas where children are present and fire entry bulletproof doors.



600 Pleasant Valley Drive
Little Rock
501.227.6034
SPPLR.org

Student-Teacher Ratio:
4-to-1

Registration:
March 1

Tuition:
Varies; reference website.

Important Upcoming Dates:
Registration is March 1 each year. We welcome parents and prospective students to visit the preschool to take a tour any time!

River Valley Virtual Academy

MISSION STATEMENT The River Valley Virtual Academy offers personalized learning for students, blending a virtual curriculum with service opportunities and real-world experiences. Partnering with families and communities, RVVA provides K-12 students flexible learning choices that offer support and acceleration to promote college, career and citizenship readiness.



EXCITING PROJECTS

RVVA students are eligible to participate in district activities such as athletics or music. Peer engagement and service opportunities are also provided.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS RVVA's online courses mean children can attend class when and where it's convenient for them and a flexible online curriculum adapts to students' schedules. RVVA students live busy lifestyles that don't always allow for the challenging requirements of a traditional school experience. Students learn at their own pace and with the tools that are right for them.



The River Valley Virtual Academy gives students the opportunity to take courses online in a customized manner and provides for greater levels of flexibility than available in the traditional classroom setting.

TECHNOLOGY Students benefit from interactive web tools, online lessons and live instruction in an online classroom without distractions or peer pressure.

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS One-on-one instruction is delivered in real time from passionate, experienced, Arkansas-certified teachers. Participants also have a 24/7 student support system.



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & CURRICULUM

RVVA provides a high-quality public school education featuring exceptional online curriculum. Virtual interactive courses offer flexibility for students' busy schedules.



River Valley
Virtual Academy

821 Pointer Trail
Van Buren
479.471.3165
RiverValleyVirtualAcademy.com

Head of School:
Jennifer Feeny

Established: 2017

Grades Served: K-12

Enrollment Capacity: 325

School Motto:
Every Child Whatever It Takes

School History:
Launched in 2017, RVVA is Arkansas' first district conversion K-12 Virtual Academy. It offers a flexible and engaging learning experience.

Important Upcoming Dates:
School Choice deadline is May 1.



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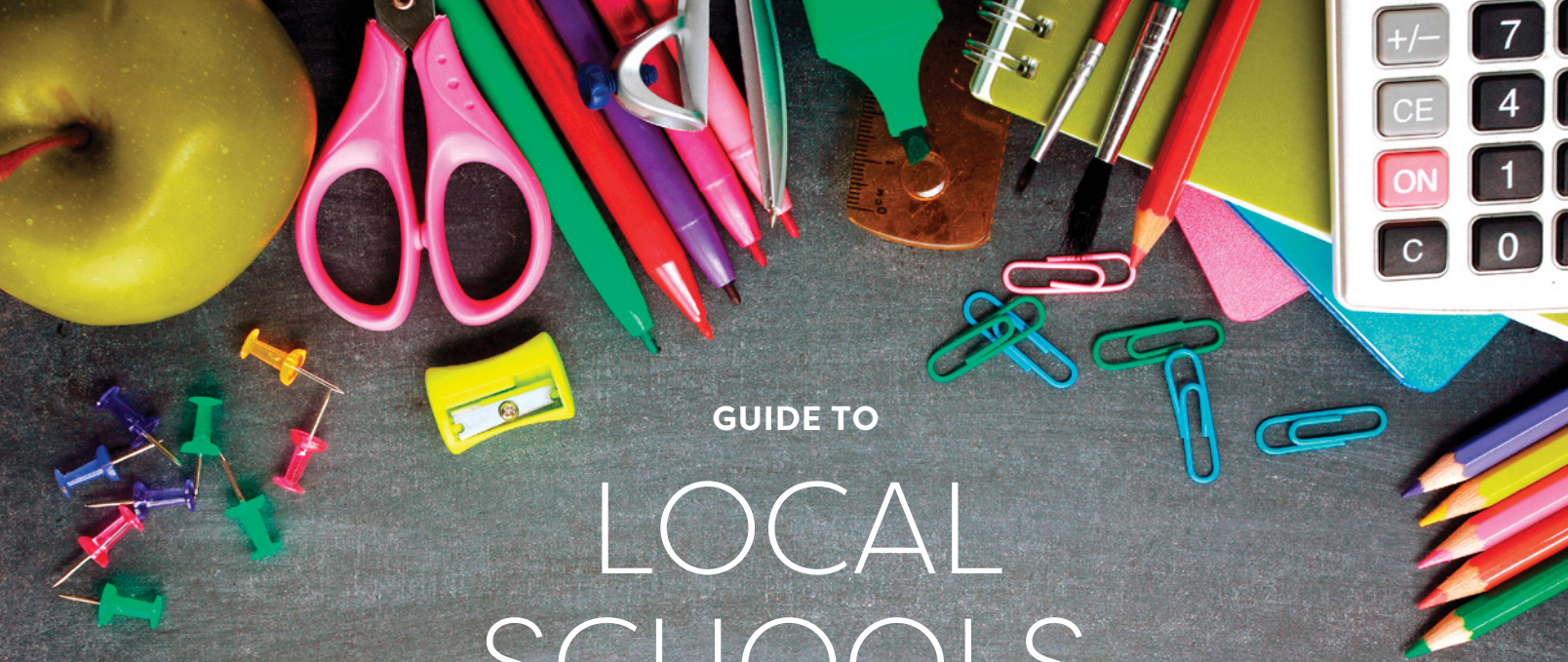
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GUIDE TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

Central Arkansas parents are lucky when it comes to education. Besides standard public schools, parents can choose from private, parochial, charter, magnet and special needs schools. On the following pages, you'll find a breakdown of the area's public school districts, private schools, home school resources and charter schools to help in your family's search.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Information was gathered from respective district websites and www.NCES.Ed.gov; the data reflects recent reports.

	Year Established	Total Enrollment	# of High Schools	# of Middle Schools	# of Elementary Schools	Average Class Size	Average Teacher Salary	Per Pupil Expenditure	Graduation Rate	Average ACT Score
Benton School District Superintendent: Dr. Mike Skelton 207 W. Conway St., Benton	1885	5,547	1	1	4	18	\$54,135	\$7,815	92.8	20.4
Bryant Public Schools Superintendent: Dr. Karen Walters 200 N.W. Fourth St., Bryant	1873-1882 (official date unknown)	9,121	1	2	8	17	\$56,234	\$8,132	94.48	20.4
Jacksonville North Pulaski School District Superintendent: Bryan Duffie 1414 W. Main St., Jacksonville	1875	3,958	1	1	5	19	NA	NA	71.12	16.9
Little Rock School District Superintendent: Michael Poore 810 W. Markham St., Little Rock	1869	21,595	5	7	26	19	\$57,302	\$16,404	79.93	NA
North Little Rock School District Superintendent: Bobby Acklin 2700 Poplar St., North Little Rock	1901	8,145	1	2	9	20	\$53,599	\$12,287	78.64	NA
Pulaski County Special School District Superintendent: Dr. Charles McNulty 925 E. Dixon Road, Little Rock	1927	11,863	5	4	16	17	NA	NA	80.54	NA



PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Enrollment numbers are for spring 2019 unless otherwise noted.

Abundant Life Christian Academy

9200 Highway 107, Sherwood
501-835-3120, ALCA-Owls.com

Admissions Contact: Tammy Fletcher

Pre-K: \$3,000-\$4,999; **Lower, Middle, Upper:** \$5,000-\$7,999

Spring 2018 enrollment: 270

ACCESS

10618 Breckenridge Drive, Little Rock
501-217-8600, www.AccessGroupInc.org

Admissions Contact: Beth Rice

Pre-K: \$5,000-\$7,999; **Lower, Middle, Upper:** \$8,000-\$9,999

Enrollment: 253

Agape Academy

701 Napa Valley Drive, Little Rock
501-225-0068, www.AgapeAcademy.org

Pre-K: \$3,000-\$4,999; **Lower:** \$5,000-\$7,999

Enrollment: 76

Arkansas Christian Academy

21815 Interstate 30 West, Bryant
501-847-0112, www.ArkansasChristianAcademy.org

Pre-K, Lower, Middle, Upper: \$3,000-\$4,999

Spring 2018 enrollment: 373

Avilla Christian Academy

302 Avilla East, Alexander
501-408-4631, www.AvillaChristian.org

Admissions Contact: Rich Meyers

Pre-K, Lower, Middle, Upper: \$3,000-\$4,999

Enrollment: 100

Baptist Preparatory School, The

62 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock
501-227-7070, www.BaptistPrep.org

Admissions Contact: Phyllis Stewart

Pre-K: \$3,000-\$4,999; **Lower, Middle:** \$5,000-\$7,999; **Upper:** \$8,000-\$9,999

Enrollment: 560

Catholic High School for Boys

6300 Father Tribou St., Little Rock

501-664-3939, www.LRCHS.org

Admissions Contact: Joan Finnegan

Upper: \$5,000-\$7,999 (non-Catholics)

Enrollment: 747

Central Arkansas Christian Schools

1 Windsong Drive, North Little Rock
501-758-3160, www.CACMustangs.org

Admissions Contact: Chad Tappe

Pre-K, Lower: \$5,000-\$7,999; **Middle, Upper:** \$8,000-\$9,999

Enrollment: 800

Chenal Valley Montessori School

14929 Cantrell Road, Little Rock
501-868-6030, www.ChenalValleyMontessori.com

Admissions Contact: Dorothy B. Moffett

Pre-K, Lower, Middle: \$5,000-\$7,999

Enrollment: 75

The Children's House Montessori School

4023 Lee Ave., Little Rock
501-664-5993, www.CHMLR.org

Admissions Contact: Nancy Scott, Caroline Sorrows, Lydia Hall

Pre-K: \$5,000-\$7,999

Enrollment: 59

Christ Lutheran School

315 S. Hughes St., Little Rock
501-663-5212, www.CLSLR.org

Admissions Contact: Heidi Jerry

Pre-K: \$3,000-\$4,999; **Lower, Middle:** \$5,000-\$7,999

Enrollment: 175

Christ the King Catholic School

4002 N. Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock
501-225-7883, www.CTKLR.org

Admissions Contact: Kathy House

Pre-K, Lower, Middle: \$5,000-\$7,999

Enrollment: 604

Easterseals Academy at Riverdale

1600 Riverfront Drive, Little Rock
501-663-6965, www.Easterseals.com/Arkansas

Admissions Contact: Karye Brockert

Pre-K, Lower, Middle, Upper: \$8,000-\$9,999

Enrollment: 21

Easterseals Developmental Preschool

3920 Woodland Heights Road, Little Rock
501-227-3600, www.EasterSealsAR.com/Arkansas

Admissions Contact: Christie Campbell

Pre-K: Free

Enrollment: 110

Episcopal Collegiate School

1701 Cantrell Road, Little Rock
501-372-1194, www.EpiscopalCollegiate.org

Admissions Contact: Mary Jane Briggs, Matt Radtke

Pre-K: \$8,000-\$9,999; **Lower, Middle, Upper:** More than \$10,000

Enrollment: 790

Immaculate Conception Catholic School

7000 John F. Kennedy Blvd., North Little Rock
501-835-0771, www.ICSNLR.org

Admissions Contact: Michelle Koch

Pre-K, Lower, Middle: \$3,000-\$4,999

Enrollment: 370

Immaculate Heart of Mary School

7025 Jasna Gora Drive, North Little Rock
501-851-2760, www.IHMNL.org

Admissions Contact: Dan Smith

Pre-K: \$5,000-\$7,999; **Lower, Middle:** \$3,000-\$4,999

Enrollment: 130

Jacksonville Christian Academy

3301 N. First St., Jacksonville
501-982-7522, JCA.BBCJax.com

Admissions Contact: Joe Tarr

Pre-K, Lower, Middle, Upper: \$3,000-\$4,999

Enrollment: 230

Little Rock Christian Academy

19010 Highway 10, Little Rock
501-868-9822, www.LittleRockChristian.com

Admissions Contact: Heidi Brandt

Pre-K: \$3,000-\$4,999; Lower, Middle, Upper:
More than \$10,000

Enrollment: 1,425

Little Rock Montessori School

3704 N. Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock
501-225-2428, www.LRMontessori.org

Admissions Contact: Amy James

Pre-K, Lower: \$5,000-\$7,999

Enrollment: 171

Little Rock Montessori School South

12015 Hinson Road, Little Rock
501-225-2428, www.LRMontessori.org

Admissions Contact: Amy James

Pre-K, Lower: \$5,000-\$7,999

Enrollment: 171

Miss Selma's School

7814 T St., Little Rock
501-225-0123, www.MissSelmasSchool.com

Admissions Contact: Robin Smith

Pre-K, Lower: \$3,000-\$4,999

Enrollment: 310

Mount St. Mary Academy

3224 Kavanaugh Blvd., Little Rock
501-664-8006, www.MtStMary.edu

Admissions Contact: Annie Cross

Upper: \$8,000-\$9,999

Enrollment: 485

North Little Rock Catholic Academy

1518 Parker St., North Little Rock
501-374-5237, www.NLRCA.org

Admissions Contact: Denise Troutman

Pre-K, Lower, Middle: Less than \$3,000 (non-Catholics)

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic School

1001 N. Tyler, Little Rock
501-663-4513, www.HolySoulsSchool.org

Admissions Contact: Nancy Handloser

Pre-K, Lower, Middle: \$5,000-\$7,999 (non-Catholics)

Spring 2018 enrollment: 510

Pulaski Academy

12701 Hinson Road, Little Rock
501-604-1910, www.PulaskiAcademy.org

Admissions Contact: Gregg Ledbetter, Matt Pulley

Pre-K: \$8,000-\$9,999; **Lower, Middle, Upper:**
More than \$10,000

Enrollment: 1,337

Sammie Gail Sanders Children's Learning Center

1300 W. 18th St., North Little Rock
501-907-5719, www.AEDDInc.org

Admissions Contact: Donna Sessions

Tuition: Free

Enrollment: 116

Second Presbyterian Preschool

600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock
501-227-6034, www.SPPLR.org

Admissions Contact: Paige Majors

Pre-K: \$3,000-\$4,999

Enrollment: 426

St. Edward Catholic School

805 Sherman St., Little Rock
501-374-9166, www.SaintEdwards.net

Admissions Contact: Laura Zapata

Pre-K, Lower, Middle, Upper: \$3,000-\$4,999

Enrollment: 145

St. Theresa Catholic School

6311 Baseline Road, Little Rock
501-565-3855, www.STSLR.org

Admissions Contact: Kristy Dunn

Pre-K, Lower, Middle: \$3,000-\$4,999

Enrollment: 191

Subiaco Academy

405 N. Subiaco Ave., Subiaco
479-934-1034, www.SubiacoAcademy.us

Admissions Contact: Pat Franz, Tina Forst

Middle, Upper: \$5,000-\$7,999

Enrollment: 159

The Allen School

824 N. Tyler St., Little Rock
501-664-2961, www.TheAllenSchool.org

Admissions Contact: Heather Steinsiek

Tuition: Covered by Medicaid

Enrollment: 75

The Anthony School

7700 Ohio St., Little Rock
501-225-6629, www.AnthonySchool.org

Admissions Contact: Ann Vanhook

Pre-K: \$5,000-\$7,999; Lower, Middle: \$8,000-\$9,999

Enrollment: 335

Village Montessori

4401 Woodlawn Drive, Little Rock
501-944-4483, www.OurVillageMontessori.com

Admissions Contact: Courtney White

Pre-K, Lower: \$5,000-\$7,999

Enrollment: 36

HOME-SCHOOL RESOURCES

Comm. Central

Little Rock
Kristi@Biosollnc.com, Tanya.Whitfield@ATT.net
www.CommCentral.info

A Christian classical home-school program for students in grades K4-12; offers support to home-schooling parents.

Enrichment Academy

North Little Rock
Enrichment@EnrichmentAcademy.org
501-590-6444, www.EnrichmentAcademy.org

Enrichment is a weekly K-12 program that offers social interaction and extracurricular activities in a classroom setting.

Little Rock Homeschool Academy

Little Rock
LittleRockHomeschoolAcademy@Gmail.com
501-224-3934, www.MyLRHA.com
LRHA is a nonprofit that provides supplemental education and social enrichment for students in grades K-12.



CHARTER SCHOOLS

Capital City Lighthouse Charter School

3901 Virginia Ave., North Little Rock
501-313-2901, www.Lighthouse-Academies.org

Admissions Contact: Sarah Shannon

Grades Served: K-6

Enrollment: 188

Covenant Keepers Charter School

5615 Geyer Springs Road, Little Rock
501-682-7550, www.CKCharter.org

Admissions Contact: Lauren Chapman

Grades Served: 6-8

Enrollment: 114

eStem Downtown Elementary School

112 W. 3rd St., Little Rock
501-748-9200, www.eStemSchools.org

Admissions Contact: Amanda Britt

Grades Served: K-6

Enrollment: 981

eStem Downtown Junior High School

112 W. 3rd St., Little Rock
501-748-9335, www.eStemSchools.org

Admissions Contact: Jarrod DuPriest

Grades Served: 7-9

Enrollment: 515

eStem High School

2801 S. University Drive, Little Rock
501-478-2800, www.eStemSchools.org

Admissions Contact: Johnecia Howard

Grades Served: 10-12

Enrollment: 506

Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock

6111 W. 83rd St., Little Rock
501-568-3279, www.ExaltAcademies.org

Admissions Contact: William Felton

Grades Served: K-8

Enrollment: 406

Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School - Flightline

Little Rock Air Force Base,
Bldg. 1030, Jacksonville
501-988-1085
[www.Lighthouse-Academies.org/
Schools/Flightline](http://www.Lighthouse-Academies.org/Schools/Flightline)

Admissions Contact: Evan McGrew

Grades Served: 5-8

Enrollment: 128

Jacksonville Lighthouse College Preparatory Academy

251 N. First St., Jacksonville
501-985-1228, www.Jacksonville.LHA.net

Admissions Contact: Anita Rogers

Grades Served: 7-12

Enrollment: 294

Jacksonville Lighthouse Elementary

251 N. First St., Jacksonville
501-985-1200, www.Jacksonville.IHA.net

Admissions Contact: Adriane Smith

Grades Served: K-6

Enrollment: 378

LISA Academy Chenal

12200 Westhaven Drive, Little Rock
501-476-3309, www.LISACHenal.LISAACademy.org

Admissions Contact: Hasan Saczi

Grades Served: K-6

Enrollment: 607

LISA Academy North Elementary School

5410 Landers Road, Sherwood
501-945-2727
www.LisaNorth.LisaAcademy.org

Admissions Contact: Bethany Ratermann

Grades Served: K-5

Enrollment: 423

LISA Academy North High School

5410 Landers Road, Sherwood
501-945-2727
www.LisaNorth.LisaAcademy.org

Grades Served: 9-12

2017-2018 enrollment: 127

LISA Academy North Middle School

5410 Landers Road, Little Rock
501-945-2727, www.LisaNorth.LisaAcademy.org

Admissions Contact: Emrah Turkmenoglu

Grades Served: 6-8

Enrollment: 237

LISA Academy West High School

23 Corporate Hill Drive, Little Rock
501-246-5853, www.LisaWest.org

Grades Served: 9-12

Enrollment: 440

LISA Academy West Middle School

21 Corporate Hill Drive, Little Rock
501-227-4942, www.LISAACademy.org

Grades Served: 7-8

Enrollment: 327

Little Rock Preparatory Academy Middle School

6711 W. Markham St., Little Rock
501-683-1855, www.LRPrep.org

Admissions Contact: Hal Harris

Grades Served: 5-8

Enrollment: 121

Maumelle Charter Elementary School

900 Edgewood Drive, Maumelle
501-803-0066, www.MCES.AcademicsPlus.org

Admissions Contact: Paula Newton

Grades Served: K-5

Enrollment: 690

Maumelle Charter High School

900 Edgewood Drive, Maumelle
501-851-3333, www.MCHS.AcademicsPlus.org

Admissions Contact: Kimberly Willis

Grades Served: 6-12

Enrollment: 463

Premier High School of Little Rock

1621 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Little Rock
501-246-3161
www.Premier-LittleRock.ResponsiveEd.com

Admissions Contact: Dennis Felton

Grades Served: 9-12

Enrollment: 116

Quest Academy of West Little Rock

1815 Rahling Road, Little Rock
501-821-0382
www.Quest-WestLittleRock.ResponsiveEd.com

Admissions Contact: Rhonda Bradford

Grades Served: 6-12

Enrollment: 163

SIATech Little Rock Charter High School

6724 Interstate 30, Little Rock
501-562-0395, www.SIATech.org

Admissions Contact: Katie Hatley

Grades Served: 9-12

Enrollment: 125

Monster Jam at Verizon Arena | APRIL 6 & 7

Big trucks, huge flips and awesome tricks are headed to North Little Rock! At approximately 12 feet high and about 12 feet wide, Monster Jam trucks are custom-designed machines that sit atop 66-inch-tall tires and weigh a minimum of 10,000 pounds. The trucks will face off in battles of strength, ability and perseverance in this fun and intense show. Tickets start at \$17 and more information is available at www.MonsterJam.com.



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Mac-N-Cheez Mania at War Memorial Stadium

APRIL 6 FROM 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Get ready to enjoy your fill of some cheesy goodness! Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church is hosting the Mac-N-Cheez Mania, which centers around a macaroni and cheese cook off for attendees to enjoy. Head to www.Facebook.com/LittleRockMacNCheese for more information.



Spring Fling at CALS Main Library

APRIL 6 AT 10 A.M.

Celebrate the joys of spring with the whole family. Dress up in your best spring attire to enjoy crafts, interactive activities and an egg hunt. The free event will take place in the Darragh Center. Visit www.CALS.org for more info.



Trout Fishing in America Concert at UA-Pulaski Tech

APRIL 6 AT 8 P.M.

Family-friendly musica duo, Trout Fishing in America, is made up of Ezra on guitar and banjo and Keith on bass. They have earned four Grammy Nominations for their family CDs, which feature tongue twisters, mind-benders, spooky situations and instantly identifiable slices of a kid's life. Tickets for the concert start at \$10 and more details are available at www.charts.uaptc.edu/events.



Race for a Healthier Tomorrow at Arkansas Children's Hospital

APRIL 13 AT 8 A.M.

The inaugural Race for a Healthier Tomorrow is a timed 5K and 1-mile fun walk that benefits the ACH Auxiliary. The fun begins and ends on the hospital campus in Little Rock. There will be prizes, medals, a fun fair, fundraising awards and more! Visit www.ARChildrens.org/race for more info and to register.

The Big Catch Fishing Derby at MacArthur Park

APRIL 13 FROM 8 A.M.-1 P.M.

The entire family can enjoy a day full of fun, food, games, and prizes. Activities include archery, BB gun shooting, a community health fair, fish cooking demonstrations and more! Bring your own fishing gear and lunch will be provided. Register online at www.c1a.life.

Star Party at Pinnacle Mountain State Park

APRIL 13 FROM 7:30-10 P.M.

Peek through a telescope and into the night sky! Join members of the Central Arkansas Astronomical Society to view the rings of Saturn, the surface of the moon, or even distant galaxies. This is a come-and-go style event, but arrive on time for a brief audiovisual presentation of current celestial happenings. Call 501-868-5806 for details.

Jewish Food & Cultural Festival at War Memorial Stadium

APRIL 14 FROM 9 A.M.-4 P.M.

Enjoy traditional Jewish food such as corned beef sandwiches and cabbage rolls as well as Israeli dishes like falafel and hummus at this free festival! Visitors are invited to bring a bag of non-perishable food items to donate to the Arkansas Foodbank and any proceeds from the festival go to benefit Jewish Federation of Arkansas' work in the community. Visit www.JewishArkansas.org for more information.

Super Sunday Free Family Funday at the Arkansas Arts Center

APRIL 14 FROM NOON-3 P.M.

Stop by the Arts Center for a free afternoon of educational and crafty fun. Participants will get to create an Andy Warhol-inspired project and choose from several pre-burned silk screens to try their hand at printing onto paper. Visit www.ArkArts.com for more details.

"Disney on Ice: Dare to Dream" at Verizon Arena

APRIL 18-21

"Disney On Ice: Dare to Dream" celebrates some of Disney's favorite heroines, encouraging children to have courage in all sorts of situations. Some the characters in the production include Moana, Belle, Anna and Elsa, Rapunzel and Cinderella. Tickets for the six showtimes range from \$16-\$66. Find more details at www.DisneyonIce.com/dare-to-dream.



Underwater Easter Egg Hunt at Benton River Center

APRIL 20 AT 10 A.M.

Join the lifeguards at the River Center for a twist on your usual Easter egg hunt. Take pictures with the Easter Bunny while waiting for your age group! Bring your own basket to collect eggs; mesh bags work great in the water. Visit www.Facebook.com/BentonParksandRec and click on "Events" for more details.

Autism Festival and Walk at War Memorial Stadium

APRIL 20 FROM 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

Sign up as a team or individual and help the Arkansas Autism Foundation raise funds to support their mission of "Building bridges to independence for Arkansans with autism." The fun includes an Easter egg hunt, entertainment, refreshments, fun activities, bounce houses and an informational autism resource fair. Call 501-951-0115 for more information.

The Greatest Show on Ice at Arkansas Skatium

APRIL 26 & 27

Inspired by the musical blockbuster "The Greatest Showman," this ice skating extravaganza features local figure skating talent and your favorite music from the film! Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$10 per person for evening shows and only \$5 for the matinee; ages 4 and under are admitted for free. Head to www.Facebook.com/ArkansasSkatium and click on "Events" for more details.

DATE NIGHT

Call the babysitter,
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FOOD & FOAM FEST AT DICKEY-STEPHENS PARK

APRIL 5 FROM 6-9 P.M.

Arkansas' original craft beer festival is a creative twist on traditional wine tasting and is a beer sampling event offering more than 400 varieties of craft beer, cider, and wine from around the world, plus food tastings from local restaurateurs. The \$40 general admission tickets include unlimited food and drinks. Call 501-232-8660 for more details.

ARKANSAS DIAMOND CHEF AT UA-PULASKI TECH

APRIL 11 FROM 6-9 P.M.

Six local chefs will battle it out in two elimination cooking challenges in hopes of being named champion. Enjoy signature cocktails, culinary creations, silent and live auctions and more! Visit <https://PulaskiTech.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/> for more information and to purchase tickets.

"NATIVE GARDENS" AT THE REP

APRIL 17-MAY 5

When a young, up-and-coming Latino couple move in next door to an older, well-established white couple, everything is downright neighborly until it's discovered that the fence separating their backyards is over the property line — a property line that cuts right through a prize-winning flowerbed! Cultures and generations clash with comedic results. Regular tickets start at \$48. Visit www.TheRep.org for more details.

“The Hobbit” at Arkansas Arts Center Children’s Theatre

APRIL 26-MAY 12

In the company of 13 rough and tumble dwarves and one cryptic wizard, Bilbo Baggins braves danger at every turn on this exciting quest for dragon’s gold. Catch this show Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Arts Center members and \$12.50 for non-members. Visit www.ArkansasArtsCenter.org/the-hobbit for more info.

Arkansas Italian Food & Culture Festival at the Clinton Center

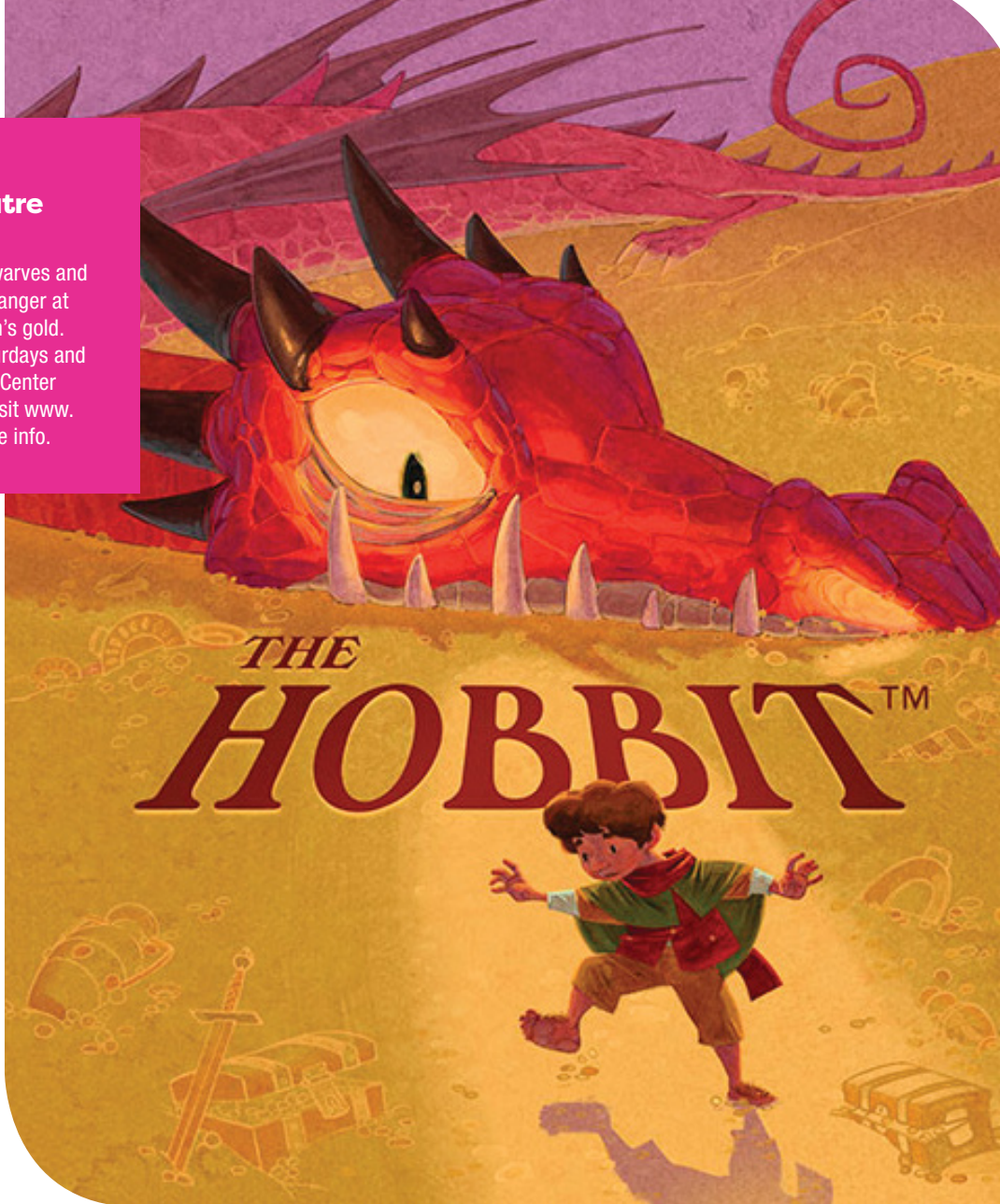
APRIL 26-28

Experience Italy in Arkansas! Support the Boys & Girls Club of Central Arkansas at this annual Italian festival where attendees can enjoy food vendors from all over the state, a demo tent to showcase fine Italian wines and delicious Italian foods, activities for all ages and live entertainment. Tickets are \$10 and kids under 10 get in free. Visit www.ARItalianFestival.com for more info.

Arkansas Literary Festival at Hillary Rodham Clinton Children’s Library

APRIL 27

Fairy and folk tales rule the day at Little Readers Rock! There will be authors, animals, activities, book giveaways and even a live version of “The Emperor’s New Clothes.” Head to www.CALS.org for more details and a complete schedule of events.



Homeschool Focus

**Wednesdays, April 10 and 24
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Kids will love these classes beginning in the Bonsai Center and then moving to the Tree House. Each of the Homeschool Focus sessions is aligned with NGSS standards and provides children with a hands-on project to help solidify learning. Lessons geared toward grades K-5.

**April 10: Peafowl Exploration
April 24: Life Cycles of Animals**

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25 Questions

to Ask When Choosing a School for Your Child

By Alexis Crowe

Choosing a pathway for your child's education can be a daunting task. If you decide that a private school may best, there are dozens of options. So how do you decide which is the best fit for your student?

Here are 25 questions to consider when choosing a school for your child, as suggested by staff at Mount St. Mary Academy, Access Schools, Little Rock Christian Academy and Second Presbyterian Preschool.

1 What is the student-to-teacher ratio, and in what ways are teachers accessible to students and their families outside of the traditional school day?

2 If applicable, what accommodations exist for students with special educational needs?

3 What type of academic scheduling is used in the school, block or traditional, and how might this impact my student's schedule or selection of classes each semester?

4 How are students performing on standardized tests and how are they doing beyond high school?

5 What extracurricular activities, such as sports, fine arts programs and clubs, are available?

6 How much homework is typical for each grade level?

7 What is the school's mission, motto or philosophy and do these align with our families values?

8 What measures does the school take to keep its campus safe from violence of any kind?

9 How does the school handle behavior issues?

10 Will I have the ability to directly contact my child's teacher and how often are parent-teacher conferences?

11 Is the campus undergoing, or are there plans for it to undergo, any construction projects to improve and/or increase its facilities?

12 Does the learning environment encourage students work in groups as well as alone?



13 At the preschool level, is there an organized, clearly defined daily schedule?

14 What type of curriculum is used?

15 What percentage of the graduating class typically goes to college immediately after high school, and to what colleges are those graduates accepted?

16 Is there a good balance between academics, arts and athletics?

17 What type of financial aid assistance is offered to make a private education affordable for my family?

18 Does the school's curriculum offer an Advanced Placement, honors or concurrent credit program, or similar options, that challenge students to excel in their studies and/or earn college credit?

19 What sort of programming exists to help acclimate new students to the school?

20 Is there a college counselor on staff to help students with the college search and application process?

21 What type of honors and awards, or distinguished alumni, does the school boast having?

22 How is technology integrated into the classroom?

23 How many students are in each grade and in the entire school?

24 How does the school support students with different learning styles and differences?

25 Is the school a good fit for my child and can I truly picture my child here?

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