

Virginia Beach School of the Arts

Preschool for the Arts

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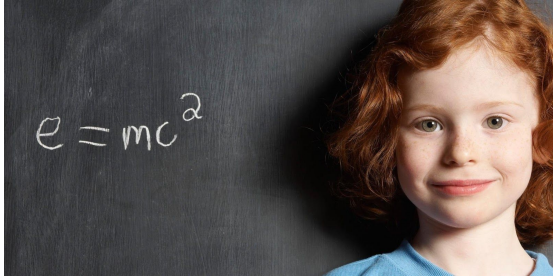
Welcome to the only preschool dedicated to the fine arts and teaching academics through the arts! We consider it both an honor and a privilege to pass our love of the arts and learning to your child. Preschool for the Arts will be a place of love, nurture, respect, creativity, encouragement, and fun for each student as we enrich the early years of their lives. Over 1500 PFTA parents have given us WONDERFUL feed back about their child's emotional, social and mental growth in our program. We are sure you and your child will be as delighted with Preschool for the Arts as previous attendees have been! We love our families and welcome you to the Virginia Beach School of the Arts!



It's all about the brain...

Happy children learn easier. The latest neuroscience emphasizes the importance of fun and play in an active learning environment. Stress turns off the human brain but music, art and creative movement energize the brain. When information is presented via a fun delivery system to a child who feels loved, the sky is the limit. They can learn anything and everything presented with minimal effort, store it in more memory centers and

retrieve information faster for natural application. Everything we do at Kindergarten for the Arts is brain based but most of all fun. We hope your family will join us this year for the experience of a lifetime.



Meet our Faculty

Director

Virginia Dill has enjoyed working with children of all ages for over 25 years. She has a Bachelors of Music from Shenandoah Conservatory where she majored in piano pedagogy (teaching) and performance. Her area of expertise lies with educating preschoolers, curriculum development and doing research in the field of neuropsychology as it relates to early childhood development. Mrs. Dill lectures regularly on the post graduate level about music, learning and the brain and is the author of Acadamiacs, the world's largest library of educational songs.

Art – Mrs. Meredith McKee

Your child will just love art class! From the painting to the gluing, from the glitter to the construction paper, all of the students will be having such a good time they will not realize how fast they will be learning mathematics principals, symmetry, geometry, sets, patterns and more. Art is a great way to teach not only mathematics, but also geography, history, famous people, nature conservancy and other academic subjects! Fine motor skills are enhanced through beading, working with clay and other tactile activities. In art class, students will practice their skills for following directions, manners, sharing, communication and relating well to their teacher and classmates. Be prepared for masterpieces of paint, clay and more to adorn your family's home! Meredith holds a degree in Studio Art from Virginia Wesleyan and has taught at the Virginia Beach School of the Arts since 2003. She and her husband have beautiful daughter.

Spanish, Italian, Crafts & Singing - Mrs. Grace Friedrich

Spanish, Italian, academics, singing and crafts! Wow! Learning doesn't get more exciting than this! Grace is tried and true lover of teaching. A native Argentinian, she brings the added bonus of languages to this critical learning phase for all preschoolers. She holds a business degree and has worked in corporate America, homeschooled her daughter and is experienced teaching the creative arts.

Academics Class – Mrs. Colleen Ignacio

The academics class will concentrate on your child's understanding of geography, the animal kingdom, map skills, weather and science, outer space, mathematical concepts, spatial reasoning, vocabulary development, letters, numbers and more. Daily reading, phonics and hands on learning will round out your child's tactile experience to make learning FUN! Mrs. Colleen concentrates on developing fine motor skills used in writing.

Mrs. Ignacio holds several degrees, is an RN, wife and mother, and teaches nursing at a regional university. A veteran in two branches of the armed forces, Colleen is an extraordinary teacher dedicated to enriching the daily lives of all of her students.

Music, Art and Enrichment

Rounding out our arts faculty is Kristen Conley. Vibrant and captivating, Kristen teaches the Preschool for the Arts students about world famous places, artists and composers. She reinforces the academics and brings dancing and movement activities to the Preschool for the Arts day. Kristen holds a degree in music theater and has toured the US entertaining young audiences.

Reserve Your Spot for Fall

Your September 2019 tuition will guarantee your child's enrollment in Preschool for the Arts for the 2019-2020 school year. Our preferred method of payment is Venmo. We also accept cash and checks payable to VBSA. Thank you. Please keep in mind that this payment is NON-REFUNDABLE. Please email/mail all remittance to virginia@vbsota.com or our business office in Florida.

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Tuition

<u>Classes attended weekly</u>	<u>Monthly tuition</u>	<u>Registration/ supply fee</u>
1	\$119	\$125
2	\$211	\$135
3	\$304	\$145
4	\$384	\$150
5	\$478	\$150

Tuition is due by the first class of each month.

Payment methods:

VENMO

Our preferred method of payment is Venmo. Please send a friend request to director Virginia Dill. Venmo provides immediate receipts to both parties and is safe and secure.

Direct deposit You can set this up directly on your online banking. Most banks do not charge a fee for this service. Just enter our routing and account numbers, your child's tuition amount and the monthly payment date. You're all set! (We will give you our account and routing numbers upon request).

Auto Bill Pay Your bank will mail your child's tuition directly to our office. This service can be set up on your online banking. Just enter our address Jacksonville School of the Arts, 12525 Philips Hwy Philips HWY, Suite 203, Jacksonville, FL 32256. Please include your child's name and class days on the memo operation of your payment. Thanks you!

Cash or Check

There is a box located in the lobby in which you can put your remittance. Preprinted envelopes are provided for cash payments. Please write your child's name on your checks and their attendance days. No envelope needs to be filled out for checks unless the name on the check is different from your child's last name. There may be up to a 4 week delay processing cash and checks deposited into the safe.

Tuition covers one month's instruction and is not prorated higher for 5 classes per month, holidays or for cancellations. There are no makeup days for cancellation of Preschool for the Arts for inclement weather. Preschool for the Arts may be closed if we feel it unsafe to travel during bad weather. We will post all school delays or closings on Facebook and we email you the evening before or morning of a closed day. Preschool for the Arts does continue classes often times when Virginia Beach City Schools are closed. We have classes on President's Day, voting day, etc. Tuition cannot be prorated or credited due to an absence(s) on the student's part or because of bad weather.

Calendar Year

First day of classes: Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Thanksgiving Holiday: November 18-22

Christmas Vacation: December 23 – January 1

First day of spring semester: January 2, 2019

Easter Vacation: (To be announced to coincide with Virginia Beach City Public Schools)

Last day of classes: May 29, 2019

The above days are the only holidays we have off. There are classes on Columbus day, President's & leader's birthdays, voting and Veteran's Days. Please note these days on your calendar at home. Please note Preschool for the

Arts may have a different calendar than Kindergarten for the Arts, 1st and 2nd grades.

The Potty

Students must be potty trained to enroll in PFTA. Children may visit the potty anytime they need to go. Our teachers will be able to help any little dumpling in need of assistance. We have a potty ring for children who need one. Please send in a change of clothes just in case an accident happens. If your child is still young, please also keep a few wipes in their back pack– just in case!

Contact us

If you have a question about any of your child's classes, please feel free to call or text Virginia at 757-717-7187. Our instructors have the great responsibility of caring for your child's safety as well as their education in the arts. Any in depth conversations will gladly be held after school. Our teachers will be delighted to give you a call at home, communicate via email and even speak with you after classes are done.

Every day, your child will need...

1. Comfortable clothes
2. Dry snack (nothing involving a straw or spoon and absolutely no nuts)
3. Spill proof sports bottle/sippy cup with water only
4. Backpack/ book bag
5. Their name written in his/her coat/backpack
6. A smile!

Very Important

Preschool for the Arts is a nut free school. Peanuts and peanut butter are not allowed due to the number of children who have extreme allergic reactions. Because most granola bars contain nuts, and children generally like to explore and share, we do not allow granola bars for snacks. Please send cut up fruit, crackers, cheese, fruit or fruit roll ups. Squeeze bag fruit is not allowed. It is very messy and we prefer to have more instructional time than clean up time for our students and teachers. Please send water only in sports bottles. Please make sure your child's drinking container does not leak and their name is on it.

Drop off

The FUN begins at 9:00 am! Our teachers are prepping for their classes in the morning and we will unlock the front door to receive the students at 8:55 If someone other than a parent with whom we are familiar is going to be taking your child home, please let us know. We may also ask any newcomer for ID. **Please let us know if there is someone with whom your child should NEVER leave.**

Pick up

Classes are dismissed at 12 noon. We will open the door for parents to enter the lobby at 11:55.

Ain't Misbehavin'

We have had the joys of working with little ones who are learning the boundaries of group dynamics and etiquette. I must say that every child is more than often very cooperative as they are captivated by their instructor's activities! We lovingly shape behavior with calm toned verbal correction and a time out chair if necessary. Parents will be notified of any behaviors that are inappropriate. All of our teachers treat every student with equality, patience, respect and love.

Sick Policy

We wish health and happiness to all but ... if your little dumpling has a fever, profuse runny nose, unexplained rash, wet cough or any contagious virus, please keep him/her at home.

Withdrawing mid year

Joining PFTA is a nine month verbal commitment. If unseen circumstances make it necessary for you to withdraw your child, one month's written notification and one month's tuition will be due. Your child may attend class during their last month. The only way we can offer PFTA at the lowest possible tuition rates is for you the parents to be as committed to this program as we are to you, your children and our teachers. Thank you for your cooperation and keeping in mind there are no refunds, credits or make up classes.

We are absolutely thrilled to have you in PFTA and plan on making it your child's favorite weekly activity! If we can be of service to you in any way please let us know. We pledge to give your child the absolute best fine arts education possible and look forward to working with your family this year!

**Preschool for the Arts Registration Application
2019 - 2020 School Year
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Child _____

Age your child will be on September 1, 2019 years _____ months _____

DOB _____

Mother _____

cell _____ email _____

Father _____

cell _____ email _____

Home Address _____

2 emergency contact people

1. name _____ phone _____

relation _____

2. name _____ phone _____

relation _____

Physician & Phone _____

We will be paying monthly tuition by

___ direct deposit ___ auto bill pay ___ cash ___ check

Accompanying this form are a copy of my child's

___ birth certificate (not a certificate of live birth, but the Birth Certificate issues by the State of their birth)

___ latest physical ___ shot record

Please click this link, print off and fill out the Virginia School Entrance Health Form as required by state law. Here is a link to cut and paste into your browser. .

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/school_entrance_form/school_entrance_form.pdf

Please tell us anything else about your child you feel necessary for us to know.

I would like to register for...

___ Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday ___ Friday

Tuition

<u>Classes attended weekly</u>	<u>Monthly tuition</u>	<u>Registration/ supply fee</u>
1	\$120	\$125
2	\$213	\$135
3	\$307	\$145
4	\$390	\$150
5	\$479	\$150

Preschool for the Arts Contract Agreement 2018 - 2018 School Year

Preschool for the Arts does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion or creed, we welcome everyone into our program. Some of our classes may contain

material that is Christian in nature and mention the name of Jesus. The Christmas program in December will be held at a church and will contain religious material. By registering your child in PFTA you are giving him/her the opportunity to participate in these activities that may reflect Judeo Christian beliefs. PFTA is a private business and gives each instructor the opportunity to create their own unique lesson plans. If you do not want your child to participate in activities that may be Judeo Christian in nature, now is the time to let us know.

Registration for currently enrolled students

You may reserve your child's Preschool for the Arts enrollment by completing and returning this form accompanied by your child's registration fee for 2019.

If at any time you must withdraw your child from Preschool for the Arts, one month's written notification is required or one extra month's tuition will be due. Your child may attend Preschool for the Arts during that last month as long as tuition has been remitted and notification of withdrawal made.

In case of **extreme** inclement weather, Preschool for the Arts may be cancelled. Please check Facebook and keep an eye out for email notifications.

_____ (initial) There are no make up classes, pro-rating, refunds or credits for missed sessions of Preschool for the Arts for any reason including sickness or extreme inclement weather.

I agree to let my child participate in all activities presented in Preschool for the Arts.

_____ Enclosed is my non-refundable check for Sept. 2018 tuition and supply fee or \$75 as my child is currently enrolled in Preschool for the Arts.

(initials) _____ I give my child permission to participate in the Christmas program which will contain direct references to Jesus Christ.

(initials) _____ I understand that tuition in full is due monthly regardless of my child's attendance or lack thereof due to illness, vacations, holidays or inclement weather.

(initials) _____ I understand that if my child withdraws, the full monthly amount of tuition from September through May is due with the exception of a military transfer. If a parent is getting transferred, one month's written notification is required to be released from the 9 month contract.

(initials) _____ I understand the supply fee is non refundable.

(initials) _____ I understand the tuition is non refundable.

(initials) _____ By enrolling in Preschool for the Arts at the Virginia Beach School of the Arts, I am giving my consent for my child's likeness, photograph to be used in advertising and all promotional materials including the newsletter and Facebook.

(initials) _____ I understand that if my child has a cough, fever, unexplained rash, any communicable disease, profuse runny nose from allergies, or has vomited in the last 12 hours they are not allowed to attend school.

(initials) _____ I understand the Virginia Beach School of the Arts is a nut free school. I will not send peanuts or any other nut containing snack to school including granola bars.

(initials) _____ I understand that water only is allowed in sippy cups/sports bottles.

(initials) _____ I understand that yogurt, fruit cups, squeeze fruit bags and any snack that is wet, mushy or needs to be eaten with a spoon, straw or poses a slipping hazard is not allowed. Only dry foods such as crackers, apple wedges, banana, cheese or goldfish are permitted.

I have read and understand the information contained in the operating procedures and contract agreement of Preschool for the Arts at the Virginia Beach School of the Arts and agree to abide by the policies set forth. I do understand there are no credits, pro-rating, make up classes or refunds for any reason and 30 days written notification must be given of withdrawal from said program or one extra month's tuition will be charged.

Parent or guardian

Date

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