



**AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMY**  
**Spring 2024 SESSION**

JANUARY 8–May 10, 2024

**Registration Deadline**  
**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

# After School Academy Spring 2024 Session

The Shlenker School After School Academy (ASA) provides an enriching and exciting extension to our daily school curriculum. With several new classes this spring, there are even more opportunities to learn and have fun! All classes are held at The Shlenker School for ease of transition from regular school classes. All ASA instructors are responsible for their own program design. Classes meet once per week from 3:15pm until 4:15pm.

Students will be dismissed by ASA instructors from the front lobby of the school. **Parents must park in the parking lot and walk to the lobby to pick up their child(ren). Do not park in the carpool lane in front of the school.** The instructor will ensure that each child's parent/guardian is outside before releasing the child. Please make sure your child understands that he/she may NOT exit the school until the instructor sees that the parent/guardian is there for pick up.

**Please carefully note the date that your child's class begins and ends as well as any dates when class will not meet due to school holidays and closures.**

## Registration

Classes will be filled as registrations are received on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Classes will be canceled if the minimum registration numbers are not met. You will be notified as soon as possible if a class is canceled.

**Registration is complete and your child's place is assured ONLY when payment has been made through the online registration process.**

No refunds will be issued if a student is absent, but make-up classes will be offered if an instructor is absent. Students who withdraw from a course before classes begin will receive a full refund. Those who withdraw after having attended ONE class may receive a partial refund. Withdrawals after more than one class will not receive a refund.

Please note: You will only be notified if a class does not meet the minimum enrollment or if the maximum enrollment has already been reached. Otherwise, your child will be enrolled and ready to begin classes!

## Additional Details

Pick up time for all classes is 4:15pm. Children who are not picked up by 4:20pm will be taken to Extended Day and billed \$25 as a drop-in. On the enrollment form, you may choose to pre-enroll your child in After School Academy Extended Day for the day of his/her after school class. In case of emergency, please call the Shlenker office by 4:00pm to ask if your child can be placed in Extended Day.

**To secure a space for your child, please complete the registration form and submit your payment by clicking on the link below **no later than Tuesday, January 2, 2024\***.**

The registration form is located on the Parent Portal on The Shlenker School's website at [www.theshlenkerschool.org](http://www.theshlenkerschool.org). Once on the website, please log into the Parent Portal and click on Elementary Spring 2024 After School Academy under Resources to access the registration form.

**[After School Academy—Spring 2024 Registration Form](#)**

For questions, please contact Laurel Albea at 713.270.6127 or [lalbea@shlenker.org](mailto:lalbea@shlenker.org).

# After School Academy

## Spring 2024 Session Schedule at a Glance

Monday, January 8–Friday, May 10, 2024

All classes are from 3:15-4:15pm

<b>MONDAY</b> 13 sessions <i>No classes 1/15, 2/12, 2/19, 3/11, and 4/22</i>	<b>TUESDAY</b> 16 sessions <i>No class 3/12 and 4/23</i>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 16 sessions <i>No classes 3/6 and 3/13</i>	<b>THURSDAY</b> 17 sessions <i>No class 3/14</i>	<b>FRIDAY</b> 15 sessions <i>No classes 2/16, 3/8, and 3/15</i>
<b>Beginner Chess</b> Grades 1-5 \$244	<b>Advanced Chess</b> Grades 1-5 \$313	<b>Mr. Blanton's Junior Master Gardeners</b> Grades 3-5 \$400	<b>Mr. Blanton's BackYard Rangers</b> Grades 1-5 \$425	<b>Tippi Toes Pom</b> Ages 5-8 \$342
<b>Mad Science</b> Grades K-5 \$325	<b>Let's Make a Play Express Children's Theatre</b> Grades 2-5 \$400	<b>Lettuce Cook</b> Grades K-5 \$700	<b>Soccer Shots</b> Ages 5-8 17 sessions (1/11-5/9) \$362 +\$35 enrollment fee unless your child was enrolled for Fall 2023	<b>Building Brains Lego Engineering/STEM</b> Grades K-5 \$375
<b>Krav Maga</b> Grades K-5 \$406	<b>Rope Warriors Jump Rope</b> Grades K-5 \$313	<b>Yoga Fun for Girls and Boys</b> Grades K-5 \$400	<b>Shlenker Stars Choir</b> Grades 2-5 \$425	<b>Kidcreate Studio: Masters in Clay</b> Grades K-5 \$450
<b>Monty's School of Magic</b> Grades 1-5 \$494	<b>Coding and Video Game Design in Scratch</b> Grades K-5 \$400	<b>Houston Basketball Academy</b> Grades K-5 \$400	<b>Lettuce Cook</b> Grades K-5 \$750	

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### Beginner Chess (Grades 1-5)—3:15-4:15pm

The game of chess helps develop logical and creative thinking and encourages social development. This class will be taught by experienced chess instructor, Rob Kalvin, who makes each lesson enjoyable and engaging for each student. Beginning and experienced chess players are welcome. Lessons are tailored to the level of each participant. Each weekly session will consist of one 30-minute chess lesson followed by a practice and play period in which chess etiquette, rules, and tactics are emphasized.

For more information, please contact Rob Kalvin at 713.863.0603 or [equilibrium@sbcglobal.net](mailto:equilibrium@sbcglobal.net).

**There will be no classes on January 15, February 12, February 19, March 11, and April 22.**

Price \$244

Class minimum: 8

Class maximum: 16

Class sessions: 13



### Mad Science (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Calling all Junior Mad Scientists! Put on your goggles and lab coat...it is time to have some FUN! Join us this spring as we learn science through hands-on experiments and interactive demonstrations! Our Mad Scientists make science easy to understand and spark imaginative learning! Enroll today and science will become your favorite subject!

For more information, please contact Arpitha Alluri at 713.663.7623 or visit <https://houston.madscience.org/>.

**There will be no classes on January 15, February 12, February 19, March 11, and April 22.**

Price \$325

Class minimum: 10

Class maximum: 20

Class sessions: 13



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## MONDAY | Class Descriptions

### Krav Maga (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Krav Maga classes are designed to provide the self-defense skills such as situational awareness, non-violent de-escalation, and the physical skills to neutralize the physical aggression of another person. During your child's training they will learn not only the physical skills necessary to address physical threats they may encounter, in and out of school, but also the confidence to face the many challenges that will undoubtedly arise over the course of their life.

The instructor for your child's course has been certified through Krav Maga Worldwide, has been a Krav Maga practitioner for over a decade, and has 100s of hours teaching kids ages 5 and up the critical life skill of self-defense.

For more information, please contact James at 713.526.2500 or [jamesn@kravmagahouston.com](mailto:jamesn@kravmagahouston.com).

**There will be no classes on January 15, February 12, February 19, March 11, and April 22.**

Price \$406

Class minimum: 8

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 13



### Monty's School of Magic (Grades 1-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Monty's School of Magic is first and foremost, all about having fun! Cleverly disguised as a magic workshop, students will step into Monty's magical world for 13 weeks and begin their journey to becoming a true magician.

Students will apply life skills, build character, gain confidence, and learn communication skills for life as they are empowered to become young enthusiasts through magic. Leveraging the power and excitement of learning magic secrets gets kids to put down their electronic devices and learn important social skills that will last a lifetime.

Students learn something new in every lesson that they can share right away with family and friends. Unique games help students explore their creativity, feel connected to the group, and build lasting friendships. Each lesson teaches one of the 8 traits of a true Magician—Respectful, Preparation, Enthusiasm, Confidence, Humbleness, Creativity, Authenticity, and Giving. Monty's purpose is to teach respect, inspire creativity, encourage preparation and so much more in a safe, friendly, fun environment.

Your child will receive a Monty's School of Magic backpack along with a ton of other awesome items including: • original tricks with full color instructions • custom cards and coins, sized to fit a child's hands • bonus secret file folder full of magic for each lesson • custom magic wand and graduation certificate • in-class videos with visual philosophy • online video vault where the weekly secret word unlocks new tricks • a unique approach to practicing and perfecting tricks • custom magic games that encourage group interaction • "MAGIC MOOLA" as an incentive program to reward good behavior

For more information, please contact Monty the Magician at 281.883.3612 or [monty@montythemagician.com](mailto:monty@montythemagician.com).

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Price \$494

Class minimum: 8

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 13



## After School Academy—Spring 2024 Session

### Advanced Chess (Grades 1-5)—3:15-4:15pm

The game of chess helps develop logical and creative thinking and encourages social development. This class will be taught by experienced chess instructor, Rob Kalvin, who makes each lesson enjoyable and engaging for each student. For this class, students should already be familiar with how all the pieces move, including *castling*, *en passant*, and *pawn promotion*. Lessons are tailored to the level of each participant. Each weekly session will consist of one 30-minute chess lesson followed by a practice and play period in which chess etiquette, rules, and tactics are emphasized.

For more information, please contact Rob Kalvin at 713.863.0603 or [equilibrium@sbcglobal.net](mailto:equilibrium@sbcglobal.net).

**There will be no class on March 12 and April 23.**

Price \$313

Class minimum: 8

Class maximum: 16

Class sessions: 16



### "Let's Make a Play Together!" (Grades 2-5)—3:15-4:15pm

In this exciting and inspiring 16-week residency, students are led through the process of creating and performing their own one-act play. Students will create their own characters, choose a conflict and design a plot to maximize the drama. At the end of the residency, they will perform the play for an invited audience. Using the nuts and bolts of theatre (writing, performing and storytelling), students will learn important social and emotional skills like perseverance, leadership and teamwork. Students are especially encouraged to attend every class as each class builds on the previous classes so consistent attendance is critical.

For more information, please contact Tim Fried-Fiori at 713.682.5044 or email at [executivedirector@expresstheatre.com](mailto:executivedirector@expresstheatre.com).

**There will be no class on March 12 and April 23.**

Price \$400

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 16



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## Rope Warriors (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

The Rope Warriors Jump Rope team was established in 2013 as a fun way to promote physical fitness in today's youth. The Rope Warriors are based in Katy, Texas, currently one of two Jump Rope teams in Texas, and are annually comprised of 20-40 boys and girls from first grade to college. The team has served as ambassadors for the American Heart Association in the "Jump Rope for Heart" and "Healthy Hearts" programs. The team is designated as both, performance and competitive team. We have had great success at the National level and have had jumpers compete at the World Championships in Norway and the United States. The team has performed all around Houston and recently participated in a jump rope festival in Medellin, Colombia, South America and at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City.

For more information, please contact Ernesto Hernandez at 713.409.6717 or [ernestojhernandez64@gmail.com](mailto:ernestojhernandez64@gmail.com).

**There will be no class on March 12 and April 23.**

Price \$313 (a beaded jumprope is included in the fee)

Class minimum: 8

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 16



## Coding and Video Game Design in Scratch (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Students will be assessed at the beginning of the session to see which group below is a good match for their interests and abilities. Students beginning in Coding Foundations will move up to Video Game Design when they are ready.

### Coding Foundations

In this class, students will use hands-on tools, apps, and games to learn the fundamentals of coding on tablets and computers as well as typing. Students will work through multiple levels of our Coding Foundations curriculum in preparation for Scratch. No experience required!

### Video Game Design in Scratch: Super Powered

Save the world in this super hero-themed Scratch class. Students will design video games and projects using this block-based coding language designed by MIT for kids! In this class, we'll mix antidotes, chase bad guys, and save the day! No experience required!

For more information, please contact James Thornock at [james@coderkids.com](mailto:james@coderkids.com) or visit [www.coderkids.com](http://www.coderkids.com).

**There will be no class on March 12 and April 23.**

Price \$400

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 16

Class sessions: 16



## After School Academy—Spring 2024 Session

### Mr. Blanton's Junior Master Gardeners (Grades 3-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Parents, did you develop a love of gardening during your youth? With such busy lives today, our children are missing out on that opportunity. Every Wednesday this spring, students can experience the joy of making things grow! Gardens are amazing spaces and learning how to grow your own food is a transformative experience. Each week, students will explore one of eight different topics about gardening and end the weekly program as a certified Junior Master Gardener!

All classes are taught in The Shlenker School Garden and Fruit Orchard by Mr. Blanton, a certified Organic Fruit and Vegetable Garden Specialist. The JMG program is an international youth gardening program of the University Cooperative Extension Network, which includes Texas A&M University.

For more information, please contact Mr. Blanton at 713.270.6127 or email [jblanton@shlenker.org](mailto:jblanton@shlenker.org).

**There will be no classes on March 6 and March 13.**

Price \$400

Class minimum: 2

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 16



### Lettuce Cook (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Our program will allow you to take a night off from cooking and have dinner prepared by your very own chef! Your Shlenker chef will bring home a pan of the food they have prepared for your family to enjoy (generally 8" x 8"). We will let you know ahead of time what the children will prepare during each class so you can plan your meal accordingly. Kids are meant to create, not sit and watch. It's amazing what kids can accomplish! Cooking with *Lettuce Cook's* Chef Brittany helps children gain confidence and independence. The look on their face when you taste what they have prepared is PRICELESS! No cooking demonstrations here, your child does it ALL from start to finish. Class fee includes instruction, food, and supplies!

*About Chef Brittany: After culinary school and working in a couple of restaurants, she had the opportunity to mentor under an executive chef who helped her realize she could (and should) take the two things she loves (cooking and children) and find her true happy place. It was then, a little over 8 years ago, Lettuce Cook was established.*

For more information, please contact Chef Brittany at 281.253.5485 or visit [lettucecookchefs@gmail.com](mailto:lettucecookchefs@gmail.com).

**There will be no classes on March 6 and March 13.**

Price \$700 (Includes \$475 Activity Fee and \$225 Food/Supply Fee)

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 16





# After School Academy—Spring 2024 Session

## Yoga Fun for Girls and Boys (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Yoga FUN is all about stillness AND movement! We practice breathing techniques and meditation, but we also stretch, strengthen, dance, and balance (sometimes on our heads). In this class, students will have a blast putting together different sequences, playing tons of yoga games, performing, and creating their own yoga adventures! We will also discuss valuable mindfulness topics and complete fun crafts to reinforce these ideas. Topics include: how to handle your worries, being present, practicing gratitude, and the power of our thoughts and words. Kids' yoga helps to increase confidence, build concentration, develop self-awareness, and manage stress.

For more information, please contact Julie McConn at 281.686.0282 or [julierozyoga@gmail.com](mailto:julierozyoga@gmail.com).

**There will be no classes on March 6 and March 13.**

Price \$400

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 16



## Houston Basketball Academy (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Basketball is one of the most popular sports worldwide. Its influence has created a deep rooted culture in many countries, especially here in America. Our mission is to positively impact our student athletes on and off the court. Within this beautiful game you will learn skills and lessons that you can apply in all areas of your life. With the guidance of The Houston Basketball Academy's very own, Coach Kempton and other HBA coaches, kids can expect to learn the fundamentals of basketball, teamwork, and leadership skills in a safe and fun environment. Our coaches have a passion for basketball and experience coaching youth of all ages!

For more information, please contact Coach Cody Stiff at 407.595.5977 or [info@houstonbasketballacademy.org](mailto:info@houstonbasketballacademy.org).

**There will be no classes on March 6 and March 13.**

Price \$400

Class minimum: 10

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 16



## After School Academy—Spring 2024 Session

### Mr. Blanton's BackYard Rangers (Grades 1-5)—3:15-4:15pm

What's this bug? Can you name that tree? Who left those tracks behind? Join Shlenker Science Specialist and resident naturalist, Mr. Blanton, for a weekly exploration of The BackYard every Thursday. Students will observe the habitat needs of different flora (plants) and fauna (animals) that live in The BackYard and investigate ecosystems. Each BackYard Ranger will complete a make and take project at the end of each class.

For more information, please contact Mr. Blanton at 713.270.6127 or email at [jblanton@shlenker.org](mailto:jblanton@shlenker.org).

**There will be no class on March 14.**

Price \$425

Class minimum: 2

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 17



### Soccer Shots (Ages 5-8)—3:15-4:15pm—January 11-May 9

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. The caring team positively impacts students' lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum, and communication. The coaches are the best trained in the business. Their expert-approved curriculum is age-appropriate and aligns with childhood education standards. In addition, Soccer Shots provides an exceptional customer experience and ongoing communication with parents.

**STUDENTS MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE SOCCER SHOTS WEBSITE—  
[www.soccershots.org/houston](http://www.soccershots.org/houston).**

For more information, please call 281.995.7208 or 281.253.8338, email [houston@soccershots.org](mailto:houston@soccershots.org), or visit [www.soccershots.org/houston](http://www.soccershots.org/houston).

**PLEASE NOTE: SOCCER SHOTS HAS 17 CLASS SESSIONS. LAST CLASS IS MAY 9.**

**There will be no class on March 14.**

Price \$362 + \$35 enrollment fee\*

Class minimum: 5

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 17



*\*Please note, if your child was enrolled in Soccer Shots for Fall 2023, you do not have to pay the required enrollment fee. If your child was not enrolled in Soccer Shots for Fall 2023, you will be required to pay the \$35 enrollment fee.*

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### Shlenker Stars Choir (Grades 2-5)—3:15–4:15pm

Come sing with your friends at Shlenker. Join the Shlenker Stars Choir, led by Music Specialist, Ms. Hochman, and be ready to shine! Weekly rehearsals will give you the chance to sing for fun and get ready for school performances.

For more information, please contact Ms. Hochman at [repelbon@shlenker.org](mailto:repelbon@shlenker.org).

**There will be no class on March 14.**

Price \$425

Class minimum: 10

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 17



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For more information, please contact Chef Brittany at 281.253.5485 or [lettucecookchefs@gmail.com](mailto:lettucecookchefs@gmail.com).

**There will be no class on March 14.**

Price \$700 (Includes \$500 Activity Fee and \$250 Food/Supply Fee)

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 17



## After School Academy—Spring 2024 Session

### Tippi Toes Pom (Ages 5-8)—3:15–4:15pm

Pom is a class designed to introduce dancers to the basics of proper jazz dance technique while including the sharp synchronized movements and visual effects of working with pom poms! This class is for students ages 5-8 years old with no additional experience necessary. Pom dance can help students build confidence and skills needed for middle school/high school dance teams. Students in this class will work on formations, develop teamwork skills, and improve fitness, flexibility and rhythm all in a fun, encouraging environment. Our teachers will keep the class moving quickly while sharing their love of cheer and dance with your child. Class fee includes pom poms that the dancers will be able to keep.

For more information, please contact Kelly Keller and Kasey Pazdernik at 713.291.2431 (text or call) or email [thesisters@tippitoesdance.com](mailto:thesisters@tippitoesdance.com).

**There will be no classes on February 16, March 8, and March 15.**

Price \$342

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 15



### Building Brains Lego Engineering/STEM (Grades K-5)—3:15–4:15pm

Trained instructors use LEGO Duplo and K'NEX educational kits to BUILD math science skills. Our specially designed building kits have gears, levers, and pulleys. Students build simple machines that really work, while BUILDING fine motor skills and confidence. Classes are designed to reinforce classroom curriculum. Students use colors, sizes and shapes to build simple machines and then perform scientific experiments to see how they work. Several new and exciting machines are built every day. Literacy skills are improved by memorizing poems with hand motions for gears, levers, and pulleys that reinforce how they work and what they do.

As students advance, they will BUILD simple machines using gears, levers, and pulleys and then MOTORIZED them using LEGO and K'NEX educational kits and curriculum while BUILDING math and science skills. Using the newest LEGO educational kits, students challenge one another to create, build, and test the best designs. Students will learn why a machine works and how to manipulate a machine to go faster or slower. Fine motor skills, critical thinking skills, imagination, and confidence will increase in this fun-filled class atmosphere. We also teach division using gear ratios.

For more information, please contact Kim Koenig at 713.204.0770 or [kim@buildingbrains.biz](mailto:kim@buildingbrains.biz).

**There will be no classes on February 16, March 8, and March 15.**

Price \$375

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 15



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## Kidcreate Studio: Masters in Clay (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Kidcreate Studio's art classes allow kids to explore art in an environment full of giggles and grins. Kids create fridge worthy masterpieces while learning art concepts and experimenting with different art materials. The curriculum is age-appropriate and designed to inspire. Classes provide a fun, self-esteem building atmosphere full of "I did it" moments. Making a mess is the best with Kidcreate Studio! In Masters in Clay, children will be inspired by art created by Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, and Claes Oldenburg. We will recreate famous works of art like Monet's Water Lillies, O'Keefe's Flower Bowl, mosaics and many others, all in clay. Make room to display these masterpieces! The projects your child creates in this class are going to be amazing! Fee includes all art materials.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Collins at 713.344.9701 or [jennifer.collins@kidcreatestudio.com](mailto:jennifer.collins@kidcreatestudio.com).

**There will be no classes on February 16, March 8, and March 15.**

Price \$450

Class minimum: 7

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 15



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