

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Jacob Burns Film Center is thrilled to welcome back elementary classes to its Media Arts Lab for a newly reimagined take on its groundbreaking third grade education program. **What's the Story?** sees these young, eager students analyzing inspiring short films, creating detailed storyboards, and sharing back their wild, creative ideas with a supportive group of peers. Plus, they'll have an absolute blast doing it!

The structure of this program allows classes to return to the Media Arts Lab for up to three visits, each with its own goals, activities, and unique short films.



VISIT 1 focuses on details, characters, and story sequence, and sees students analyzing two short films and storyboarding their own narratives in small groups. These stories are then celebrated and shared back with the entire class.

VISIT 2 highlights the concept of mise en scène, or the idea that every detail in an image is important. Students view two new shorts, discuss them through the lens of mise en scène, and then become production designers as they create their very own detailed settings.

VISIT 3 is all about real life and the idea that the most powerful stories come from within. The morning starts with two short documentary viewings, both featuring young protagonists, during which students will learn basic film language and shot types. Next, they'll choose a personal passion and create three storyboard images that could be included in a documentary about themselves. Finally, the visit winds down with a supportive group share.

Program Details

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

PRICE: \$15 per student

CAPACITY: 60 students

LOCATION: Jacob Burns Film Center's Media Arts Lab
405 Manville Rd, Pleasantville, NY 10570

For over 20 years, the **Jacob Burns Film Center** has celebrated and shared the unique power of film to deepen our understanding of the world, history, and ourselves. Our education programs bring viewing and media-making opportunities to learners of all ages, providing them with the tools necessary to participate in a visually, digitally, and globally connected world.

“I just wanted to tell you what a wonderful experience our third graders had with the new program. Not only did it tie in so well with our personal narrative writing unit, but many of my students were inspired to go on and create their own films for other school projects.”

Mara Cohen, Third Grade Teacher - Chappaqua

For more information, or to express interest, email us at education@burnsfilmcenter.org or call 914.773.7663, ext. 7.