Class Title: Blue Present Like A Pro!

Teacher Name: Candice Braun

Class Day: Friday

Class Size: 15

Class Cost: $33

Class Fee: $96

Ages or color group served: Blue

What level is this class: Level

Prerequisites: NA

Graduation Requirements: HCU's required attendance / participation policy for completion, along with final presentation.

Homework Requirements: Students will finish up anything not completed in class each week. So, it will fluctuate

Class Description:
In this fun, hands-on visual aids and presentation skills class, students will learn how to design eye-catching posters, tri-fold boards, digital slideshows, simple charts, and even creative props—just like they'll need for middle and high school presentations. We'll also practice how to speak confidently in front of a group, using visuals to support their message (not distract from it).

This course is designed to expose students to a variety of visual aid types—from traditional posters to digital slides and infographics—so they can understand what tools are available and how to use them effectively. The focus is on learning, experimenting, and building confidence—not creating perfect projects on the first try! Students will gain valuable experience that will help them feel prepared and less overwhelmed when future school projects require visual components.

Throughout the course, kids will explore both hands-on and digital tools, while boosting creativity, organization, and public speaking skills in a supportive environment.

Students Will Learn How To:
- Design clean, engaging posters and tri-fold displays
- Create simple but effective Slide presentations
- Make charts, graphs, and infographics to explain information clearly
- Use props and models to enhance projects
- Deliver confident, well-organized presentations using their visuals
- Avoid common design mistakes (like too much text or distracting colors)

Important Notes:
- Students will need to bring their own laptop or Chromebook on designated weeks for digital projects (Google Slides, Canva, etc.). A free Google account is recommended.
- This class focuses on exploration and skill-building—students are encouraged to try new techniques without the pressure of perfection!

No prior experience needed—just bring creativity, a laptop, and a willingness to learn!

Week 1:
What is a Visual Aid?

- Discuss types: Posters, slideshows, charts, models, infographics

- Activity: Group "Good vs. Bad" visual aid comparison

- Quick challenge: Redesign a messy poster example

Week 2:
Poster Design Basics

- Layout, titles, color schemes, balance

- Activity: Start designing a mini "All About Me" poster

- Focus on neatness, spacing, and visuals over text

Week 3:
Tri-Fold Board Mastery

- How to organize info for science fairs or history projects

- Activity: Group project — Create a mock tri-fold on a fun topic (e.g., "Dogs vs. Cats")

Week 4:
Lettering, Borders & Embellishments

- How to make titles pop without overdoing it

- Activity: Decorate and finalize posters/tri-folds from Weeks 2-3

Week 5:
Intro to Digital Slideshows (Google Slides or PowerPoint)

- Basics: Themes, fonts, inserting images, keeping slides clean

- Activity: Create a 3-slide presentation about a favorite animal

Week 6:
Adding Flair to Slides (Transitions & Images Wisely)

- How to use animations without distracting

- Activity: Finish and present mini slideshow to classmates

Week 7:
Charts & Graphs Made Easy

- When to use bar graphs, pie charts, timelines

- Activity: Class survey + turn results into a chart (hand-drawn OR Google Sheets)

Week 8:
Infographics for Kids

- Use Canva (or printable templates) to create a simple infographic

- Topic example: "How to Make a PB&J Sandwich" or "5 Cool Facts About Space"

Week 9:
Models & Props—Bringing Ideas to Life

- Discuss when to use 3D elements (science, history, etc.)

- Activity: Build a quick prop/model using basic craft supplies (e.g., volcano, solar system, etc.)

Week 10:
Presentation Delivery Skills

• Body language, voice projection, using visuals properly

• Activity: Practice short presentations using any previous project

Week 11:
Final Project Work Day

• Students create a combo project:

1 Poster OR Tri-Fold

1 Digital Slide

Optional: Simple chart, infographic, or prop

• Prep for next week's showcase

Week 12:
Presentation Showcase!

• Students present their final projects (2-3 minutes each)