



After School Discovery Communications

January 2012

Success in Learning~ Success in Life...

ASD Annual Appeal

The ASD Annual Appeal uses the funds received to help offset expenses that are not covered under the grants or contracts already received and to directly support the student activities. Non-profit funding has been cut immensely over the years, so any donations received are greatly appreciated by ASD and their students served. Donations may be mailed to Post Office Box 113, Ashtabula, Ohio 44005. If you have questions, please call the ASD Business Office at 440-993-1060.

Holiday Mail for Heroes

Students at *Discovery Cove, Celebrate, and Club 212* participated in Holiday Mail for Heroes by creating Holiday Cards for U.S. military and veterans. The Red Cross has sorted and delivered these cards to military facilities across the United States, as well as to military posts in Korea, Japan, Okinawa, England, Germany, Italy, Spain, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Djibouti.

Strive 4 Success

Strive 4 Success is a free tutoring program through After School Discovery that provides students with focused instruction in reading, mathematics, and test taking skills. *Strive 4 Success* works with teachers in each school who develop strong relationships with students in order to identify their needs and target instruction. Parents will receive regular communication from their child's tutor. Tutoring is available at the Primary Campus, Lakeside Intermediate and Lakeside Junior High School. For more information, contact you child's principal or call After School Discovery at 993-1060.

CTAG Training

There will be a Closing the Achievement Gap (CTAG) parent training workshop on January 17, 2012 from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. in the Community Room at the Ashtabula Towne Square. For more information contact Sally Bradley at 645-4532. ASD is co-sponsor of this event.

Lakeside Intermediate wins \$25,000

After School Discovery Supports Effort

On October 21st, students from LI took part in *Kids Make a Difference Day - Discovery Way* sponsored by After School Discovery and turned their outdoor experience into a winning video for LI. After School Discovery coordinated this *Waterways Adventure* event at Walnut Beach and partnered with the **Cleveland Museum of Natural History** to provide ninety-seven 6th grade students with hands-on outdoor learning that focused on environmental awareness and stewardship. Under the tutelage of Jim Bissell, Curator of Botany and seven additional volunteers from the **Cleveland Museum of Natural History**, students removed invasive plant species, including phragmites, while learning the consequences that would take place if the plants were allowed to remain and flourish. Students also released milk weed seeds to encourage the waning butterfly population and picked up litter. Mary Petro, teacher at LI, coordinated the in-school activities and guided the students in the making of a video about their learning. LI students and staff captured the events of the day on After School Discovery's flip video cameras, which they turned into one of eight winning videos in the *SchoolsWIN* national contest. The \$25,000 prize will be used for school technology.

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A Lakeside Intermediate student films a volunteer from the **Cleveland Museum of Natural History**, while he shows what a phragmites looks like and discusses the consequences of allowing the invasive species to take over the area.

Other Parent Education/Training Opportunities

Winter 2012 PARENTING CLASSES Offered by Ashtabula County Children Services - To register or for more information call 998-1811

Class	Time	Date	Description
Nurturing Parenting Parents of children 5 to12 years old (Grand Valley Schools)	6:00- 8:00	Tuesdays January 10th – March 27th	Develops parenting skills and training to provide positive, effective discipline and raise confident healthy children in a nurturing environment
Active Parenting Now Families Session One	9:00- noon	Saturdays January 7 th – January 21 st	Designed to improve communication, reduce conflict, and develop cooperation. Develops parenting skills and training to provide positive, effective discipline and raise confident healthy children.
Active Parenting for Parents of Teenagers Conneaut Resource Center	6:30 - 8:00	Tuesdays January 10 th – February 28 th (no class February 14 th)	Develops parenting skills and training to provide positive, effective discipline and raise confident healthy children. Addresses issues related to bullying, texting, peer pressure.



Discovery Cove News

Come and Discover the Treasures at *Discovery Cove!*

CATCH Kids Club is here!

Beginning in January, we will be offering a fun, non-competitive way for kids to be physically active. A certified fitness trainer will lead the children in cooperative games that keep them moving and smiling! This program is great for children of all fitness levels and is included in the *Discovery Cove* fee. Tell your friends and join the fun!



Nutcracker Program Wrap Up

Thank you to all who participated in our Nutcracker Program. Many people contributed their time and talents to make it a great success. We had help from After School Discovery's own Becca Stowell and Robinlyn Vogel. Becca came up with theme ideas and showed us how to make "Matryoshka dolls". Robinlyn is a dancer in *The Nutcracker* at the **Ashtabula Arts Center** and brought two of her fellow dancers, Jayson Gage and Susan Powers, in full costume for a visit. Meghan Humphrey offered her expertise on making "Mouse King" masks. Also, the **Ashtabula Arts Center** generously donated four tickets to see the live performance. The tickets were raffled to students who have been part of the Nutcracker program. The elated winner was Makyla Jones.



Celebrate & Club 212

News



Celebrate and Club 212 are 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Mrs. Banks Retires, Celebrate Welcomes New Site

Fun with Food at Celebrate

Coordinator

After working as *Celebrate* Program Director for seven and a half years, Martha Banks recently retired. After School Discovery is pleased to announce that Krisia Keenan has started serving as the *Celebrate* Site Coordinator. Ms. Keenan is a familiar face to the *Celebrate* program as she has been a YAC (Youth Activity Coach) as well as a CATCH and Art instructor over the last 6 years.

Celebrate with Caroling



On December 6th, students from *Celebrate* who had been rehearsing with Ms. Kathy Milford went on a field trip to sing Christmas carols at Ashtabula Towne Square and Park Haven Home. In addition to regaling local residents with cheerful carols, students gave out hand made Christmas cards. What a great way to share Christmas cheer!

Important Dates

January 9, 2012 — *Celebrate* & *Club 212* Winter Sessions Begin

January 16, 2012 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day — NO School, *Celebrate*, or *Club 212*

February 8, 2012 — NO *Celebrate* or *Club 212* — Parent Teacher Conferences
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February 16, 2012 — NO *Celebrate* or *Club 212* — Parent Teacher Conferences
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February 20, 2012 — President's Day — NO School, *Celebrate*, or *Club 212*

March 29, 2012 — Last day of *Celebrate* and *Club 212* Winter Sessions

Busing

The \$10 fee that covers busing from January 9th to March 29th is due. Payments may be handed in to the school office or mailed to the After School Discovery office at P.O. Box 113, Ashtabula, OH 44005, and clearly marked with your child(ren)'s name and the program they attend. Checks should be made payable to After School Discovery. Scholarships will be available for those in need. Please call the ASD office at 993-1060 for more information.

Recently in Fun with Food, students made *Kitty Litter* as a fun treat to eat! "It looked really gross, but the kids loved it", said Mrs. Gancos. Students also recently made *Rice Krispie Treat Surprise*. To find out what the surprise was ask Mrs. Gancos or a *Celebrate* student.

At right: A student displays a Rice Krispie Treat Surprise



Club 212 Parent Showcase



On December 8th, *Club 212* members hosted the first parent showcase of the 2011-2012 school year. Club instructors displayed examples of student work and were on hand to talk to parents about the student's accomplishments this session. I would like to thank all of the students, parents, and instructors that were involved this session and I hope to see everyone at our spring showcase, the date of which will soon be announced!

Joshua Williams

Program Director *Club 212*