



After School Discovery

September
2025

Snowflakes & Snuggles Fun and Creative Opportunities

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Thursday, October 9, 2025
6 to 8 pm

Happy Etchings, Julie Eckert
at Superior Intermediate Building
2308 Wade Avenue, Ashtabula
Includes Hot Chocolate &
Apple Cider Bar & Light Snacks
\$50 each



Monday, November 3, 2025
6 to 8 pm

Paint 'n Sip by Chris Davis
at Cloven Hoof Brewery
1308 Bridge Street, Ashtabula
includes 1 Bubbly Drink
Snacks available for purchase
\$50 each

Planting seeds of learning, empathy and respect for self, each other and the world!

During this past school year ASD programming has provided 39,000 hours of student engagement to 500 students, by 75 ASD paid team associates— in Discovery Cove, Celebrate, Strive 4 Success, Quest and Club 212. Thank you to all who have worked or donated to make these opportunities available to our students in the Ashtabula Area City Schools. There is a wide range of success — between 24% and 79% of the students who participated in one of the ASD programs have shown school day data growth in academic scores as well as in positive behaviors and school day attendance. Hopefully the seeds will continue to be nourished and the students' success will grow!

Again this last school year ASD provided Career Expos, Family Partner Paint events, a student Etiquette Dinner, Student Showcases, Family Game Night, and field trips. All this along with hours of academic coaching (reading, ELA, math, science) and enrichment opportunities (Fun with Food, Art Club, Lego STEM, Micro-Sports, Fitness, Strategic Games, Steel Drums, Girls' Circle and so much more!). ASD also supported the Ashtabula County High School Botany Competition and Kids for Positive Change programming.

I am thankful to our ASD Team and our Partner, Ashtabula Area City Schools, who instill confidence to our families to make them feel safe in allowing ASD to provide a safe, secure and caring environment for their precious children.

Linda Coblitz, Executive Director

Celebrate Winter & Spring 2025

Celebrate is ASD programming for AACCS students in 1st & 2nd grade, before and after school. These students participate in academic lessons, enrichment opportunities and social/emotional skill building. They receive a snack after school and a meal before dismissal. Bussing home is an option that is provided. There is no charge to families for any part of this program, which is funded through ODE's 21st CCLC grant.

Last school year we provided this opportunity to 66 students, with students attending an average of 93 hours each. Celebrate offered Academic Coaching, Life & Learning Skills, Social & Emotional Skills, Fitness & well being, STEM, Arts & Creative Learning. Three Family/Community events were offered.

Students attending demonstrated an average of 48% improvement in their school year scores & school day teachers reported 55% improvement in classroom engagement in learning.



Strive 4 Success Winter & Spring 2025



Strive 4 Success is ASD programming for AACCS students in 3rd—6th grade. These students participate in academic lessons, enrichment opportunities and social/emotional skill building. They receive a snack after school and a meal before dismissal. Bussing home is an option that is provided. There is no charge to families for any part of this program, which is funded through a contract with AACCS District and other grants. Last school year we provided this opportunity to 114 individuals on 37 days, offering Academic Coaching, Lego STEM, Torchlight Mentoring, Basketball skills, Art, weaving, Fun with Food and YOGA. Family/Community events offered included the Safety Expo, Career Expo and a Student Showcase with 66 guests in attendance.

An average of 44% of the students attending showed an increase in their school day math scores; 49% showed an increase in their school day reading scores and 38% had less absent days than the prior year.

Quest 305 Winter & Spring 2025



Quest 305 was available to AACs students in 7th-8th grade at Lakeside Jr High School. These students participated in academics (Math, ELA & Book Club), Careers—with 21 career presentations, along with enrichment choices (Arts, STEM, MicroSports, Escape Room, Fun with Food, Chess, Girl's Circle, Dungeons & Dragons & more).

They received a snack after school and a meal before dismissal. Bussing home was an option. There was no charge to families for any part of this program, which was funded through ODE's 21st CCLC grant.

Last school year we provided this opportunity to 77 students on 75 days, offering two Family/Community events with over 35 family/community members in attendance.

On average 66% of the students attending showed an increase in their school day math scores, 55% showed an increase in their school day reading scores, and 59% attending more school days than the prior year.

Unfortunately, school year 2025 was the last year that ASD Quest will be offered, due to grant cuts.



Summer of Discovery 2025



Summer of Discovery 2025 was a BIG DIG for AACs students entering first through 8th grade. The 146 students participated in five weeks of academics (Math, & ELA skills, Science, Careers), enrichment choices (Arts, PE/Sports, STEM, Fun with Food, Theatre & so much more), with over 100 hours of student engagement.

Career Exploration & secondary education skills are one of the themes, with field trips for the 7th & 8th graders and centers for the others each week. This year the visits were to Lake Erie College and Kent Main Campus, along with career visits to the City Water Treatment Center and Geneva on the Lake businesses, which were very insightful to our students. Students participated in an Outdoor Learning day at Cedarquist Park, a tour of the Cleveland Zoo, a book writing adventure with two authors, a Careers on Wheels event and finished up their summer of Discovery with a Family Field Day Event, with performances, dancing, games, treats and a magic show!



ASD Fall 2025 Programs

Discovery Cove

- Before and after school child enrichment program for Preschool through 6th grade for students that attend a school on the AACs Elementary Campus.
- The program begins August 22nd and is open each student AACs school day, also open for teacher record days and student half days.
- Held at Ontario School Building from 6–9 am and 2:30 to 6 pm (closed during school hours).
- Snack after school & dinner meal at 5 pm.
- This is a parent pay or ODJFS payment program with the cost of \$5.25 per hour for the first child and \$5.00 per hour for each additional child from the same household.

Strive 4 Success for Intermediate

- Academic Coaching & Enrichment Opportunities for students in grades 3rd through 6th.
- Students will participate in a choice of enrichments, career exploration, and physical activity along with an hour of focused academic coaching for support in reading and mathematics.
- Begins October 7th.
- Offered after school at Erie Intermediate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, then transitioning to Ontario Building for dinner and enrichment time.
- Bussing home is available at No charge to families.
- Snack after school & a dinner meal at 5:30 pm.
- Offered through a contract with AACs and foundation support, so there is No charge to families.

Club 212 at LJHS

- Begins August 22nd and is available most student school days.
- Available to 7th and 8th grade students at the AACs Lakeside Jr High at NO charge to families.
- Snack is served through AACs Food Services.
- Provides after school homework help for students and athletes at no charge to families.
- Teacher on site checks in with students about their classwork and homework status.

Celebrate Primary

- Begins September 29th in the Ontario Building.
- Available to current first and second grade students enrolled in the AACs District.
- Provides support in academics, social, emotional, and life skill development.
- Held BEFORE school, Mondays through Fridays from 7 to 8 am, with a different activity each day.
- Held AFTER school, Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00 - 5:30 pm in the DC rooms in the Ontario Primary Building.
- Snack after school & a dinner meal before departure.
- Transportation home at 5:30 pm is available at No charge.
- This program is funded through an Ohio Department of Education's Nita M Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. There is No charge to families for this program.

Botany Competition

- Open to all Ashtabula County High Schools to provide a team of up to 5 students
- The Fall Competition is Tree Identification
- The Spring Competition is wildflower Identification
- Practice sessions and field guide books are provided before either competition.
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners are awarded at a luncheon for all participants in May.



Applications that are printable for
Fall 2025 are posted on our website!
Scan the QR Code!

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If you would like to continue supporting beyond school hours academics and enrichments through After School Discovery, please donate on our website, call the ASD Office with your credit card info or mail a check to the ASD post office box. Your continued support is always appreciated by students and the ASD Team.

ASD is also offering three fundraiser opportunities this fall: October 9th for Happy Etchings, November 3rd for a Chris Davis Painting Party & November 29th for the annual Rivalry Run 5K and 1 mile walk.

You can register for all by calling the ASD Business Office at 440-993-1060

