After School Discovery

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The ASD Mission is to support children and their families in becoming life-long learners

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The After School Discovery Board and myself would like to thank all the people who came to our Annual Appeal and Update Event. It was great to meet new people and answer your questions and inquiries about ASD.

The guests that attended the ASD Annual Appeal had the fortunate opportunity to see the Discovery Cove student theatre group perform their one act play -- student written, student directed performance of ""What Really Goes ON".

The guests also heard from AACS Teacher and ASD Academic Coach, Raena Sidbeck and AACS School Board President Chris Seuffert. They both explained the importance of the beyond school hours connection that ASD staff members make with the students, both before and after school.

Since our 21st CCLC grant has expired, our donors are even more important to the existence of beyond school hour programming through After School Discovery. Your donations help support the planning and extra supplies needed to provide a great learning experience for our children, of course to encourage their love of learning -- whether it be reading, math, science, language, careers or just learning about being a friend.

"The Ashtabula Area City Schools is pleased to have journeyed with After School Discovery for the past 24 Years. The enrichment and services provided before school, after school and during special events is immeasurable." said Christine Seuffert at the ASD Event Update.

Linda Coblitz, Executive Director

ACTION! "What Really Goes On!"

We did IT! Applause!

Macy, the Author and Director

DC Theatre Club

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ASD has been so busy with our children we didn't get a fall newsletter printed. This is the complete listing of all our donor friends from the prior school year. You have made ASD programming possible for over one thousand students during the last school year!

Much appreciation and THANKS to the following people who have supported beyond school hours learning through After School Discovery during our 2017-2018 annual appeal campaign!

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Thank YOU!

Please consider making a donation to ASD during this school year to support the children in their beyond school hours learning, as always, planting seeds of learning for our future generation.!

Ronald McDonald House Charities

ASD Kinder Cove students are thankful to Ronald McDonald House Charities for their donation toward career playsets and dress up gear for our Kinder Cove children and Career Workbooks for our Strive 4 Success Students!

Make a Difference Day -- ASD thanks **Serve Ohio** for their donation to purchase fleece material and the supplies needed to complete blankets to donate to people in a crisis situation. Our volunteers and Discovery Cove students made 20 blankets and cards giving a hug and caring thoughts to people in need. We worked in partnership with the AACS Make a Difference Day at the Ashtabula Library, and then our Discovery Cove and S4S Girls Circle students finished the process.

Outdoor Learning Day, sponsored by the **Ashtabula CRISTAL** Plant, was presented to the sixth graders at Erie Intermediate School (AACS) the last week of September. This year it was held at Cedarquist Park and had eleven experts teaching breakouts to the students in stream monitoring, leaf and tree identification, fitness outdoors, Campfire Songs, Rocks & Minerals, Goldsworthy Art and Poetry in Nature. One of the goals is to link the students with nature in their community, and to learn new skills

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2018 - 2019 Annual Appeal
It is not to LATE to support beyond school hours programming in After School Discovery! Please consider a donation to ASD today!
Cash, Check or Credit Card is accepted!

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ASD Calendar

December 2018

12/4-5-6 Strive 4 Success Attendance and Making Good Behavior Choices Celebrations

Discovery Cove /Kinder Cove is open until 12/21/18, 5:30 pm

January 2019

1/3/2019 Discovery Cove and Kinder Cove OPEN

February 2019

2/11/2019 Week Strive 4 Success Begins Winter/Spring Session

March 2019

No S4S on 3/14 and 3/21 for Parent Teacher Conferences

April 2019

4/26/19 Last Day of Strive 4 Success

May 2019

5/24/2019 AM Last Day for Discovery Cove

ASD is Appreciative of the opportunity to apply and then receive a grant donation from **Target Foundation** to support Soccer skills during Summer of Discovery 2018 and FALL 2018 ASA team play.

asd after school DISCOVERY

NEW --- Kinder Cove for PreSchoolers --- NEW

Kinder Cove, the other half of the PreSchool day began this past fall. We started with only servicing the morning preschool students, but now have the opportunity for the afternoon Preschool students to attend a morning Kinder Cove Program. This program will transition students from Kinder Cove or Discovery Cove to their homeschool and /or to the ASD Kinder Cove program site. Social, emotional, and life skills are explored, as well as math, reading and science concepts., and always, Art, Music, and CATCH (nutrition and physical education) .

Cookie "Baking"

Kinder Cove Sample Schedule for their full day Fridays

Morning Tubs -- Students self select one of the hand-on activities such as puzzles, play dough, Lego Duplo, Potato Heads, etc.

Circle Time -- Students will engage in a read-aloud, music and movement using songs, rhymes and fignerplays

Literacy Centers -- Students will self-select areas in the classroom they wish to explore, including art, dramatic play, listening, alphabet, reading, storytelling and writing.

Recess either outside or in the gym, exercising their gross motor skills by running, jumping, hopping, climbing, crawling, sliding, balancing and more.

Math -- Students will engage in a read-aloud, followed by independent practice, using manipulatives to practice the math skill exemplified in the read-aloud.

Lunch then Quiet Time / Nap time if chosen by Parents

Writing -- Students will engage in a read-aloud, followed by independent practice with topics they choose to write about.

Specials - Enrichments as Fun with food, Art, Yoga, Spanish and Movement

Dismissal or transition into Discovery Cove

Welcome

After School Discovery welcomes several new staff members this fall to Strive 4 Success, Discovery Cove and Kinder Cove. Two of the team members are former ASD students, who have returned to be leaders of the next generation!

Tyler Doyle is a sophomore at Lakeside High School, a former volunteer for the ASD 21st CCLC program, now working for Strive 4 Success. He is a 4.0 student and a wonderful mentor for our students. Tyler is a self-starter, very reliable and a pleasure to work with. He works at all three Strive programs --second to sixth grade. Tyler covers a lot of ground in a day at Strive -- ranging from snacks and paperwork to personal coach and MGC assistant.

Samantha DeMattio is an art Education major at Kent State Ashtabula, working for Kinder Cove and Discovery Cove between her classes and loves her time spent at ASD, where she has adjusted to the new position at lightning speed! She has a three year old German Shepard Husky named Lenni, who she travels with in her Jeep for lots of adventures.

Tyrone Meeks went through elementary and jr high school in Discovery programs and has become a great mentor for our students in Discovery Cove and Kinder Cove. His goal after graduating from Lakeside High School is to receive training to become a Car Mechanic. He loves working with the children and teaching them new things. He likes sports and has been on the Lakeside High School football, basketball and wrestling teams. Even more importantly, Tyrone LOVES to READ!

Dezjianna Wells goals are to graduate high school and then to go on to college to become a pediatric doctor and then to purchase her Mom and Grandmother's home. She loves working with the children because they are so welcoming and kind. The most fun is making crafts and helping them to color pretty pictures for their parents.

- Discovery Cove at Huron Primary Building
- open Monday through Friday, from 6:15 am to 5:30 pm
- Open to students attending the AACS Elementary Campus
- open each student-school day of the year
- $3.75/hour for the first child and $3.50/hour for each additional child within the same family. ODJFS swipe card is accepted

For more information, call the ASD Business Office at 440-993-1060.

Discovery Cove

After School Discovery's Discovery Cove, is a Youth Development before and after school child care center that shares the ASD mission of providing and promoting enrichment opportunities that encourage all children and their families to become life-long learners. Discovery Cove offers opportunities for children to pursue their interests by providing child-guided activities that nurture autonomy, cooperation and leadership skills. Children can take part in age-appropriate educational, recreational and culturally enriching supervised activities, including those that also encourage social and personal development.

Discovery Cove is a great opportunity for students to build relationships, practice social skills and learn to grow as a part of a community as well as develop leadership skills.

A daily cycle of social and dramatic play, team building and problem solving, as well as artistic, physical and academic challenges play a crucial part of our programing both in the morning and afternoon.

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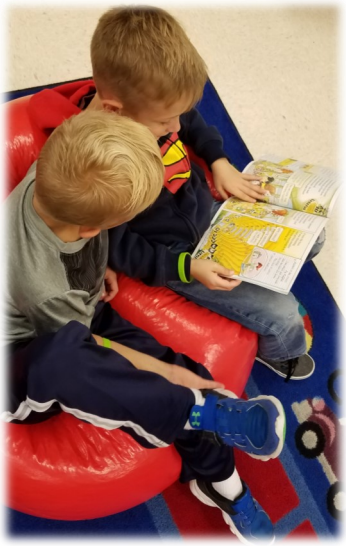

Sanade Barakat was born in Louisiana but has recently moved to Ashtabula from the West Bank, Palestine. She is thrilling the students at Discovery Cove with her science expertise, hands on learning as well as learning to write in another language. In Israel she was a College Biology instructor and is currently working on paperwork to be the same here, but until then we love having her as part of the ASD team! "Watching my daughter grow has boosted my intentions to move forward. Little girls need to see more women in science overcoming the struggles and barriers placed by society. I have so much to offer these kiddos and in return I get to observe the awed faces I once had when I was in second grade and always had through my journey in science."

Cynthia Valezquez is a graduate of Lakeside High School. Cynthia was also a student of ASD Club 212 while in school. "After working at ASD I have become inspired to choose Early Childhood Education as my career. Currently I am a freshman at Kent Ashtabula working toward an education degree. I enjoy working with the children and being able to teach them and have fun at the same time."

Strive 4 Success Career Exploration

Strive 4 Success has wrapped up another successful fall session! Along with our excellent math and reading academic coaching and homework help, Strive expanded on their career exploration this fall and included a wide variety of career clubs for the students to pick from. Each student was required to choose TWO clubs...one of which needed to be a career club. It was with a bit of trepidation that we added this requirement...not knowing how the students would react (and consequently "sign up") for something that may sound more like "WORK". The students responded favorably and thus...a new chapter for Strive 4 Success has begun. Among the career clubs offered were:

- Careers for Positive Change – Careers in environmental science
- Shark Tank – Careers in the entrepreneurial field
- Health Careers – Careers in the health fields
- The Daily – Careers in the newspaper/ journalism field
- Careers in SHOWBIZ – Careers in performance and behind the scenes
- Rollin' into Your Career - Careers in automotive
- Millionaires club – Careers in banking
- Careers with critters – Careers with animals
- Fun with Food Careers – Careers in the food industry

Many of these career clubs experienced a career of their focus first hand...Field trips to a variety of local businesses were eagerly attended and a plethora of professional visitors came to share their knowledge and love of what they do and how they got there.

The career exploration unit was also supported by our academic coaches (primarily 5th and 6th grades). Each group utilized the Career Hero workbook and expounded upon the subject in different ways. Some did individual research on a chosen career, followed by a power point presentation. Others created poetry describing the character requirements needed for different careers.

In October the Strive program hosted the Lights ON after school family event. This year the theme was, of course, CAREERS EXPLORATION. Students and their guests attended several different breakout activities, experiencing 6 different career clusters in an engaging way.

The Fall 2018 session culminated with our annual SHOWCASE...which encourages the students to share what they have learned during the 8 week session. The showcase this fall included several career clubs, either performing, or displaying their new found knowledge.

After School Discovery is excited at the reception and the results of our push towards career investigation. Time will tell the impact of such a shift...but we are sure it will be positive.

Rebecca Stowell, Program Coordinator

Automotive Club instructor Andrea Sullivan brought in her car for the students to check out!

Field Trip to Judge Sezon Courtroom, here the Prosecuting Attorney is giving closing arguments to the seated "student" jury.