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Reaching, Striving, and Becoming the LIGHT!

Lights On After School

After School Discovery's Strive and 21st Century programs are well underway and THRIVING! Students are happy and soaking up all the extra attention and opportunities! Relationships are being formed and a community built! Life is good at ASD!

This fall ASD, once again has programming that not only supports students in academic achievement, but we are offering some new, very purposefully selected enrichment classes. We call them "CLUBS"... Activities that will provide our students with lots of brain building, life skill enhancing, and life-coping skills that are often missing in lives "these days"... days that are fast paced, technology driven and stressful. New enrichments include wood-working, for our students that long to use their spatial learning skills and their hands, "MY BAND, for our students wanting to experience the world of reading rhythms and music (scientifically proven to improve and support success in mathematics)... and meditation, offering our students a new tool to relieve, sometimes significant, anxieties and stress.

Of course we still offer our excellent ART club, CATCH, for health and fitness and many others.

Students and their coaches are engaged and excited at ASD, so we want to share a slice of our experiences with you!

ASD is hosting an OPEN HOUSE for our families and community to share a window of our daily program...a sampling of sorts.

You are Invited, so Please join us for...

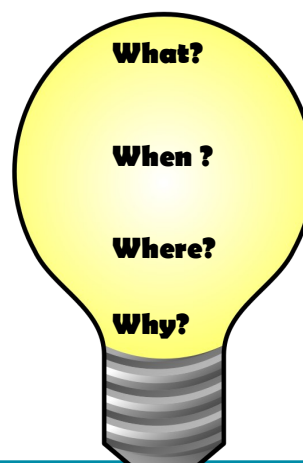
LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL!

Fun-filled family activities including ART, GAMES, Student performances and more!

*Tuesday November 29th,
4:30-6:30*

Michigan Primary

*Because you'll see our students
in a new light.*



*Preparing to invite the AACs School Board
to attend Lights on After School at the
School Board Meeting 10/26/16*

ASD Board of Directors

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Discovery Cove, held at the Michigan Primary Building

is open Monday through Friday, from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm for students attending the AACCS Elementary Campus, and is open each day of the school year. This is a fee based program, which charges \$3.50/hour for the first child and \$3.25/hour for each additional child within the same family.

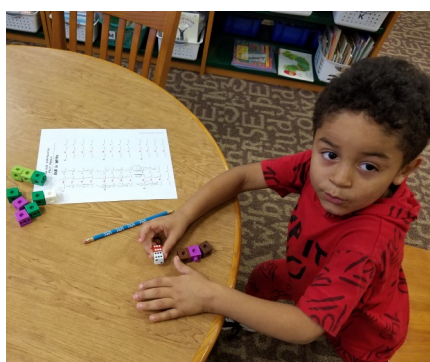
ASD Staff members will transition your students to/from their home school either before or after school hours.

This Fall session offered many academic and enrichment opportunities during Discovery Cove, such

as CATCH, Soccer Skills, Book Club, Science Club, Crocheting, Yoga, Dragon Math Games, Art Club, Wood working, Music, and so much more.... *Sign up now to take advantage of all these opportunities*



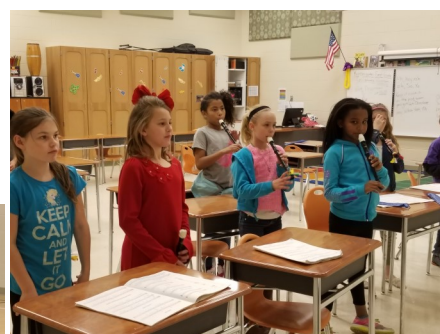
Intermediate DC students show the results of their science experiment



Discovery Cove Math Center

Discovery Cove, a 21st Century Learning Center

Discovery Cove Stretching before School Begins



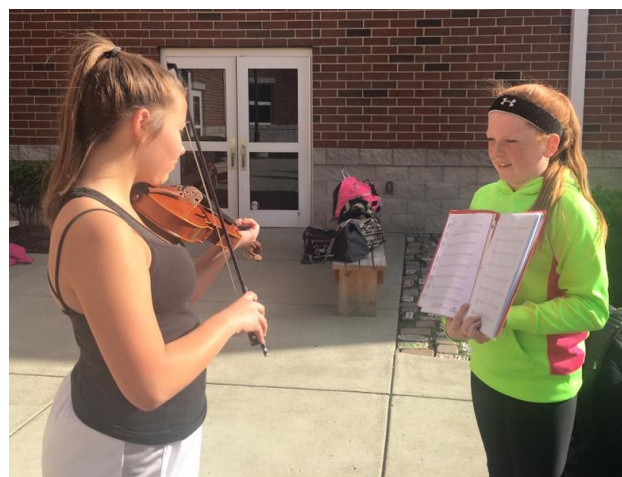
Discovery Cove Recorder Practice

Club 212 /Strive 4 Success at Lakeside Jr High

After School Club 212 Homework Help is a great opportunity for the athletes and anyone else who may need a little extra help after school. For the athletes, it gives us a chance to get our homework done before our coaches come. Sometimes once the season starts, we get home very late and this way we don't have extra stress about homework, because it is already finished before we even leave. If we are working on Layered Curriculum or need to research, we have everything we need right in the classroom.

If our homework gets done or if it is a rare night that we don't have any, there is always a lot to do. Sometimes Mrs. G brings in ingredients for us to make snacks, like cookies and cupcakes. Also we have a lot of games to play or we go to the outdoor classroom and work out there on nice days.

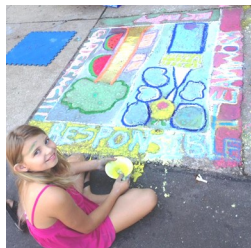
Written by LJHS Girl's Basketball Team Members



Homework is done, so they have some time to practice for Strings Orchestra in the Outdoor Classroom

From the Director: Sowing What We Hope to Reap

This has been another amazing year. This summer our team designed the annual curricular theme around 'Growing', and saw some incredible artistic expressions sprout up:



- City blocks worth of chalk art murals, conceived and produced by teams of Summer students [left]
- A bountiful communal garden at the Ashtabula City Schools Wade Avenue campus.
- Colorful and expressive, 'found-object' artwork in the Ashtabula River gorge, in the spirit of Andrew Goldsworthy.
- And, more recently, the all-school collaborative production and public display of giant dandelions - made up of hundreds of seed puffs, each proudly crafted by local students (below).

The Apostle Paul used the process of 'growing' in the well-known metaphor, 'As you sow, so must you reap.' It is most often interpreted as a behavior warning. I think it also works to talk about taking charge of one's own destiny – as individuals and communities.

We want kids to get good grades and graduate from high school. But the ultimate goal that gets used very loosely, is 'preparing kids to be successful adults'. For that, they need to: understand, shadow, practice, and master the process of sowing what they want to reap.

When people see After School Discovery student work, it often looks like 'art'. And it is. But we hope more and more people come to appreciate that this art is merely the product of teaching the 'sowing' process. When students learn that they will reap whatever they sow, it is highly likely to lead to improved academic achievement. It is guaranteed to translate into self-sufficiency in adulthood.

After School Discovery is a long-time, focused champion for this idea. Your support assures that education doesn't get reduced to academics, test scores,



and meeting the minimum levels for high school graduation and entry-level employment. Your support of After School Discovery means re-invigorating this community with broadly-skilled people who care about each other and the future of this place. That is, in itself, sowing something you'll be glad to reap.

Rich Recker, Executive Director

The 2017 Discovery Learning Campaign

Thank you to all who have donated to the 2017 Annual Appeal Campaign, to support after school programming for Ashtabula County students.

It is not too late! Please send in your donation to help us reach last years Donation total of \$20,000. Checks should be payable to ASD and mailed to P.O. Box 113, Ashtabula, OH 44005, or you can use your master card or visa with a call to the ASD Business Office, 440-993-1060.

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Congratulations to ASD Staff member, Nicole (Virostek) Picasso, who recently married Alex Picasso

Welcome to Jenna Martin, ASD's newest KSU Intern. Shown here stretching with the students before school.



Stream Monitoring and a Goldsworthy Art Project at OLD 2016



Waterways Adventures Outdoor Learning Day 2016:

The AACs Erie Intermediate Students participated in OLD in October, however, the second day for Superior students was rained out, so they will have their OLD in the Spring. We THANK the 11 Breakout Instructors and Cristal for the opportunity for this outdoor learning to take place.

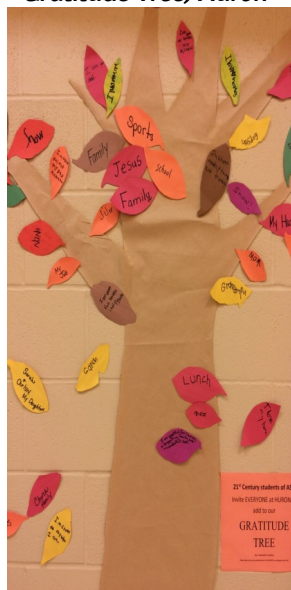
Strive 4 Success: Academic Coaching has started very solidly this school year! ASD has 139 kindergarten through third graders attending and 172 fourth through sixth graders — all attending two days per week. Students participate in at least one hour of reading and one hour of math activities each week — lessons geared to add value to what is happening in their classrooms.

The Intermediate grade students also have the opportunity to participate in one hour of enrichment on each of the two days, choices include soccer skills, basketball skills, Science, Art Club, Glee Club, yoga and self defense. On December 8th (the last day of Intermediate level Strive 4 Success) the basketball skill classes will participate in two basketball games, with the intermission filled with showcases from the other enrichment activities. Please plan on joining your student.

Attendance incentives for this Fall session include a store for the kindergarten students to purchase their "prize", a trip to see the Nutcracker at the Ashtabula Arts Center for the first through third graders and a dance and pizza party for the intermediate students — all on Friday, December 9th. Students receive a sticker for each day of

attendance and can earn a sticker for class participation. Students will need 25 stickers to earn the grade level incentives.

Gratitude Tree, Huron



ASD 2016 Calendar

9/12—12/9 DC 21st CCLC

10/12—12/9 Strive 4 Success

10/25—12/6 Tuesdays Ridgeview Elementary After School

11/3-12/15 Thursdays Kingsville Library After School

11/21 Parent Teacher Conferences No DC 21st CCLC

11/28 DC 21st CCLC Parent Survey Goes home— Please respond — ASD needs & Respects your opinions & ideas

11/29 "Lights on After School" ASD Celebration of Student Showcasing 4:30—6:30

12/8 S4S Basketball Games and Enrichment Showcasing for Parents and Community at Erie Intermediate, 4—6 pm

12/9 Dance/Pizza Party S4S Grades 4—6 Attendance Award

12/9 Nutcracker AAC, S4S Attendance Award, Grades 1—3

1/3/2017 Discovery Cove, Club 212 and School 1st day after winter break

2/6—5/12/17 DC 21st CCLC Winter Session Dates

2/8—4/28/17 Strive 4 Success Winter Session Dates

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

