



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

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## Planting Seeds...

ASD continues Planting Seeds of: individuality and harmony, making good choices and healthy living, teamwork and unity, understanding and empathy. All these grow a life of successes in academics, life and continue growing the LOVE OF LEARNING!

I am so proud of the staff members who work for this passionate team to achieve the planting process in our ASD students! It is very rewarding when we have past ASD students who come to us to apply for a job, and then become excellent mentors for our current students. The ASD passion shows through our staff members, who have been offered and attended many opportunities of professional development this year, and so, they continue to grow in knowledge and skills with each training they attend.

People's lives are constantly in a state of movement, because of family, life, and career commitments – ASD staff is no different. Rich Recker has chosen to move on to new life adventures, but he leaves ASD with many wonderful memories and lessons from his time during the past three and a half years. We have all learned and grown from his passion for education, children, Ashtabula and the world. His children are enrolled in ASD programming, so we will continue to work alongside Rich and his family!

ASD welcomes Dawn Lyons to our Business Office team. She has already helped get us a bit more organized and up to date on paperwork. Welcome Dawn!

ASD also has a new Board of Directors' member, David Thomas. David is the Austinburg Fiscal Agent and the Grand River Academy, Assistant Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations. Welcome David!

It was difficult picking out just a few pictures and articles for this newsletter with all the activities of ASD, it has been a very full year with programming for over eight hundred students registered in one of the many ASD programs.

As we grow, we have been joined by several new community partners. We have loved working with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Grand River Academy Staff and Students, Kingsville Public Library, Ashtabula Arts Center, Ashtabula Truck Driving School, OSU Extension Office and more in the works! Every partner and staff member plants new seeds throughout our program – and the Love of Learning grows!

Linda Coblitz, Executive Director



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

## Discovery Cove, a 21st Century Community Learning Center — Kristyna Keenan

Living and Learning! It's great when they go together! Construction is under way as Discovery Cove students enjoy turning Jumbling towers, big boxes and silly outfits into mornings of play acting, role playing, make believe, house and city planning and much, much more!

Spontaneous jump rope contests keep us all on our toes, as students develop their skills taking turns and jumping in with the rhythm of the rope swing. Kindergarten through sixth grade Discovery Cove students learn to cooperate with each other as they count, keep track of scores and encourage each other to be successful.

Discovery Cove students and Staff are enjoying winter activities and experiencing the benefits that 21st CCLC brings to our site, but they are also gearing up for spring. Students will be pulling out their green thumbs as they venture into planting seeds, studying and recording them as they grow and discovering more about our local plant and animal life.

Keep your eyes peeled as ASD Student's art projects are mounted on the school walls. Strive for Success and 21st CCLC class participants will be displaying "The World", along with Poems created by Strive for Success third graders. Look

for "Imagine a World" at both Michigan and Huron Sites.

*Starry Nights over AACCS Wade Campus!* Earlier this year Discovery Cove students partnered with parents and community members in painting a paneled mural in the style of Van Gogh. Our combined art has become a large, single display hanging in the Michigan Primary main hall. Make sure to stop in this spring to look at everyone's work.



Cup Stacking Strategies



Free-time:  
Dance,  
Building,  
Dress-Up



## ASD exploring our Feathered Friends and Student Empowerment — Becca Stowell

The ASD staff was recently trained in the use of two project-based kits designed by Ashtabula native, Camille Licata. The project-based science kits are an exciting way to study different ecological issues, empowering our youngest citizens to make a difference. K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders are all enveloped in the "Backyard Bird" experience, which raises awareness not only about birds here in Ohio, but birds around the world, their role in our environment, and how and why we as citizens, must take action to ensure our planet remains healthy for all living things. It has been realized, that if we are going to make a lasting impression on our students, that we too, need to embrace this environmentally conscious lifestyle as their coaches. "Walk the walk" in all that we do.

Coaches are setting a good example!

The bird "theme" has been embraced by academic coaches and the ART club, where students will be creating Bird themed art work using all repurposed and recycled materials. Look for opportunities to support our earth friendly stewards in the near future, as they study how to make a difference. We are planning (and planting) BIG things this spring!





## Engaging Partnerships at Strive 4 Success Intermediate

Strive4Success Intermediate is off and running!!! We are excited to have two exciting developments at the Intermediate level. Late in the fall session (2016) we partnered with the Big Brother/Big Sister program and have several fantastic Lakeside High School volunteers as well as their dynamic supervisor, Crystal Rivera, joining us on Thursdays. A few lucky students have been chosen to be part of this program while attending regular Strive programming on Wednesday.

Our other exciting partnership is with the Ashtabula Arts Center. While we have regularly hired Art Center staff to provide music and/or theater clubs with us—we have never brought these newly acquired skills and passion to a performance level. This winter session, students in our Strive Intermediate Theater Club are practicing for a small scale musical, "Summer Camp". Veteran Art Center performer, Josh Theilan, is coaching the students through the whole process, stressing the commitment in such an endeavor, working on voice

projection and enunciation.

The students have already experienced the nerve wracking audition process and realized the importance of working as a team throughout each practice. Smiles are abundant each week despite the hard work they are putting in. Rehearsing their lines and developing their characters reinforces reading fluency and memorization skills. Other benefits to theater would include building confidence, the ability to collaborate with others and artistic expression...not to mention a creative outlet that reduces stress. AND, IT'S FUN!!



*"Summer Camp" Cast*



*Art Club*

## Planting Seeds...

Before, During and After  
Learning is LEARNING!



*"Fossil Study"*



*Stem Challenge*



*Basketball Skills*



*Strive Catapult*



*Self- Defense*



*"CIZE" Dance*



# Planting Seeds...

*Kingsville Library After School Programming. STEM at Kingsville EI and Ridgeview EI for 4th & 5th graders. Yoga and French are also being offered to the 2nd and 3rd graders.*



## I like After School Discovery because.....

Jayden: I get to be with my friends and I like math and going on field trips.

Zontavia: It is cool. It is fun. We learn math.

Joshua: It is cool. Friends, math and science.

Hunter: I get to be with my teachers and learn math and I like to learn.

Josue: We do math and science. I get to play also.



## Fossil Study



## 2017 Annual Appeal

Thank you to all the "Friends of ASD" who have donated to the 2017 Annual Appeal. Your contributions have made planning and programming possible for our students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. ASD has offered many opportunities for academic and art enrichments that would not have been available otherwise. Of course, it is not too late to donate to this year's campaign to *continue planting seeds of growth in our children!*

**Another, easy way to Contribute to the mission.....** Any time you purchase online with Amazon, sign into [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), then choose After School Discovery as your charitable non-profit to receive a small percent of your purchase as a donation to ASD from Amazon. An easy way to make an additional donation to a worthwhile organization.

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## ASD 2017 Calendar

2/6/ - 5/12 DC 21st CCLC

2/8 — 4/28 Strive 4 Success

3/7 —4/11 Tuesdays Ridgeview Elementary After School

3/7—S4S Field Trip to the Ashtabula Co. District Library

3/9 —4/13 Thursdays Kingsville Elementary After School

4/6 Buckeye After School 4th/5th graders to Kent Ashtabula

4/26 S4S Basketball Games  
S4S Parents Visit at Intermediate , 4—6 pm

4/27 S4S Basketball Playoff Enrichment Showcase during the Half-time

4/28— Dance/Pizza Party S4S Grades 4—6 Attendance Award

5/3 S4S 6th graders to Kent Ashtabula

5/5 Outdoor Learning Day for Superior 6th Grade Students

5/11— S4S Intermediate Theatre Performance of "Summer Camp"

4:15 for K-3 S4S followed by a Cinco de Mayo Family Dinner

6:16 S4S Int. Performance for Parents/Community

6/20—7/21 Summer Session 2017 for current 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



## Club 212 meets Strive 4 Success

Stacy Gancos

The Jr High MGC (Making Good Choices) students are partnering with the 5th and 6th grade Strive 4 Success MGC students and have started some response journals. The younger students are very excited to get the opportunity to write to their Lakeside Jr High buddy and get a head start on what junior high life is like. The students are setting some goals, sharing about the positive changes they are making in the classroom, and participating in some activities that stress the importance of the choices you make and the consequences or rewards that will follow! This week I rewarded some of the 6th graders who had the most improvement on behavior and classwork with a trip to Dairy Queen to celebrate their success.



## ASD High School and College Students

*ASD appreciates the level of dedication, hard work and commitment to their community and the ASD students, that our volunteer and paid staff members, who are also in school themselves, give on a regular basis. Thank You !*

Tyler Doyle — 8th grade at Lakeside Jr High School

Marissa McConnell—8th grade at Lakeside Jr High School

Astrit Kololli— Sophomore at Lakeside High School

Lexie Hotz—Junior at Lakeside High School

Shelby Bienko—Freshman at Kent State Ashtabula

Armond Kololli—Freshman at Kent State Ashtabula

Katlyn Kizina—Sophomore at Kent State Ashtabula

Josephine Acord — Senior at Kent State Ashtabula

Melissa Brodhead—Senior at Kent State Ashtabula





# ASD Staff Highlights

## Holly Dillaway, Data & Communications

After School Discovery currently has over 700 students participating in one of our many programs before or after school, from Kindergarten through eighth grade. That's a lot of children ASD supports during their school year!

ASD has started using our cell phone to communicate with parents, recognizing that in our busy lives, a text is easy to read and respond to. If you haven't received a text from Holly yet, and would like to have your information saved in our contact list, please text her at 440-218-0108 and give your name and your child's name so we can get your contact information updated.

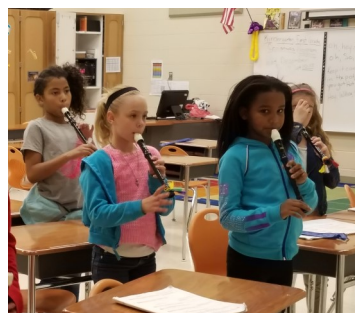
If your address or phone has changed, and we do not get the changes it could create an unsafe situation for

your child. If we provide transportation for your child, without you letting us know about the change, we might try to pick them up at the old address, or try to drop them off at their past address. We want your child to be safe! Please call the ASD business office with any changes (440-993-1060) or text the cell phone.



We also like to communicate via an email if you have provided us with your email. If you would like ASD to add your email address to your information, email us at [info@afterschooldiscovery.com](mailto:info@afterschooldiscovery.com)

We share a lot of pictures of the students in our program on our Facebook page — take the time to “like” us and you will see what we share!



Joan Johnson has been on the ASD staff for over a year. She is a retired elementary school teacher and principal. She also taught music for elementary school children. She is presently teaching recorders to third graders after school. The students are working hard on learning notes and reading music for the recorder. Joan has said “The children love to play which makes my job, fun!”. We all thank Joan for sharing her passion for children and music while planting seeds of sweet notes with our students.



Alyssa Giegerich is a second grade teacher at Michigan Primary. She has been working with After School Discovery for the last four years, and is excited to be a part of a new enrichment program. “Plug into the Past” is all about exploring famous Americans through videos, maps, interactive timelines, books, and most importantly a hands-on activity. These activities help students have a deeper understanding of each famous person and their accomplishments. The journal activity at the end of each session will allow students to

reflect on what they have learned. The more students make learning their own, the more they will retain, and use in their future learning endeavors.



Rikki Piaser has been a substitute teacher for over two years now. He said, “In an effort to help children learn math while also having fun, I joined ASD in February of last year. I always try to build relationships and trust with students by letting them know whatever they want to know about me. I've been playing video games since I was 4, so I always try to use that (usually) mutual interest as a building block. I hope to prove myself as both a positive male role model and something of a friend to the younger generation.”

