



# After School Discovery

December 2017

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



## This Issue:

Thank You!  
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Our ASD students are sending a **THANK YOU**, text style (THX) to all the people who support After School Discovery Programming -- with donations, time, support and space!

**From Becca Stowell:** The Discovery Cove 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC and Strive 4 Success programs ended on a HIGH note with two fantastic attendance award parties! Students with excellent attendance (no more than one absence) and equally good behavior were invited to attend our Dance Parties. The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders celebrated heartily with music and dancing with Ashtabula's local celebrity (American Idol) "TANK", enjoying Minute to Win it games and delicious food as well. The younger set (K-3 grades) partied to DJ Isaiah, complete with GLOW shirts, glow sticks, lights and games!

Strive 4 Success Intermediate students began their career exploration unit watching "Real World" videos about varied and creative careers in science and technology. In addition, they enjoyed excellent, interactive presentations from three different presenters: Chromaflo engineering, Ashtabula County Tourism, and OSU Agriculture. *Career Heroes*, fun and interactive cards that promote career exploration and literacy were introduced, with plans to continue their variety of uses in the next session. The plan to expand career knowledge and a greater understanding of financial responsibility is slated for our winter session starting in February. We believe that exposure to future possibilities and realities will provide a more tangible reason for students to apply themselves and provide practical applications for the knowledge they are acquiring in school.



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# Planting Seeds... Always!

*Seven of the current ASD staff or Board Members were in an After School Discovery program when they were in elementary school! Each one of them has different memories and life lessons learned from the ASD programs that they participated in.*

**Megan Reichert:** Participated in Tennis Skills in 4th grade and then went on to play tennis in junior high, high school and varsity tennis in college. Megan is teaching tennis skills in our Strive 4 Success program to 4th through 6th graders.

**Melissa Brodhead:** Moved to Ohio in 5th grade and joined ASD, where she made new friends, and learned teamwork, along with the academics. "I feel my experience as a child in the program helps me connect with my students now. Working for ASD has truly expanded my life and potential in a positive and impactful way!" Melissa is an academic coach and photography instructor for ASD.



**Jenna Balasz:** "My best memory of ASD would be when Inlet Dance company came and taught us. I always loved learning and performing with all the other elementary schools for the end of session showcase. ASD has taught me to love helping people and to 'Pay Kindness Forward'. I am currently in school for Pediatric Nursing while working for ASD part time. " Jenna is an activity coach for ASD's Discovery Cove.

**Freya DiPierro:** "I always loved making things in woodshop, cooking class and art, along with dancing with the Inlet Dance troupe and still continue to enjoy the skills learned at ASD. I liked being with my friends after school, and not just being at home watching TV." Freya is an activity coach for ASD's Discovery Cove while attending classes at Kent State Ashtabula.



**Buddy Candela:** "I remember having a lot of various experiences. Everything from art to chess to legos, to just being able to learn how to interact with new students from different schools and classes. I remember the teachers were always very nice and encouraging. I feel as if I learned how to be creative and I transferred my creativity to filmmaking, along with a new interest in oil painting." Buddy has filmed and directed the current ASD videos on you tube.





- ♦ **Discovery Cove at Michigan Primary Building**
- ♦ open Monday through Friday, from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm
- ♦ Open to students attending the AACCS 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.

DC 21st CCLC programming is held during 25 weeks of the school year, which adds more opportunities for academic and enrichment activities at no additional charge.

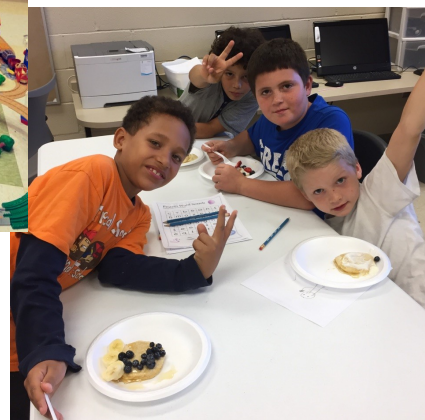
Discovery Cove welcomes Josephine Acord to the position of the lead teacher for grades 4 through 6. Josephine has been working for ASD in the Intermediate Strive 4 Success Program for two years, and is also attending Kent State Ashtabula toward her bachelor's degree.

*Registration forms are now available for the 2017 – 2018 school year at the ASD Business Office or at the AACCS elementary school offices. Discovery Cove is a safe, secure environment where seeds are continually planted to reinforce the love of learning.*

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Discovery Cove time  
at building/  
transportation center  
and Fun with Food



## Parent Survey Comments:

Mrs. Bartunek: Thank You for the wonderful programming. It is wonderful that his before school care is enriching his experiences and his education!

Mrs. Lillis: My son absolutely loves the program., and so did my other boys. Thanks for running such a wonderful program, which also helps the working parent while the kids benefit from it.

Dr. Dofflemyer: My daughter really enjoys her time in Discovery Cove. Discovery Cove keeps her active, educated and happy during the time she is there.

Ms. Valentine: ASD Staff are doing amazing job with the students...Keep it up and THANK YOU!

Anonymous: Our family has been through a lot of difficult times and this is one way I know my child can get positive time. Thank you for all you do.

Mrs. Guyton: I love ASD programs and staff. All the staff care so much for the kids and the activities are fun and really help them with life skills , ie YOGA.

Parents from Lights on Afterschool Event: "You all have had a big positive influence in my child's life. She has advanced in reading thanks to you all." "

# Thank You 2017 - 2018 Annual Appeal Donors

Much appreciation and thanks to the following people who have kicked off our annual donation appeal! Please consider a donation to After School Discovery to help us continue to plant seeds of learning and kindness!

Melissa & Shawn Aiken  
Rev David Anderson  
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Young Men's Social Club

Smile.Amazon.com (You purchase and Amazon donates!)

ASD is Appreciative of the opportunity to apply and then receive a grant donation from Ducro Services and the Mathews Children's Foundation to go toward our student field trips



## ASD 2017 - 2018 Calendar

2017  
12/1/17 Last Day of S4S & DC 21st  
CCLC programming

2018  
2/5/18 DC 21st CCLC  
2/5/18 S4S Winter Begins  
2/8/18 P/T Conferences, no DC 21st  
CCLC or S4S (PM)

5/4/18 DC 21st & S4S ends  
5/25/17 Discovery Cove last Day  
(am only) also the last Student  
School Day at AACs

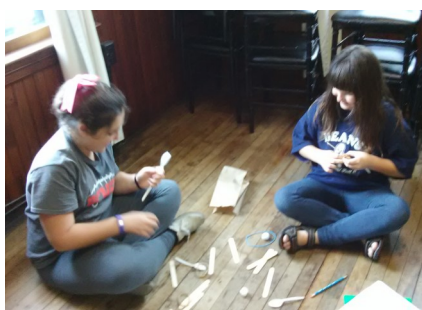
6/19/17 - 7/27/18  
Summer of Discovery  
Grades 1 - 6  
(No SOD the WEEK of July 2nd)



Parent, Jaworski Pope; Activity Coach, Katlyn Kizina and STEM instructor Cathy Novak. Lights on After School Event, 10/24/17



Kingsville Library  
Fall ASD  
Programming:  
Snacks around  
the world and  
STEAM works!





**David Thomas:** I remember helping to cook and learn about food, also nearly blowing up my beaker at KSU Ashtabula with Pat Flash. The seed planted in me from ASD is the quest for answering questions and learning new experiences. I still love to cook, put things together and know the importance of education.” David is now on the ASD Board of Directors.



**Peyton Longden:** “As a

student ASD has given me the opportunity to explore different interests and ideas in addition to interacting with people who encouraged the pursuit of these interests and ideas. As part of the staff I get the opportunity to encourage students of my own to new ideas. I was also able to use the connections I made as a student to help me as an instructor.” Peyton is a STEM Challenge instructor for the ASD Kingsville Library Program.

# Strive 4 Success

Academic Coaching - Reading & Listening Skills

**Sentence Construction with Magnet words**



**STEM Challenge**

**Writing Workshop**



## Primary

\*Glow Dance Party Celebration  
Working on telling time better\*





# Strive 4 Success

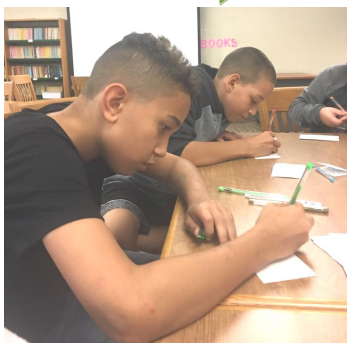
Academic Coaching for 1 Hour

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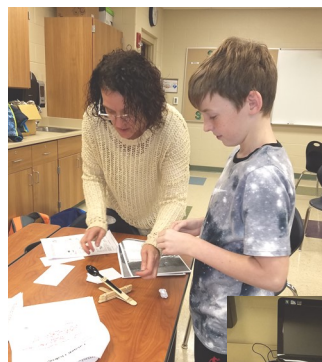
Enrichment of Choice for 1 Hour

## Intermediate

MGC Club with Stacy Gancos



Soccer Skills with Nathan Summers



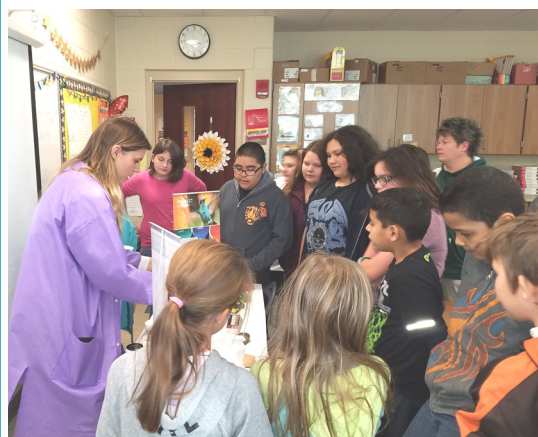
Parent S4S Open House. Parents could see first hand and participate with their child during S4S



Babysitting skills with Jodi Fowler

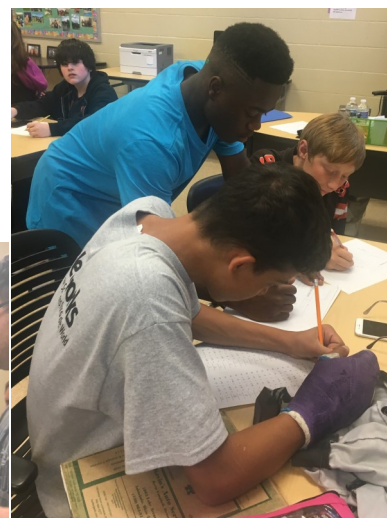


Tennis Skills with Megan Reichert



Career Expo Day at Strive 4 Success. Chromaflo presenting a Science Experiment.

## Club 212 LJHS



Club 212 Homework Time but a snack first!



Running Club (Chris Powers) students participated in the Icabod One Mile Run and the Jingle Bell One mile

