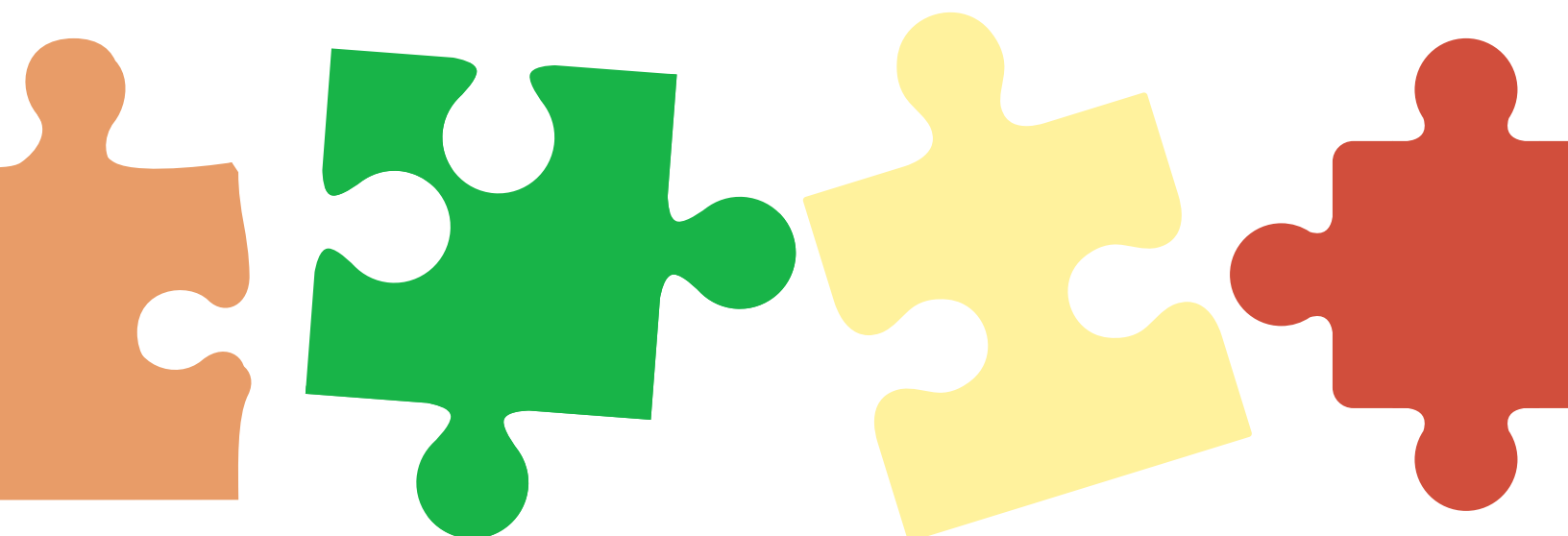


# CCA NEWS

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### What's Happening at CCA

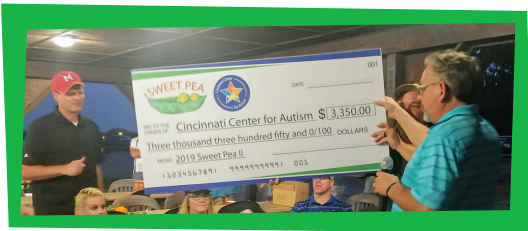
CCA staff and students have had a ball celebrating fall fun! From pumpkin decorating to sensory bins to hay rides, there has been fun in store for all of our students.

The SweetPea Golf Outing was an extreme success! We thank Tony Seals for choosing CCA to be the recipients of the generosity in honor of Carol Seals. We are so lucky to have a community of support that helps make CCA so great. CCA has expanded our educational and behavioral program. We have hired 2 new Intervention Specialists, and 1 new BCBA, and created another BCBA Fellowship Position for a recently certified BCBA.

With all the handwork, there's been no shortage of fun at CCA as students have participated in the Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati's Great Pumpkin Race, Agricultural Day, an Art Expo, a Fall Festival, and more! It's always great to see the fun events that our programming committee and our teachers create for our students.

## SweetPea 2 Golf Outing

A sincere thank you to the 88 golfers that participated in the Second Annual SweetPea Golf Outing. The SweetPea Golf Outing, created by Tony Seals, commemorates the memory of Carol Seals, his wife, who served her community and helped others. This year, CCA was the beneficiary. A goal of \$4,000 was set, but donors more than tripled this by raising over \$14,000! The golfers worked up quite an appetite but our very own Alex and Mr. Brian delivered sandwiches and chips to help out. Alex also had the opportunity to learn how to drive a golf cart, which seemed to be the highlight of his day! CCA will gladly accept golf cart donations for our new driver's education program run by Maintenance Man, Brian.



## Art Expo

Our students had the chance to show off their creative side by participating in our first Art Expo. Crafts, activities, and projects were planned for the staff and students that incorporated fine motor skills, creativity, and thinking outside of the box! You can see the results of their hard work on display in the classrooms and halls of CCA.



## Upcoming Events

**October 31st: Trick-or-Treating**  
Students will go door-to-door to each classroom to practice trick or treating. Costumes are encouraged by all students and staff, but aren't required!

**November 1st: Family Night**  
Families and friends are invited to come to CCA after hours for a sensory-friendly night to enjoy with staff and classmates!

**November 15th: PTO Meeting**  
Join our PTO at 9:00am in the CCA conference room for a Meet and Greet to learn more about the PTO. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

## Donation Request

CCA is in need of a few items for our gym and fitness program. We are in search of a treadmill, and a stationary bike for student use. Reach out to Sam Anderson if you have any equipment you'd like to donate!



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## Agricultural Day

Each year we are joined by the Future Farmers of America for a day of farming and fun. Students have the opportunity to interact with goats, chickens, and bunnies in a safe and comfortable environment. They learn about animals, gardening, farming, and more through fun activities, crafts, and games. Thanks to our special guests for making this day educational and fun for our crew!



## ASGC Great Pumpkin Race

The Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati kicked off the fall weather with a festive fundraiser, The Great Pumpkin Race. CCA students got in on the fun by decorating and submitting their pumpkin race cars for the competition. Each classroom had a different focus while decorating their pumpkin. The younger students practiced taking turns, or using their painting skills, while older students worked hard on assembling the axels and wheels, or just showed off their creative style! Overall, a great time for all!



## The Ohio Speederbike

CCA wants to extend an extra special thank you to The Ohio Speederbike, a local group that created a scale replica of a Star Wars z-74 Speederbike, and now travels the country showing displays and donating to charities! We cannot express how deep our gratitude is for your absolute generosity!

## ETHAN Movie Showing

Employees from CCA had the privilege of attending the Over-The-Rhine International Film Festival to see a showing of the documentary *ETHAN*. The OTR Film Festival features shorts and films from a wide range of movie makers with themes of freedom, identity, diversity, disability, and faith. *ETHAN* is a short that follows Ethan, a young man with autism, and his family, for 12 years. It is a great showing of the triumphs, troubles, laughter, and more, to which so many of our students and families can relate.

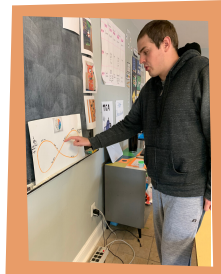
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## Zones Tool of the Week

The Zones of Regulation is a conceptual framework used to teach students self-regulation by helping them recognize their feelings and states of alertness and categorize them into 4 different colored zones. Students learn strategies, or tools, to help move between the zones. In order to help our students explore new tools and learn what tools work best for them in different situations or zones, CCA teaches a school wide "Tool of the Week". Each week, we introduce a different tool, which students can practice using anytime and anywhere! Check out our first two tools, Wall Push-Ups, and Lazy 8 Breathing.



## Fall Festival

Hayrides, pumpkin decorating, face painting, photo booths, and games, oh my! Students sure did have a great time at their Fall Festival. Check out some of the great activities that helped our students ring in autumn!



## Music Therapy

Welcome to our new Music Therapist, Bekah! Bekah Woeste joined Keys for Success in May 2019 and provides school-based and individual services in Cincinnati, Batesville, and Lawrenceburg. Bekah graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2018 with her Bachelor of Arts in music therapy with an emphasis on voice and piano. After graduation, she completed a 7 month internship at Bridgeway Academy in Columbus, OH, an ABA-Based therapeutic school for students from preschool through 12th grade with developmental and intellectual disabilities. In college, Bekah had the opportunity to complete a summer term studying music therapy in Treasure Beach, Jamaica, working with a variety of age groups and health care settings including the NICU and rehabilitative homes for the elderly.



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