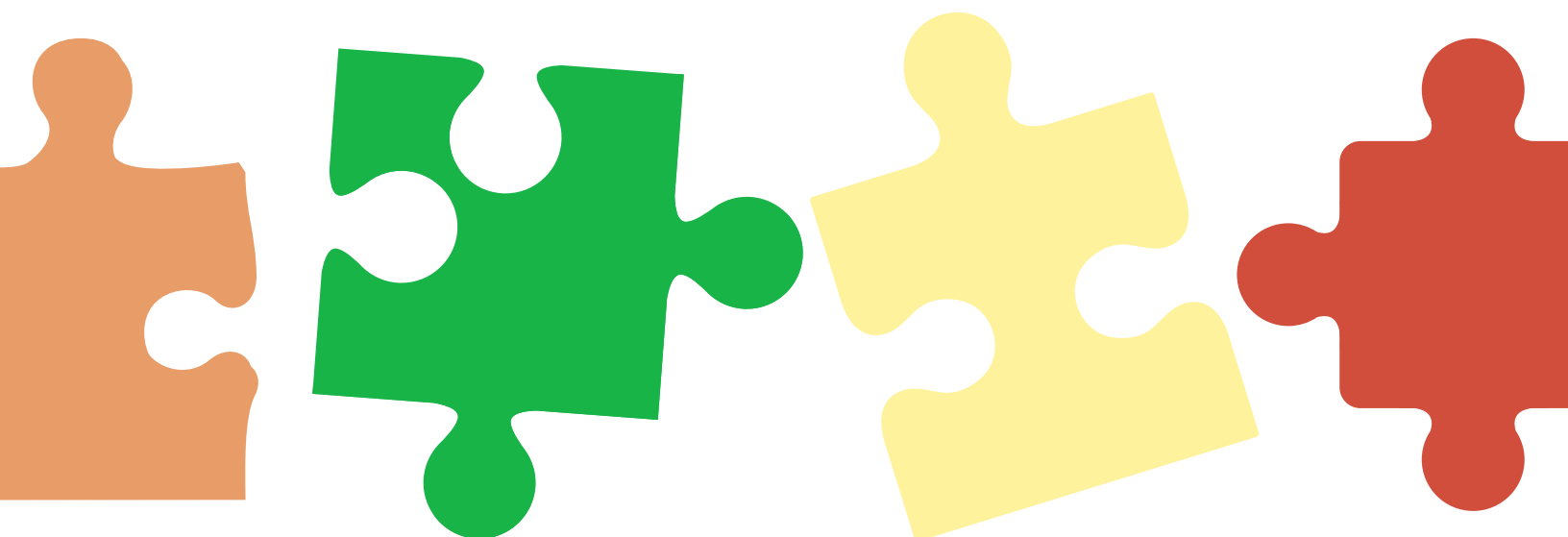


CCA NEWS

Fall 2020



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Susie's Corner

What's Happening at CCA

As we brave the winter months we have exciting developments! We are finalizing plans for staff to receive the vaccine and are completing the Behavior Health Center of Excellence recertification. I hope to have more information to report for the winter newsletter.

It's funny to think that "masks" "social distance" and "COVID" have become part of our everyday vocabulary since March. Although it has been a tough year, we appreciate the continued support from our families, staff, and friends of CCA. I want to thank families for supporting our Remote Learning plan following the two-week winter break, from January 4 to January 8. We were successful in minimizing the risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19. As always, the health and safety of our staff and students is our top priority.

Enjoy reading through our Fall newsletter to see the fun activities our students completed in the past three months. From participating in Fitness Challenges, to trick-or-treating in a socially-distanced fashion, to decorating turkeys for Thanksgiving. As you can see, our team has found numerous ways to keep in high spirits during this tumultuous time.

I want to once again thank you for entrusting your children's educational and behavioral programming to our CCA staff. It is during this turbulent time that we appreciate all we have, cherish each other, and hope to remain safe and healthy. I know this requires vigilance and reminders to protect ourselves and others by wearing masks, socially distancing and sanitizing and washing our hands frequently. I look forward to a time that we can all be together!

Agricultural Day

October 6th, CCA held our annual Agricultural Day in partnership with The Fayetteville Future Farmers of America (FFA). Our staff and students were thrilled that we could continue this tradition, while putting in place a few extra health and safety precautions. The FFA was accompanied by some furry friends - 2 goats, a rabbit, and a chicken. They also shared a presentation on how pumpkins are grown! We were lucky to have had beautiful weather and very knowledgeable guests who taught our students more about agriculture and answer all of our inquiring minds' questions. Fun Fact: a pygmy goat has four stomach chambers where they can store food to use later if food is not readily available, which is why they are considered a hardy animal!



Upcoming Dates

January 20th: Parent Teacher Organization Virtual Meeting

January 29th: Student celebrate National Puzzle Day

February 8th-11th: Valentine's Day Spirit Week

February 12th: Staff Development Day, no school!

February 15th: President's Day, no school!

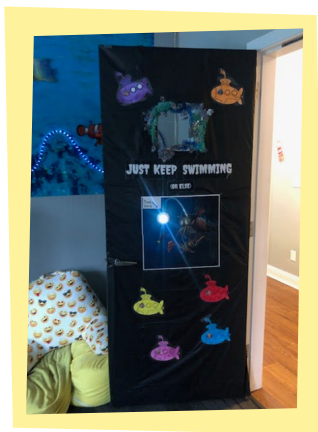


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October

In October, our students were excited to celebrate Halloween. Although we couldn't hold our typical school wide trick-or-treating, students still found plenty of ways to partake in Halloween traditions! Students and staff decorated their classroom doors to get in the spirit of Halloween! Check out some classroom doors that were decorated below!

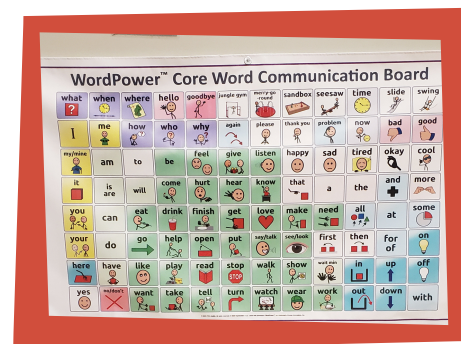


Core Word

Communication

The Speech Therapy Team is excited to share that there is now a large Core Word Communication Board on the wall in the gym. This is a low-tech communication board with pictures/symbols very similar to many of our students' communication devices.

Children who use AAC face a unique challenge at recess. When playing outside or in the gym with their classmates, taking an AAC device with them means the device can get broken, lost, or be a burden to carry around. But without it, there is no way for the child to communicate with their friends or teachers. Due to this challenge, we have purchased a Core Word Playground Sign. This sign displays core words that make up the vast majority of words a child uses in their daily communication. The sign can be used with students who are minimally verbal to increase communication or with students who are verbal and are working on increasing their length of utterances and learning to use communication for a variety of functions.



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November

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Family Night this year. However, our team made an amazing Winter Activity Book to provide parents with recipes, games, and more fun activities to complete at home! Students also participated in Thanksgiving programming activities. Many students (and staff!) helped "disguise" turkeys so they wouldn't become part of the Thanksgiving feast this year! Check out these undercover turkey creations!



CCA Fitness

In an effort to promote movement and physical activity, CCA Fit continues to encourage students to participate in monthly fitness challenges. Classrooms compete to see who can complete the most repetitions of the given exercise of the month. The competition consists of 3 "conferences" grouped by age and ability: OHIO Conference, HAMILTON Conference, and CINCY Conference. At the end of the month, points are tallied and winners are announced. First time winners receive CCA Fit T-shirts. Repeat winners receive an ice cream or pizza party of their choice (all items individually packed to ensure health and safety during the pandemic).

Fall Exercises:

September: Jumping Jacks

Winners: Explorers & Rangers

October: Arm Circles

Winners: Explorers & Ocean

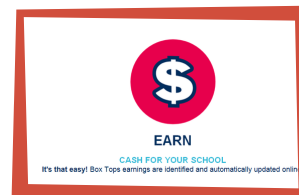
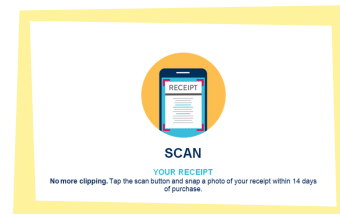
November: Knee Drives

Winners: Explorers & Rangers

Ways to Donate

Want to help donate to Cincinnati Center for Autism? Box Tops have made it even easier to help. Download the Box Tops app on your smartphone and sign up. Follow the guided instructions and select Cincinnati Center for Autism as your school. Next, simply look for the Box Tops logo while shopping at your local grocery store. Use the scan button on the app to snap a picture of your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Based on eligible purchases, Box Tops will then update your earnings. CCA will receive bi-annual checks and use the donation to help buy materials for students! Visit the link below for more information:

<https://www.bboxtops4education.com/refer>



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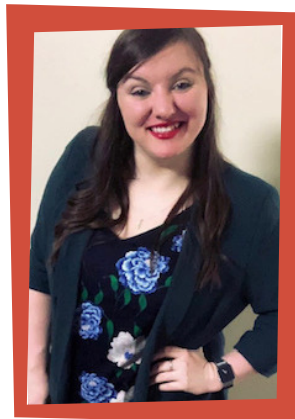
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Meet the Staff

This year, we have added a lot of new faces to the CCA family. Below you will get to know more about Kari Mumaw a Primary School Supervising BCBA and Katelynn Reader a Secondary School Intervention Specialist.

Meet Kari!

Hello! My name is Kari Mumaw and I am the new BCBA in the primary school. I am so excited to be here! I have lived and worked all over Ohio for the last ten years, but I am originally from this area. My husband and I, along with our three dogs, recently decided to move back here to be closer to my family, and I am so thankful that I have found CCA! I am looking forward to getting to know all of you!



Meet Katelynn!

Hey there! My name is Kate Reader and I am so excited to be joining the CCA community. I graduated from West Virginia University with my Masters Degree in Elementary and Special Education. This is currently my third year teaching and I am loving it! In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and going to sporting events. I really look forward to an incredible year here!



Amazon Wish List

Cincinnati Center for Autism's Wish List is a registry of items to help enhance our school and classrooms throughout the academic year. Amazon offers the ease of shipping items directly to CCA! These supplies are essential to fostering success in the classrooms and for our students at CCA. To continue supporting each child's potential to learn and grow, please consider shopping our wish list. A link will be provided in an email sent by our Building Administrator.



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you* ❤️

CCA Spiritwear

If you missed out on ordering CCA spiritwear this fall, no problem at all! We will be offering another opportunity to browse and purchase online. Keep an eye out for more information regarding how and where to purchase! Links will be send via email and posted on our Facebook page.



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