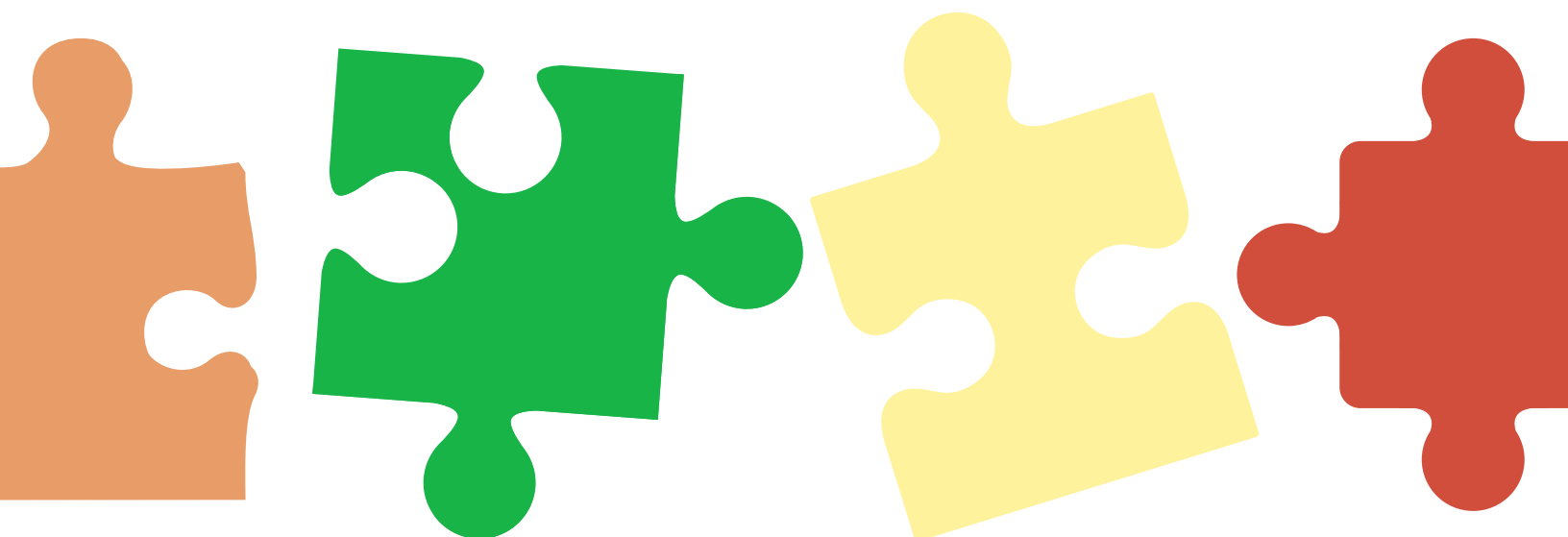


CCA NEWS

Spring 2021



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Susie's Corner

What's Happening at CCA

The 2020-2021 school year is over and behind us- and it was definitely a year we will never forget! Ironically, as I think of our accomplishments this past year I think of COVID. Even though it was a challenging year there was much to celebrate. We were able to remain open (with only a few disruptions to programming), we offered vaccinations to all staff in early March, we received a 2-year reaccreditation through the Behavior Health Center of Excellence (BHCOE), and we had our biggest graduation class, which we celebrated with an outdoor ceremony and party. In addition to all the school year success, we were able to continue our summer program. Perhaps one of the most exciting successes was keeping all of our staff employed without any layoffs. And finally, we are excited to again host in-house meetings and provide tours to visitors and new families.

I cannot end without thanking our wonderful families for their support this past year. When we asked for help, parents were so supportive and went above the call. They provided microwaves, air condition units, cleaning supplies and paper goods.

We are excited about the 2021-2022 school year approaching. We are planning and looking forward to being together in-person. In parting, we will always remember the past year and remember the family members and friends we have lost to COVID. May their memories always be for a blessing.

Spring Celebrations

Throughout the month of March, our students celebrated the end of winter and the welcoming of Spring with a variety of activities. To kick off the month, we celebrated National Popcorn Lovers' Day on March 11th with lots of yummy snacks. Students were able to make popcorn and add in candy on top as a sweet little treat.

The following week, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by showing off our green spirited outfits! Fun Fact: the odds of finding a real four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000! Legend states that each leaf of clover represents: hope, love, faith and luck.

BHCOE Reaccreditation

We are so proud of our team for earning the Behavioral Health Center of Excellence Re-Accreditation for 2 years. The process of accreditation includes a rigorous review of CCA's programming, interviews with staff and families, and a virtual visit to the center. This accomplishment could not have been done without such hardworking and dedicated professionals who are committed to delivering the highest quality of services.



Upcoming Dates

June 7th-25: Summer Session 1

June 28th-July 9th: Vacation

July 12th-July 30th: Summer Session 2

August 2nd-6th: Vacation

August 9th-17: Staff Development

August 16th: Parent Meeting at 6:00 pm

August 18th: First Day of Services

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 support the success of our students in their day-to-day programming 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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Autism Acceptance Month

April was especially exciting this year, as Ohio officially recognized it as Autism Acceptance Month. At CCA, we were excited to spend the month celebrating and spreading Autism awareness, acceptance and advocacy. For the first week of celebrations, CCA staff and students sported their favorite CCA gear. Throughout the month, students participated in various activities including decorating cookies, painting rocks for the CCA flower beds and gardens, and dressing in their favorite themes for spirit week. During spirit week, students and staff dressed in their pajamas, wore their favorite hats, and donned their wackiest outfits, including silliest socks.



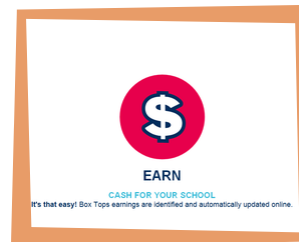
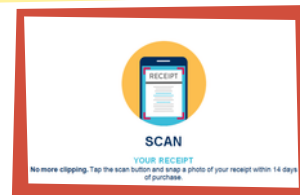
Swing into Action

Our Spring "Swing into Action" Fundraiser was a huge success thanks to the support of our community! We were so excited to have surpassed our original goal and raised over \$3,000! With the money raised, we will be able to enhance our sensory gym and calming rooms to support all of our students. These sensory spaces allow children to self regulate their emotions in a controlled environment outside of the classroom. The new equipment will allow our staff to work more effectively with our students using approaches that are customized to each child's individual needs. Again, we are so fortunate to have such a supportive community and we cannot thank everyone enough for their generosity and donations!



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.boxtops4education.com/refer>



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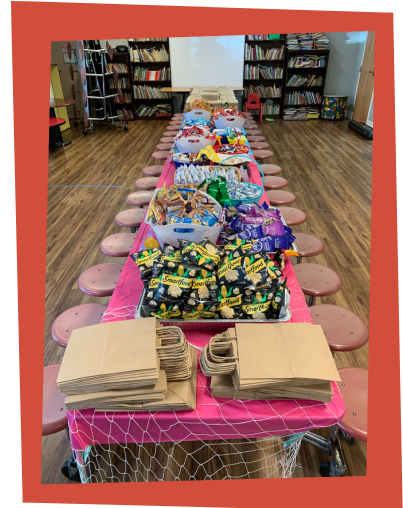
Graduation

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! This year, we had our largest graduation class; 4 students celebrated their graduations and received their diploma from CCA. Families, classmates, teachers and members of the CCA team were able to witness this exciting outdoor graduation ceremony. We are beyond proud of their hard work and dedication! ork and dedication.



Teacher Appreciation

The week of May 2, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by celebrating all of our staff. We are so grateful to have such wonderful, hardworking and dedicated teachers at CCA!. The PTO organized a luncheon to show their appreciation and end the school year!



Cicadas at CCA

Brood X has landed and invaded the grounds of CCA! Students and staff have gone hands on in learning all about cicadas. Science, art, and math activities have included these little (or not so little!) insects all month.



CCA Fitness

Spring Exercises:
March: High Knee Jacks
Winners: Explorers

April: Arm Crossovers
Winners: Explorers

May: Windmill
Winners: Owls & Explorers

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