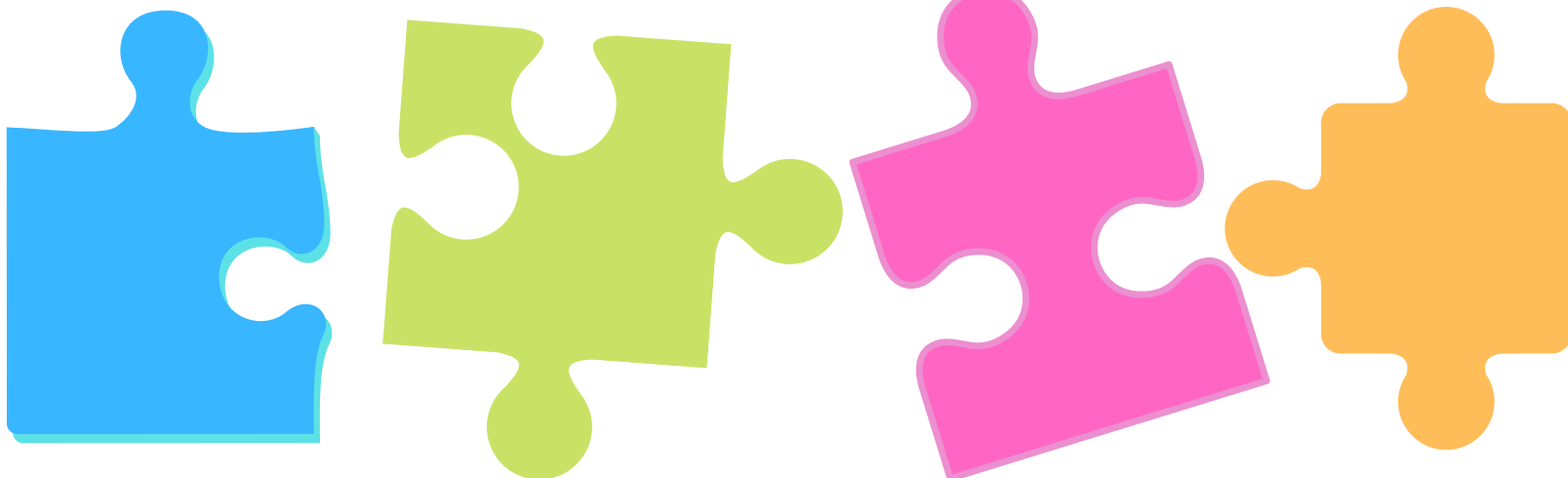




CCA NEWS

Spring 2022



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Susie's Corner

What's Happening at CCA

It is hard to believe it is May and we are wrapping up the school year. Where has the time gone? I know we have been busy, especially this month. We celebrated our awesome teaching and behavioral staff last week with daily snacks and drinks culminating with a lunch on Friday. We are in the process of planning the Family Picnic scheduled for May 20th, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. I hope to see everyone there. If you have not already RSVP'd, please call Karsen at 513-874-6789 or email her at kcronin@cincinnati-center-for-autism.org. In addition, this month we are finalizing planning and enrollment for our summer program. We are excited about the schedule change and moving toward an 11-month program.

The CCA golf outing is June 10th at Glenview Golf Course. I know you keep receiving emails regarding this fundraiser. These fundraisers are important so we can continue to provide quality services and serve children in the community. Our services are expensive to maintain and fundraising is a way to support keeping our costs low for families. Please support this event!

I think everyone will be happy with the CCA yearbook. The pictures are amazing and I cannot wait for parents to see their children participating in activities.

As we close the school year, I want to thank staff, parents, and of course our awesome students for making this year so successful! What an exciting year for our students as we have finally been able to lift many COVID restrictions and get back in the community and unmask in our interactions! Our students have enjoyed monthly themed activities planned by our lovely therapy department, volunteer and leisure opportunities to various locations in the community, and the entrepreneurial endeavors of starting a new student-led business and completing a number of successful holiday merchandise sales. Internally, we have streamlined our data analysis and communication, through acquiring a center-wide electronic data collection system and initiating SameGoal, a digital platform for IEP collaboration. Also, throughout the year we have been growing our school consultation program and have successfully been supporting districts to provide foundational behavioral intervention for many of their students. Additionally, with the support of a consultant, we have developed our transition program for our older students and look forward to kicking this off next year.

Lastly, we were finally able to open CCA for tours. There is much to be thankful for. Have a nice summer!

Mount Notre Dame (MND) Senior Capstone Project

Susie was fortunate to participate in the Mount Notre Dame Senior Capstone Project panel held on March 15, 2022. She was a panelist evaluating six seniors' Capstone Projects. Each student presented their project and the panelists offered written and verbal feedback. Each senior completed a project through service learning. "This Capstone Project uses service as an opportunity to demonstrate leadership while benefiting the community and educating others". This was an amazing opportunity to be part of the community and meet many future leaders. "The MND staff were wonderful to work with and I hope it will provide opportunities in the future for our students to work together."



Golf Outing

REMINDER: THERE IS STILL TIME TO SUPPORT THE CINCINNATI CENTER FOR AUTISM ANNUAL GOLF OUTING!

The golf outing will be held on Friday, June 10th 2022.
Glenview Golf Course
10965 Springfield Pike

- 1:00 PM SHOTGUN START
- REGISTRATION AND BOX LUNCH PICK-UP STARTING AT 12:00 PM
- \$600 FOR A TEAM OF 4
- INCLUDES: GOLF CARTS, GREEN FEES, REFRESHMENTS, LUNCH, DINNER, AND WELCOME BAG
- SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE!



Upcoming Dates

- May 20th: Family Night End of Year Picnic
- May 26th: Last Day of Services
- May 27th: Staff Development & Parent Conferences
- May 30th: Memorial Day
- June 6th: First Day of Summer Services
- June 10th: Annual Golf Outing
- July 1st: Last Day of Summer Services
- July 4th-29th: Summer Vacation
- August 1st-5th: Staff Development
- August 8th-12th: Transition Back to School Week
- August 15th: Staff Development & Parent Meeting
- August 16th: First Day of Services

PTO Group

Parents, please consider joining our PTO group. It meets once a month on Wednesday nights via Zoom at 6:30pm. It is a way to interact with other parents to share and support each other. The PTO group has been amazing in supporting the needs of staff and students.

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CCA Aluminum Can Drive

An ongoing act of kindness in the Space Travelers' classroom is volunteering each month at Heartt Animal Refuge. Students change out bedding for the cats, refill water bowls and help to vacuum and sweep around the shelter. In February, CCA hosted an aluminum can drive for Heartt. Heartt uses proceeds from aluminum recycling to provide food and medical care for the animals they serve. CCA turned this opportunity into a fun, healthy competition to see which classroom donated the most cans. The winning classroom was provided with a pizza party. We will continue to collect cans throughout the remainder of the school year, so please keep sending in your cans!



Random Acts of Kindness

The Space Travelers classroom delivered goodie bags to the Springdale Police Department in February as part of their random acts of kindness month. The students assembled the bags as a vocational task and then dropped them off to the community resource officer.



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.



PTO Breakfast

A huge shout-out to the PTO for presenting the CCA staff with a wide spread of delicious breakfast foods in February. We are so thankful for your thoughtfulness and all that you continue to do for CCA!



Service Learning Students Project

CCA had the opportunity to host 10 service learning students from the University of Cincinnati during the months of February through April. These students were from the UC College of Allied Health Sciences and were required to complete 20 service hours by volunteering at local organizations. During their time at our center, some of the students volunteered in classrooms while others helped our BCBA's and Educational Coordinator prepare activities and materials for lessons. We are so grateful for all of their help this semester!

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Meet the Staff

Hannah Cope

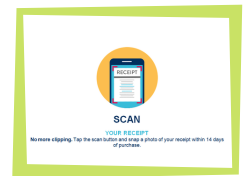
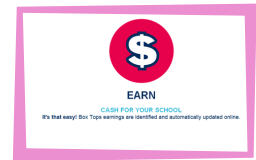


Hannah Cope, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), supports students in the Secondary School (ages 11 years and older). She is in her third year of working at CCA. In that time, she has worked in various classrooms in the Secondary School. Hannah's undergraduate degree is in Psychology and Master's degree is in Applied Behavior Analysis. She is passionate about creating positive change and building a climate of acceptance, dignity, and confidence for the students she supports. She is so excited to be a part of the BCBA team at CCA! When not at CCA, Hannah enjoys cooking, baking, reading, yoga, and attending local live music events. Hannah welcomes any questions that anyone has and can be reached at hcopes@cincinnati-center-for-autism.org or (513) 874-6789.

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.bxxtops4education.com/refer>

Please don't forget you can also donate through AmazonSmile and Kroger rewards. If you need help signing up, please contact us for more information.



Ally Engel

Ally Engel, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), supports students in the Primary School. Ally is excited to continue working in the Primary School. She has worked in the Primary School in various different classrooms for almost three years. Ally's undergraduate degree is in Child & Family Studies and her Master's degree is in Education and the Fundamentals of Applied Behavior Analysis. Outside of school, Ally enjoys being outdoors, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. Ally looks forward to getting to know you and your child better throughout the year. Do not hesitate to contact Ally with any questions or concerns.

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