



CCA NEWSLETTER

November 2023

A Message from the Director

Written by Susie Wolfe

It is hard to believe it is November and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. There has been a lot going on at CCA so far this school year. Since announcing the acquisition of our new building, we have been hard at work meeting with architects and contractors. We are excited about the plans for renovations and setting our sights on the future growth of CCA. Staff were able to visit the new building on one of our Staff Development Day and were able to voice suggestions on how to help us plan for the most effective facility for staff and students.

Each year, the Fayetteville-Perry FFA brings farm animals and activities for our annual Agriculture Day. It is truly one of the best events of the year. The animals they bring vary from year to year, but this year our students (and staff!) enjoyed interacting with goats, chickens, rabbits, and miniature horses! CCA held its annual Trunk-or-Treat, another favorite event for CCA, and were pleased to see so many of our families partake in all the fun! We are excited to be able to continue this tradition. For the third year in a row, we were the lucky recipients of a donation from Matthew Wells' Comi Con group from the Cincinnati Comic Expo. We are so appreciative of this group and look forward to this event each year.

Let Your Soul Shine Photography, the company who takes our student pictures, is holding a small fundraiser for CCA and offering Holiday Mini Photo Sessions. Please come out and support this event! It will be held on Saturday, November 18th & Sunday, November 19th. Reservations are required - link on page three.

As we move forward developing opportunities for students, staff, and families, I need to remind families that we still need your support. Support can look differently for everyone. Some of the ways you can participate is through attending PTO meetings, fundraising, donations, and chaperoning/sponsoring field trips. Please contact me if you have questions on how to participate. I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and, if you are traveling, be safe!

Comic Con

Cincinnati Center for Autism would like to give a huge thank you to The Ohio Speederbike, Ohio Garrison - 501st Legion, Apollo Base - Rebel Legion, Rancor Clan (OH Mandalorian Mercs Chapter), Galaxy United, and Roxy the Rancor for collecting donations for our organization at the 2023 Cincinnati Comic Expo. They raised over \$3,200 for CCA and we could not be more grateful for their continued support. This year's donations will go toward purchasing AAC devices for our speech department. With these devices, the Speech Therapists will be able to trial devices with students to determine the best way to support their speech needs.

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Upcoming Dates

November 20th-24th:
Thanksgiving Break - CCA Closed:

December 14th: Parent
Conferences

December 20th-January 2nd:
Winter Break - CCA Closed

January 3rd: Staff Development
Day - No Student Services



Agricultural Day



Each year, Cincinnati Center for Autism welcomes visitors from Fayetteville-Perry High School's 4 H club for Agricultural Day. These volunteers bring farm animals and activities for the students for a day of educational activities and fun! The CCA students had a blast getting to interact with horses, goats, and chickens this year! This annual event is one of CCA's favorites!



Trunk-or-Treat

CCA's annual Trunk-or-Treat was a great success again this year! CCA students and families joined us for a night of costumes, treats, games, and activities. The CCA staff went all out in creating "spooktacular" trunks and the students came dressed to impress. One of our staff members even dressed up, walked around on stilts and created balloon animals for the kids! We were thrilled to see over 25 of our students and families attend this year's event.

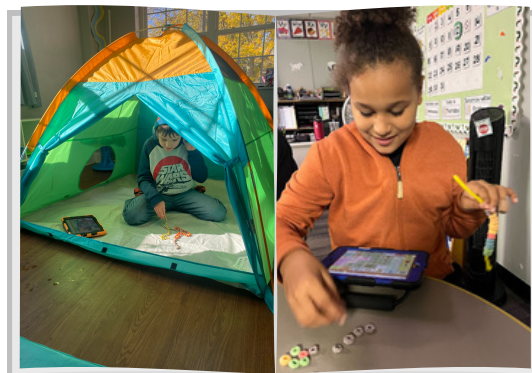


Therapy Groups



In October, the therapy department started "Breakfast Club", a school-wide food program focused on positive food exposure and exploration. Apples will be introduced in November!

Students' speech and occupational therapy sessions will also follow a new and exciting theme each month. In October, students engaged in a variety of 'Camping' activities during individual therapy sessions. They also participated in combined speech & OT group sessions with their classroom peers. Group activities included sensory bins and guessing games for students to test their senses of touch and sound. November's therapy theme is 'Transportation Station'!



Transition Program



The T.I.M.E program students have been busy so far this school year. We are volunteering at Meals on Wheels, putting together snack boxes every Monday. Tuesdays a group goes to The Laundry Spot to work on job skills. Wednesdays we go to Matthew 25 and help them sort or pack items to be donated around the world. We have been to Crayons to Computers doing various jobs in their facility. We help make dog treats at Brew Haus Bakery. Also, we have a group going to Pohlman Lanes to work and then enjoy a few frames of bowling.

The students have been able to work on their community skills at places such as Blue Ash Chili, Five Below, Dollar Tree, Loveland Castle, Winton Woods Park, Valley Thrift Store, Burwinkle Farm, and the Art Museum. While in the community we work on volume of our voice, giving people personal space, table manners, listening to staff, staying within a budget, dollar up math, advocating for themselves by making a choice as to what to buy, and communicating with members of the community.



Holiday Mini Session Fundraiser

Let Your Soul Shine Photography, in conjunction with Cincinnati Center for Autism, is hosting a Holiday Mini Photo Session Fundraiser on November 18th-19th. Two-thirds of the proceeds will be donated to Cincinnati Center for Autism! This event is open to the public, so please share with friends and family; all are welcome!

When: Saturday, November 18 from 11a-7p and Sunday, November 19 from 11a-5p

Where: 100 Commercial Drive, Fairfield OH 45014

CLICK THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR SESSION TODAY!

<https://form.jotform.com/233055022626144>





Spirit Wear Holiday Sale

We are excited to announce we have partnered with a new spirit wear company, 1st Place Spiritwear! The store will stay open year-round and will ship directly to consumers.

The **2023 Holiday Sale** is just around the corner! We will have new designs and product lines that will make great gifts for the entire family. All Holiday Sale orders are guaranteed to arrive by December 23rd!

- **Sale Dates: November 6th - December 8th**
- **Savings: 20% discount sitewide**
- **Shipping: Free shipping over \$75**



Scan the QR code to check out our shop!

Meet the Staff

Meet Christine!



Hello, I am Christine Serbinski, an Intervention Specialist for the primary students here at CCA. I graduated from UC with my bachelor's degree in special education in 2021, and I am currently working on my master's degree in Behavior Analysis. I am so excited to join the CCA community this year! The students show me new ways to have fun every day! I believe every student should be able to learn in ways that work best for their needs. I am committed to creating a fun and inclusive environment for all learners. Every day is a great day to learn something new!

Outside of CCA I love to travel, go camping, and cook! I encourage curiosity in my own life as much as I encourage curiosity in my students.

Ways to Donate

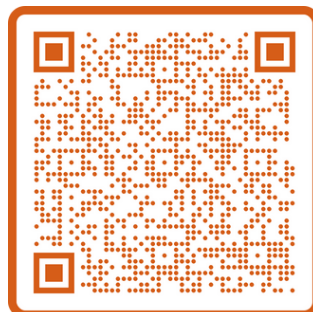


You may donate through Harness on our website. Click on the QR code below and choose whether you'd like to make a one-time, monthly, or round-up donation!

Check out CCA's Amazon Wishlist by scanning the QR below. Our teachers add items throughout the year and would appreciate any support in donating items to their classroom!



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