



2015



## Center News

### Susie's Corner...

I hope everyone had a nice spring break. CCA staff spent two and a half productive days in training. There were two tracks of training going on simultaneously. Eve Pearl, from the Council on Child Abuse and Neglect provided an informal presentation. "The Council on Child Abuse provides educational and public awareness programs to prevent and stop abuse and bullying where children live, learn, and play." In addition, some of CCA's talented staff presented on positive behavior support, PBS data collection, curriculum review, and assessments. It was a nice opportunity for staff to share knowledge informally. The second training track included Safe Crisis Management (SCM). SCM training provides staff with protocols and tools to prevent or safely control dangerous situations. Strategies are provided that are designed to "promote appropriate behavior and minimize behaviors of concern". We are fortunate to have Amy Emish as our SCM Instructor. She went through a rigorous training program to become a certified SCM Instructor.

It has also been a busy month for students. We just completed "Blue Week" activities and "Bicycle Safety" training. Some of the students are beginning a landscape project and all students are working on the spring music video. CCA is also shaping up, we recently purchased new desks, two lunchroom tables, and a large garbage can. I can't believe I get excited about a garbage can. I hope to see everyone next month at the music video presentation (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) and the end of school year picnic (May 29<sup>th</sup>).

### Bicycle Safety at CCA!



What a great day at CCA! Wednesday April 15, 2015 the Springdale Police Department

visited the Center and held a class on "Bicycle Safety". The students learned the importance of wearing helmets, proper fitting helmets, wearing bright colors, and having bike reflectors. Students also learned about tire pressure, using hand signals, staying on sidewalks or designated bike paths, riding with traffic, and proper seat position. The officer's also pointed out that biking is not only a sport but can be used as a career. CCA would like to extend a huge "thank you" to the Springdale Police Department for visiting the Center and providing the students with helmets and T-shirts. The helmets will remain at CCA and the student's will be responsible for taking care of their helmet.

### Blue T-Shirt Designer

Allow me to introduce Tyler "Tobey" Burg. Tyler was the designer of the blue t-shirt created for CCA Autism Awareness week. The t-shirts were so popular we sold over 80 shirts within a few days. "Kudos" to Tobey for a job well done!



## Autism Awareness Day!

April 2nd was Autism Awareness Day! To kick off the celebration CCA hosted an Autism Awareness Week prior to our spring break.



Students celebrated by being involved in “blue” activities every day. We started the week with blue snow cones and then blue snow globes. We made blue collages out of all blue items. You name it, it was done in blue! Friday was our “Big Blue Celebration”. The students had a huge party with blue tablecloths and blue streamers. They ate off of blue plates and blue napkins. The real fun was in the eating, we had blue cake decorated like a blue peep, blueberries, black berries, blue tortilla chips, blue Jello, and drank blue juice. It was great to see all the “BLUE SMILES” as the children departed for the day! Thanks for all of the family support in preparation of “Blue Week”.

## School Pictures!

Tuesday April 14, 2015 was picture day at CCA. The students did a great job showing their personalities and “cheesy” grin! The turn-around time on pictures is two to three weeks. Parents, you are going to be so surprised!



## Important Dates at CCA

### April 22<sup>nd</sup> – PTO Meeting

9:15a.m. at CCA

### April 24<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night **MOVED**

3p.m. to 5p.m. Parents must accompany their child. More information to follow.

### May 9<sup>th</sup> – Teen Night Out

Bowling – Stone in Norwood

### May 18<sup>th</sup> – Spring Music Concert Video Presentation

9:15a.m. at CCA

### May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Holiday

CCA Closed/No Programs/No Staff

### May 29<sup>th</sup> – End of the Year Picnic/Conferences

Families Invited – more info to come

## Jurassic Dream Room Update

The Jurassic Dream Room, along with Tobey, Austin, and TJ, recently finished a unit on the



Digestive and Respiratory System. The boys learned about how nutrients are absorbed within the intestine and how the body is able to take in and retain oxygen in the lungs! When asked what their favorite part of the unit was, the boys all had different answers, ranging from how the bladder expands and contracts, how the large intestine absorbs nutrients, and how the taste buds work in the mouth!

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