

March Newsletter



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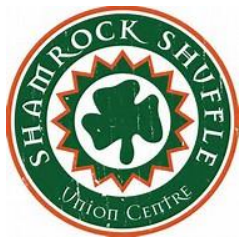


Center News

Susie's Corner...

Once again March has been a busy month with many exciting events taking place. We recently had few small fundraisers (i.e. Shamrock Shuffle, Buben Picnic) and more upcoming fundraisers are planned. Please remember to go on Amazon Smile and Kroger website to add CCA as your charity of choice. Light It Up Blue Week is coming up and new curriculum projects are being started in the classrooms. In addition, we have welcomed Theresa Mitchel to the Blue Room and Ashlyn Cash to the Red Rom. With new staff come fresh ideas and new methods of instruction and collaboration. I always welcome input from families and staff at any time.

Shamrock Shuffle Race



The Shamrock Shuffle Race was held at Union Centre on March 14, 2015. The activities included a 5K, 10K, Children's Fun Run, Breakfast and Block Party. Businesses, residents, and

organizations came together to give Schools, Non-Profit, and Organizations the opportunity to raise funds through this event. Thank you to Derrick Colyer from E-Technology for selecting CCA to receive a portion of the race proceeds. Also, thank you to Lynn Zimmer, Ashlyn Cash and Audrey Vandegriff, CCA staff members, for participating in the race and a special congratulations to staff member Audrey for placing first in the 5K race. It is nice to know CCA has such a special athlete.



Summer Camp Enrollment Open



Summer Camp planning is well underway! One great change to camp this year is the implementation of

"Field Trip Camp" (FTC) into our summer program. FTC allows all of our students a chance to work on social skills and community activities by participating in field trips. These trips will take place once a week for the duration of the summer camp program. Outdoor Adventure Camp (OAC) is the week of June 22 to the 26th. It will be held at Pleasant Vineyard Ministries located in Camden Ohio. Peterman Bus Service has donated the transportation for OAC and we are excited to pass the savings along to the campers by lowering the OAC camp rate to reflect this donation. Camp Ability and ESY spots are available but filling up quickly. If interested please contact CCA to get your registration packet. Reminder, there is a 5% discount if camp is paid in full by May 15!

Movie Night Update

Movie night has been changed to Friday, April 24, 3:00-5:00. Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Students attending will have a recess break from 3-3:15 then transition to the media room for snacks, crafts, games and a movie. We are excited about these changes. Sign up will be emailed soon.



Spring Concert Reminder



Our spring concert is currently scheduled for April 22nd. We would like to announce an exciting alternative plan. Based on suggestions from staff, we have decided to use Music Therapy group times to create a CCA music video. This will ensure that all students will be included and will provide a less stressful performance atmosphere to address any student anxiety. Additionally, this will allow the students the opportunity to take part in the creative process of making a music video, from costumes and decorations to determining song choices. Parents/caregivers are invited to attend the **Video Premiere Party** on May 18 at 2:00. This later date will provide us more time for practice and planning. We will enjoy light refreshments, watch the first ever CCA music video and each family will go home with a keepsake DVD. We are excited to try something different and provide new opportunities for students to be involved. Students will have their own special Video Premiere Party on a different day. Please mark your calendars **NOW for May 18 at 2:00**. I look forward to seeing everyone and sharing this awesome event.



School Pictures!

April 14th will be school picture day. A 4x6 student picture will be \$5, a 5x7 class picture will be \$7.50. Additional pictures will be available. We are still in the process of finalizing the time but all students will have their pictures taken.



Important Dates at CCA

March 23rd to 27th – Our “Blue Week”

Celebrate Autism Awareness & wear blue this week

March 30th to April 6th – Spring Break

No CCA School programs

April 14th – School Picture Day

All students will be photographed

April 18th – Teen Night Out

Sky Zone Trampoline Park

April 22nd – PTO Meeting

9:15a.m. at CCA

April 24th – Movie Night **MOVED**

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

Science Curriculum Update



In light of the Blue Room starting their lessons on the rainforests, we have decided to expand the learning opportunities! To encourage team work and social/communication skills with our students, the Blue and Jurassic Rooms, as well as other students will be creating a garden on CCA's campus. During these lessons we will work on team building, communication, science and math projects that promote unique learning opportunities for our students! In addition to the garden project, the Blue Room will be joining other classes to work on landscaping. We are excited about starting these adventures with our students!

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