



## CENTER NEWS

### Susie's Corner...

It is hard to comprehend that we are already 6 weeks into the 2015-2016 school year. I cannot believe I am saying this, but it has been the easiest school start since I have been with CCA. The addition of the LEAPS and STEPS programs has been an instrumental change and has aided this smoother transition to the school year. Everyone is collaborating and working hard to develop individualized programs to meet their students' needs. As always, CCA is a work in progress, which is good. We are looking to increase curriculum and IEP development by providing more staff training. Our first training for LEAPS staff is October 12<sup>th</sup> and will focus on AIMSweb (an academic assessment program), as well as the state requirements for writing measurable IEPs. September has been a busy month with Agricultural Day and the Barbeque Fundraiser. Recently, students had the opportunity to have hands on experience exploring a coral reef live aquarium in preparation for CCA's very own aquarium. We will keep you posted on this project. The PTO parents have been working to establish a store for students to earn and purchase reward items. Look for further details in the next newsletter. Please enjoy the other September Happenings enclosed in this newsletter.

### Attention All Readers!

CCA will be holding its first Scholastic Book Fair from October 12<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Book Fair will be held in the conference room from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. Parents this is a great opportunity to purchase your gifts for the Holidays! CCA will be accepting cash, check, or credit card payments at the time you place your order.

### BBQ Fundraiser Success!

This year's Annual CCA Fundraiser, co-sponsored by Loveland Excavating, was a barbeque held at Muhlhauser Barn on Thursday, September 10, 2015. The event was a huge success thanks to Donna Linkous (CCA), Angel Casteel (Loveland Excavating) and Susan Brennan (founder) for organizing and planning the barbeque. There were 225 guests in attendance, 12 VIP groups and multiple volunteers. John Curran entertained the crowd with his amazing singing and guitar skills and the Kevin Kelsey Band played from 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm. A special thank you to Mark Wolfe for donating his time creating personal caricatures the night of the barbeque and spending the day at CCA interacting with the students and drawing their caricatures. Food was catered by Walt's BBQ and the awesome cupcakes were made by Angel Casteel. There were 47 silent auction items donated by friends, families and businesses. Guests not only enjoyed great food and music, they participated in corn hole and giant Jenga. The blocks were painted and decorated by CCA students.

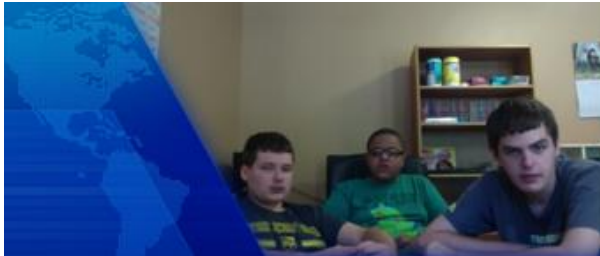


### A Bench For Caps

We recently completed our Bench Project thanks to the many caps collected from families, staff & friends. We are excited to see our caps collected from household recycling be made into a bench. We collected over 400 lbs of caps and with the donation from Toyota of \$200 we will have a new bench. Thank you to Dena Baylor for organizing this project.

## CCA News Team

Recently the Buckeye Room has taken on a new challenge! That challenge is creating and airing morning announcements once a week! The boys did a great job featuring weather,



sports and even a special guest for a joke of the day! They even kept us up to date on our upcoming fundraiser. We look forward to including more classrooms in the morning announcements as we continue to make them throughout the year!

## Superhero Room Update



The Superhero Room (old Red Room) recently called the Cincinnati Zoo and suggested names for the new baby gorilla. Sarah, at the Zoo told us we could leave name suggestions on the Cincinnati Zoo Facebook Page. Here are our ideas... TJ would like to name the baby Anmo. Alex would like to name her Laverne, Andy likes the name Charlotte, Nicholas would like to name her Batman, Alivia wants to name her Anju Jomo II, and Sam likes the names Lilly, Alexis, and Anjo. We posted our ideas on the Zoo's Facebook page. We hope they choose one of our ideas!

## Important Dates at CCA

**October 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair**  
at CCA

**October 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent Conferences**  
CCA Closed, Staff Training & Parent Conferences

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – Fall Break**  
CCA Closed, No Programs & No Staff

**October 21<sup>st</sup> – Fall Pictures**  
Students & Staff

**October 21<sup>st</sup> – PTO Meeting**  
9:15 a.m. at CCA

## Agricultural Day



Agricultural Day was a HUGE success! The Future Farmers of America (FFA) students from Fayetteville presented an Agricultural Day

that involved petting farm animals, playing in corn and soybean sensory bins, learning about various farm equipment, and enjoying farm related arts and crafts. Some of the animals the students had the chance to interact with were pigs, chickens, a goat, a rabbit, and a calf. Thank you FFA for teaching our students about farm life!

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