

FALL '20-'21

outreach

"Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another."

G.K. Chesterton
Writer, Philosopher.



EA education alternatives

Welcome back.

Education Alternatives would like to thank our EA community, including all of our parents, students, educators, and district partners, for the unwavering trust you have placed in us during this pandemic.

We have continually been impressed by our community's flexibility and creativity. From new safety regulations to innovations like outdoor classrooms, we are grateful for your feedback, your ideas, and your energy as we navigate the "new normal" of in-person school. In the following pages, we share what we've done so far this year, what's coming up, and why we know the best is yet to come!

IMPORTANT DATES

END OF FALL QUARTER
November 5

THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 25-27

WINTER BREAK
December 23-January 1

CLASSES RESUME
January 4



Find us on Facebook for a full list of upcoming events.

What's going on at EA?



Above: Brook Park students meet alpacas for Latinx Heritage Month lessons on Peru.



Above: VisionQuest launches a student grounds-keeping business. Center: Spirit week at Cuyahoga Falls.



Above: **Springfield students** “pie” their teachers as a reward for excellent behavior.



Above: VisionQuest **students sell coffee** and pastries at the Cubby Cops **Coffee cart**.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Coral Autism Program

EA's [Coral Autism Program](#) is a program designed for students on the autism spectrum, ages 5-18. Coral's model incorporates **Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)** to address each child's individual needs.

Coral supports the development of communication skills and interaction with others, in the school, home, or community environment. Coral incorporates EA's philosophy of "Unconditional Positive Regard" to create a supportive learning environment for each child.

Each Coral classroom is staffed by a licensed intervention specialist and support staff who apply the ABA and unconditional positive regard concepts. With a [maximum of six students](#), each Coral classroom offers the individual attention that students on the autism spectrum need to thrive in school.

To learn more about the Coral Autism program, visit us online at easchools.org/coral-autism.



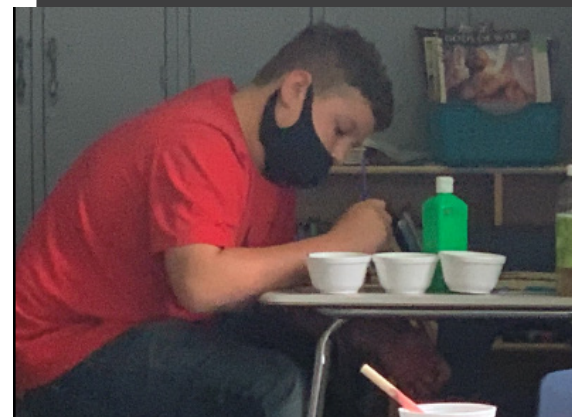
Left: An Elyria student poses with the back-to-school bulletin board wishing students a "sweet year!"



Right: A Springfield student completes an art project.



Left: An Elyria student uses technology for research in the school computer lab. Right: A Springfield student paints.



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New Student-Run Businesses

Ravenna's VisionQuest program offers young adults with disabilities a transitional academic and vocational experience.

Starting in 2019 with the creation of PawPrints screenprinting, VQ students have launched businesses of their own as a way to practice workplace skills. With student **involvement at all levels from design concept, marketing, inventory, packing, shipping, finances, and manufacturing**, PawPrints offered a range of vocational experiences that students truly enjoy.

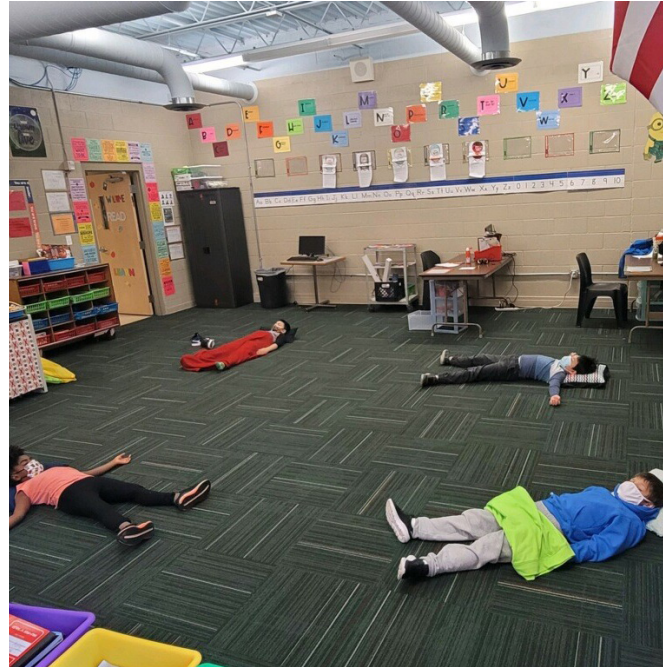
Eager to replicate PawPrints' success, VQ is launching new concepts for Fall 2020: BearCare Laundry and Garment Services, Great Outdoors Groundskeeping, Cubby Cups Coffee, and crEAtE Art Boxes. For more information on supporting VQ, visit us online at easchools.org/visionquest.

Social Distancing Success

Student and educator health and safety is always EA's priority, and this is especially true with COVID-19. When we decided to begin the school year with a hybrid in-person model, we developed a 5-pronged safety plan. **You can find more information about our commitment to health and safety at easchools.org/safe-reopening.**

As special education professionals, we understand that there is no substitute for in-person learning, and we know that a commitment to providing these services safely is the key to remaining open. With innovations like outdoor classes and even fun "pool noodle hats" (below) to facilitate appropriate distance, we are learning more every day!

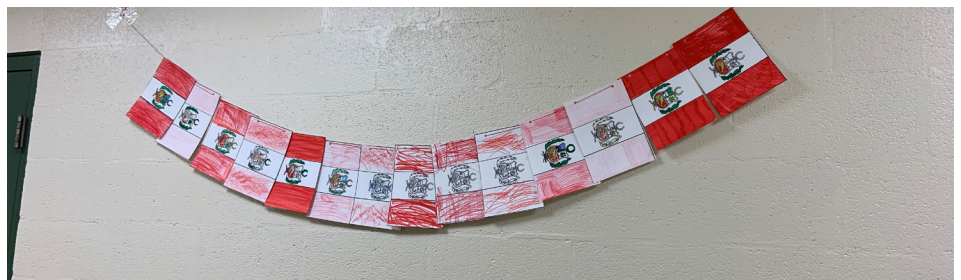
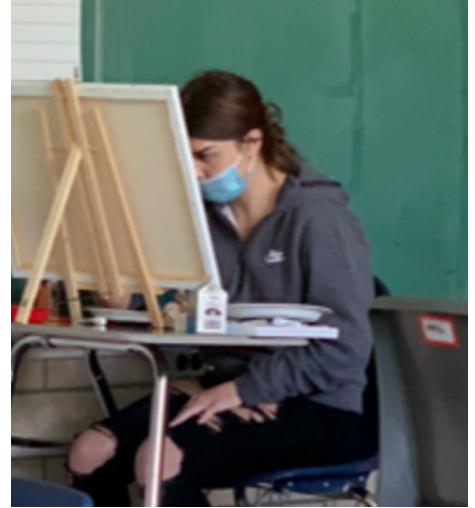




Welcome, new friends.

New Students.

Seth M.
Lonnell T.
Isaiah C.
Jedi C.
Zachary C.
Parker G.
B'Riley J.
Angelo R.
Franklin W.
Christopher H.
Jullian B.
Kayden N.
Quinzell S.
Breydan C.
Connor C.
Cahlin G.
Alexander M.
Emery M.
Lucas N.
Lanaivyn R.
Zackary S.
Camron T.
Jaron K.
Jonathon P.
Devin R.
Autume S.
Mason T.
De'lante D.
DeAngelo J.
Shaniya J.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR Executive Director

I want to thank all of our parents, educators and district partners for your support in making our hybrid, in-person learning model a success this school-year.

When discussing our reopening options, a significant factor in our decision to provide in-person services was the overwhelming need of parents and students. After talking with each of our families, the vast majority expressed they were comfortable having their children return to EA.

In speaking with each EA student as well, many children expressed that they missed their EA family, and were concerned about continuing to learn at home each day.

For the families that did not feel comfortable having their child return to in-person classes, EA continues to provide educational and telehealth services. These academic services are provided by a licensed intervention specialist working with students via Google Classroom and I-Ready. This is a designated EA staff member, **whose sole responsibility** is providing remote instruction.

We know these decisions depend on many variables and **are different for every family. Our commitment to you** is to provide the best possible education for your child.

I thank you for the trust you place in us.

Respectfully,

Jerry Swartz



Mr. and Dr. Swartz, *Founders.*



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Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221
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PAINESVILLE

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Painesville, OH 44077
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RAVENNA

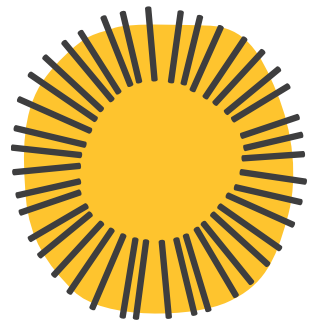
310 Bennett Avenue
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SPRINGFIELD

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WILLOUGHBY HILLS

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