

SUMMER '20-'21

# outreach

"Don't be afraid.  
Be focused. Be  
determined.  
Be hopeful. Be  
empowered."

**Michelle Obama**  
Former First Lady



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## IMPORTANT DATES

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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
May 31

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**END OF QUARTER**  
June 4

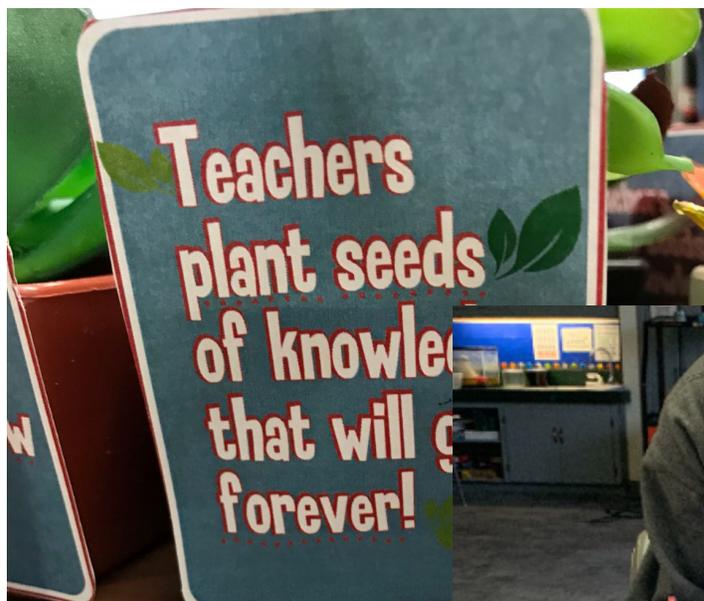
## Happy Graduation.

We are proud to announce, that even during an incredibly difficult year, we have over two-dozen graduates. These graduates navigated a tumultuous year of hybrid education, mask wearing, and modified schedules. We are so proud of what they have accomplished, despite so many obstacles. We are also thankful to our dedicated teachers, families, parents, and partner districts, for coming together as a broader community to support our students, as they navigated these challenges. It truly does take a village to educate a child, and we are incredibly happy and proud of our EA village. We look forward to a bright future, and we have so many exciting developments on the horizon. This summer, after a successful capital campaign, we will begin work on a new playground in Brook Park. Alongside this upgrade to our outdoor space, we will be launching enhanced vocational learning programs for all students in partnership with our sister organization REACH Behavioral Health. Finally, we are excited to announce that EA has received an official charter from the Ohio Department of Education that designates EA as a chartered nonpublic school. This will allow us to provide services to even more students who could benefit from EA's unique programming.



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

# What's going on at EA?



Above: Teacher Appreciation at Elyria.



Above: Zen Gardens at Brook Park. Center: Earth Day at Springfield.



Above: Outdoor Yoga at Brook Park.



Above: Calming Corner at Springfield.

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### Capital Campaign

Education Alternatives schools are 501(c)3 non-profit entities that rely on the support of our community. Over the past two years, our Brook Park campus has been fundraising for a new playground to upgrade their outdoor space with a new playground.

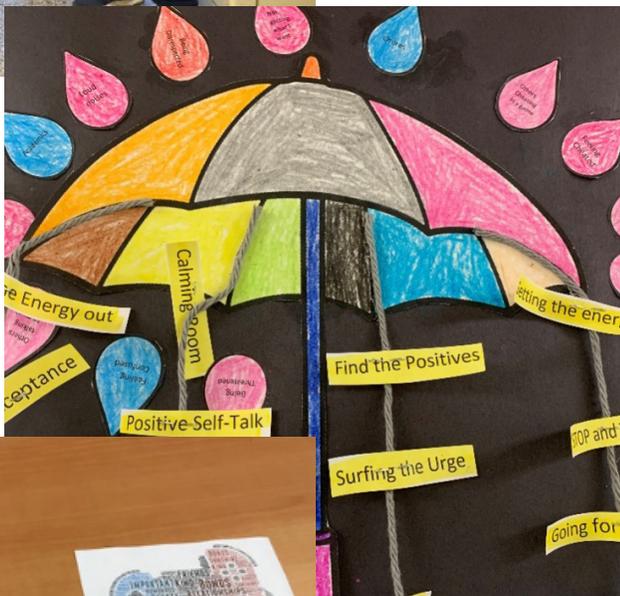
Studies have shown that exposure to green space as well as an opportunity to work on large muscle groups can improve mental wellness and boost focus during the day.

We have reached our goal, thanks to the generosity of our school community, holiday giving, the hard work of Building Director Jen Napier, and a grant from Mike and Franscene Davis. We are so thankful for the community's support of this endeavor.

This summer, EA will break ground on this new playground. We look forward to building from here to create even more innovative opportunities to spend time outside, increase their activity during the day, and improve our community's wellness!



Left: Students and staff in the Ravenna building.



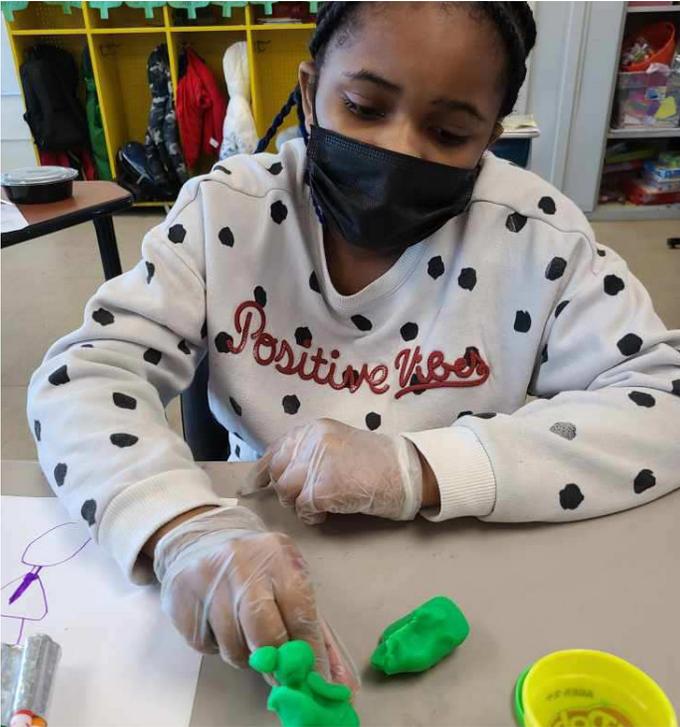
Right: Student art from Cuyahoga Falls.



Left: Student poems from Painesville. Right: Students in class at Elyria.



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## Learn2Earn

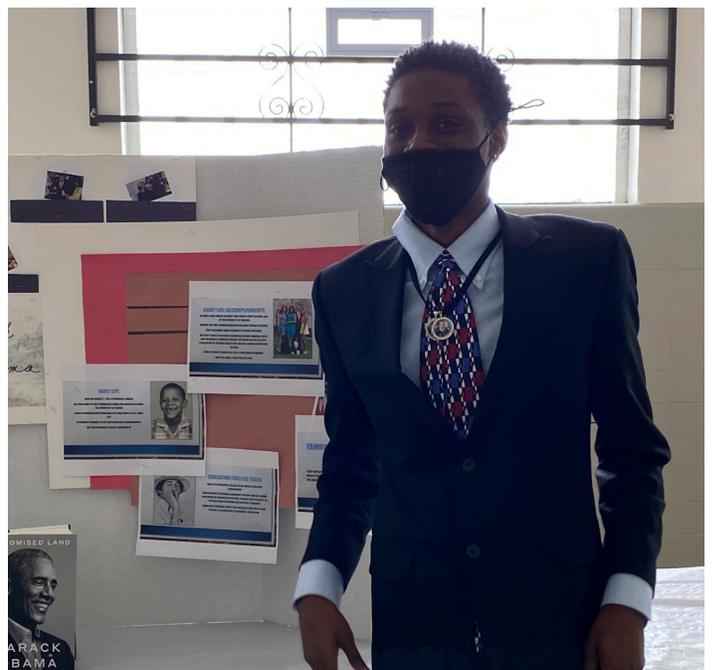
EA is launching Learn2Earn, an enhanced summer vocational learning program. This summer, students will have the opportunity to learn work skills, money management, and more in real-time work environments. This program is an expansion of EA's successful VisionQuest program for students with moderate disabilities, which launched its own screenprinting business in 2019.

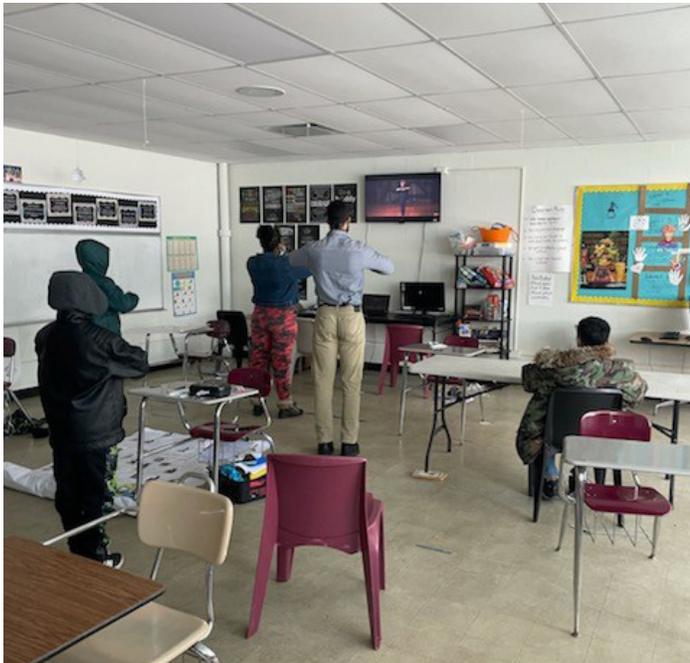
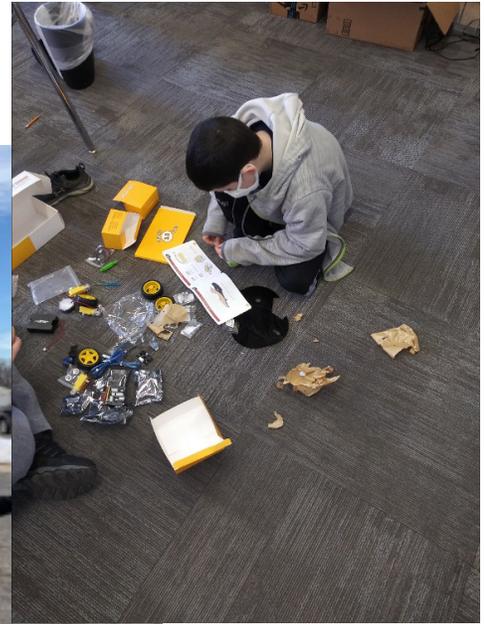
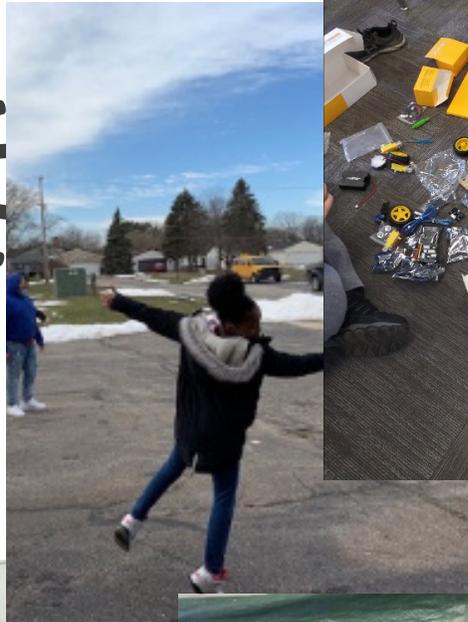
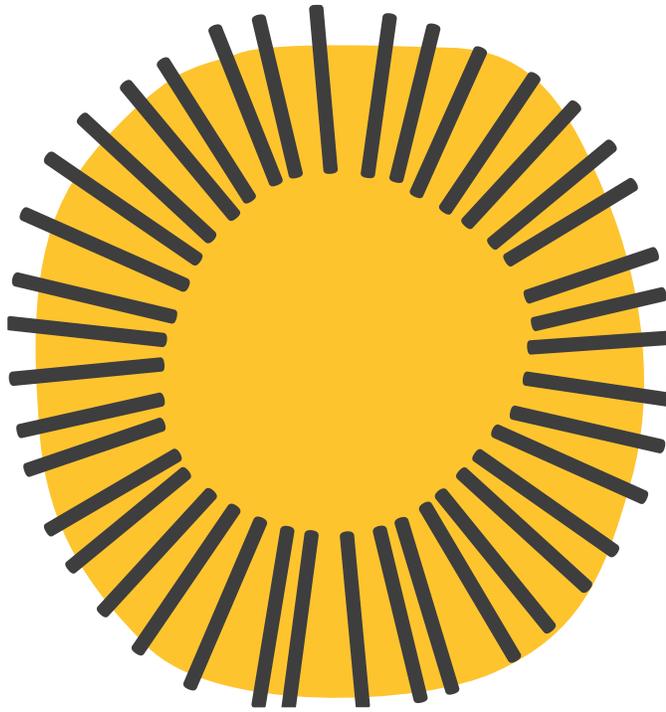
To learn more about vocational education programs at EA and how to enroll your student, visit us online at [easchools.org/enrollment](https://easchools.org/enrollment).

## New REACH Location

To provide students daily group therapy and individual mental health support, EA partners with sister organization REACH Behavioral Health. REACH also provides outpatient mental health support, counseling, and psychiatric services to families and the broader community. This year, REACH is expanding its outpatient offerings on Cleveland's west side with a new location in Elyria, Ohio.

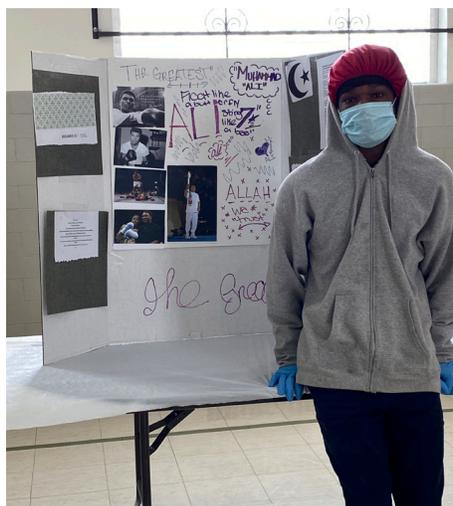
Located on the same campus as EA Elyria, REACH will open its North Abbe Road location this summer to serve families, individuals, and couples in Northeast Ohio. To learn more or schedule an intake assessment visit us online at [reachbh.org](https://reachbh.org).





# Thank you.

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# AUTISM AWARENESS

## April

In April, we celebrated Autism Awareness month. As part of Autism Speaks Choose Kindness campaign, EA campuses had candid conversations with students about bullying, acceptance, and how to support our friends with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

EA schools offers multiple options for students with ASD through Day Treatment as well as the 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 focus on each child's individual needs.

Coral supports the development of communication 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. Each Coral classroom in our autism spectrum school is staffed at a maximum of six students.

To learn more about Coral, visit us online at [easchools.org/coral-autism](https://easchools.org/coral-autism).





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## LOCATIONS

### **BEDFORD**

270 Union Street  
Bedford, OH 44146  
440.232.0214

### **BROOK PARK**

5555 Smith Road  
Brook Park, OH 44142  
216.453.1111

### **CUYAHOGA FALLS**

1225 Orlen Avenue  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221  
330.945.4944

### **ELYRIA**

333 Naples Drive  
Elyria, OH 44035  
440.324.1168

### **PAINESVILLE**

273 E. Jackson Street  
Painesville, OH 44077  
440.709.0053

### **RAVENNA**

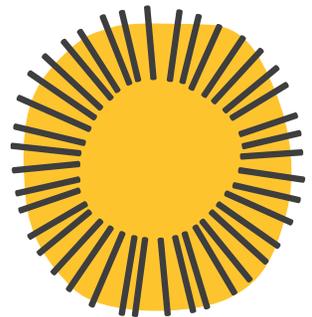
310 Bennett Avenue  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266  
330.839.9966

### **SPRINGFIELD**

2141 Pickle Rd.  
Akron, OH 44312  
234.867.8260

### **WILLOUGHBY HILLS**

2882 Cricket Lane  
Willoughby Hills, OH 44092  
440.347.0716



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[easchools.org](http://easchools.org)