

SUMMER '22

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"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."

Louisa May Alcott
American Author



EA education alternatives

IMPORTANT DATES

FIRST DAY BACK FOR STAFF
Monday, August 15

FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS
Monday, August 22

Happy Graduation.

This year, EA graduated 37 students in our Day Treatment, ECHO, and VisionQuest programs. All our graduates will receive diplomas from their home school district and be honored both at their EA ceremony and at their placing school.

We host luncheons for graduating seniors and invite their families and supporters to hear staff share memories and personal congratulations for each student. On some campuses, such as Painesville, graduates receive a "clap out" where their student peers and staff stand in the hallway to give them a standing ovation on their final walk out of the building as a student. Other campuses, such as Cuyahoga Falls, ask seniors to share their advice with younger students in short classroom lectures.

Teachers create customized "advice cards" that are packaged for graduates with their graduation photos. We also provide caps and gowns along with framed graduation photos for graduates to take home. When possible, we also attend the graduation ceremony at each graduate's "home" school and congratulate them again on their achievement.

We are proud to graduate over 90% of our seniors each year, which is 40% higher compared to other alternative programs. We thank our teachers, administrative staff, family, district partners and the community for helping us maintain graduation as a goal for all our students. We look forward to all the wonderful things they will accomplish after their high school career ends!



For a complete school calendar, find us online at easchools.org/calendar.

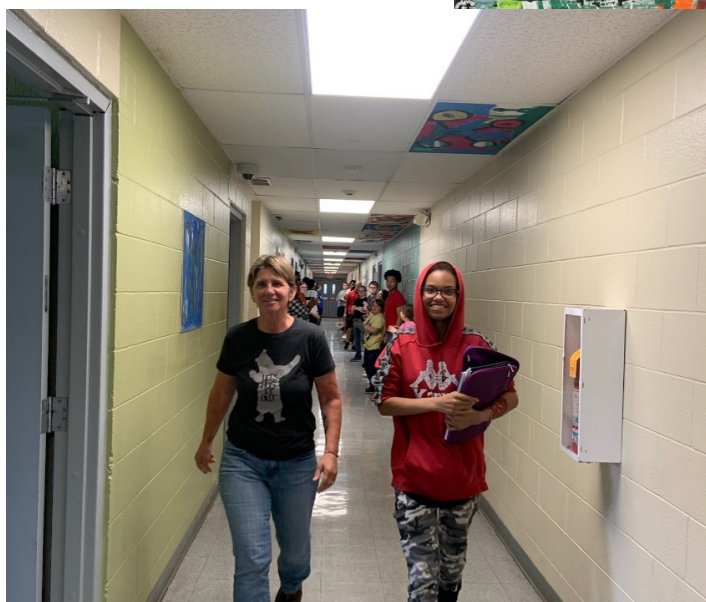
What's going on at EA?



Above: Brook Park celebrates St. Patrick's Day.



Above: Springfield Kindergartners work on art. Center: A mural at the Cuyahoga Falls building.



Above: Peers "clap out" a Cuyahoga Falls student.



Above: Elyria graduates pose together.

REACH UPDATE

Portage County

REACH Behavioral Health is EA's sister organization, offering mental health support to all EA students in the form of group therapy. Outpatient counseling, family counseling, and psychiatric care are also available. REACH has expanded recently to further serve the community beyond our schools, offering a **full spectrum of mental health services** to families, children, individuals, and couples.

This summer, REACH will open a new Portage County location serving Ravenna and the surrounding areas. The new counseling office, located at 507 E. Main Street in Ravenna, will offer **counseling, psychiatry and medication management, and case management services**. All REACH locations are licensed at the state level and offer experienced, empathic counselors treating a range of mental health concerns from anxiety and depression to trauma, grief, and more.



Left: Painesville staff pose with their graduate.

Right: A Bedford student poses before the butterfly release.



Left: Brook Park graduates pose together.
Right: Bedford graduates pose as a group.



What's going on at EA?





Congratulations, graduates.

Bedford

Karl E.
Michael P.
Dairyn S.

Brook Park

Jordan A.
Patrick D.
Justin E.
William L.
Alexander S.
Emma S.
Josiah W.

Cuyahoga Falls

Sabre'a G.
Brady H.
Jason S.

Elyria

Trinity B.
Chase L.
Julian V.
Jordan G.

Painesville

John S.
Arianna C.
Anthony B.

Ravenna

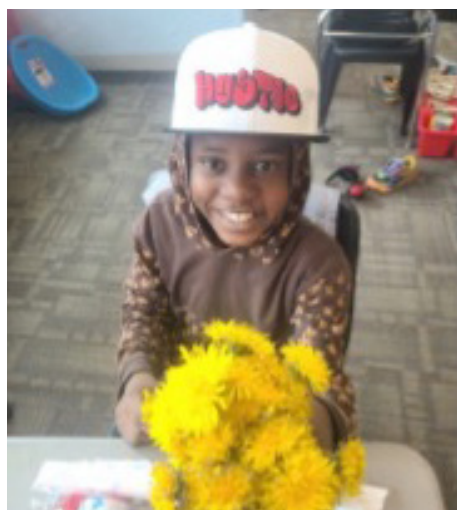
Brenten A.
Breanna S.
Anthony W.
Dusty T.
Bryce L.
Joseph C.
Loralai E.
Liam G.
Tara H.
Gavin O.
Justice P.
Thomas S.
Gabriel W.

Springfield

Mekhi H.

Willoughby Hills

Ryan W.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Sarah Veiht

Intervention Specialist Sarah Veiht has been with EA for her entire 9-year teaching career. With experience at three locations, Sarah currently teaches K-3 at EA Elyria. "It was always my passion to be ... a part of the special education community that needed support," she explains. She loves what she does and is quick to explain that her job is both challenging and rewarding. "I work on being as consistent as I can while being as flexible as they need me to be," says Veiht. "It's rewarding to see the students smile and laugh and you see them truly enjoying themselves at school."

She realizes that a transition to an alternative setting can be overwhelming for families and is quick to explain the tremendous benefits of an EA education. "What I've told a lot of our parents is that this is their fresh start. They can start with brand new teachers who don't know them and brand new friends. We can move forward and learn who they are, learn what works best for them. Calm and collected students are more able to focus on academics."

Once they're ready, we send them back to their old school! We throw them a huge party. What I want them to always understand is we're here for them, and that although this is a trying situation, this is a positive new beginning."

Outside the classroom, Sarah enjoys spending time with her husband and three-year-old son, being outdoors, and taking her son to the zoo. While this school year is wrapping up, she is already excited to get a jump on fall. "Truly I love working here – I have no plans to ever be anywhere else. As a group, we can turn any situation into a positive. No matter what, we find a way to work together for the benefit of the students."





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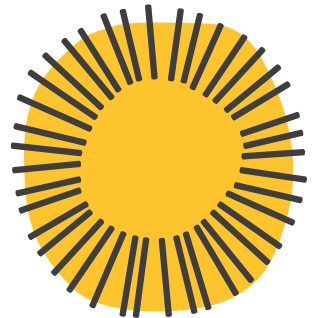
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