

FALL '22

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"Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom."

Oprah Winfrey

American Television Host, Producer, Actress, Author, and Philanthropist.



EA education alternatives

IMPORTANT DATES

THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 23-25

WINTER BREAK

December 21-January 2

Welcome Back.

We are excited to welcome our students, families, and district partners back for another school year! As always, we look forward to serving our school community. We believe that **every child deserves an education that fits their unique needs and abilities.**

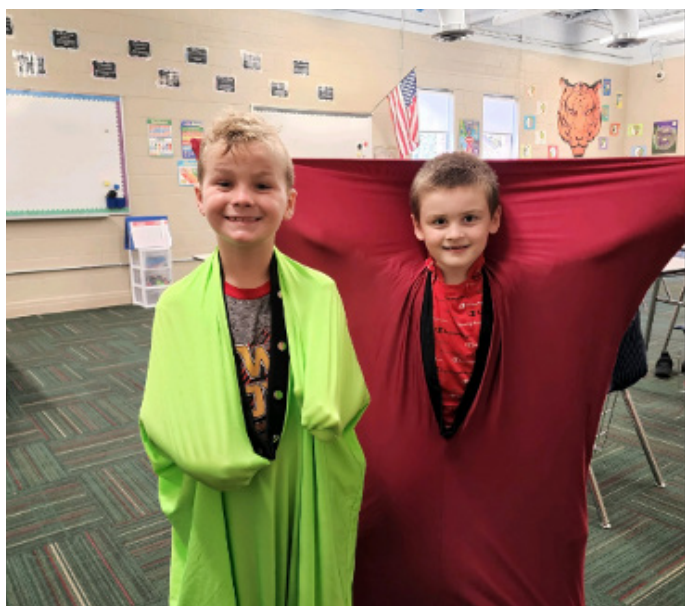
We have many updates to share, including a new building for our Akron/Springfield campus. We are also increasing the size and scope of existing programs such as EA's Coral Autism Program for students K-12 on the autism spectrum. Additionally, we are proud to continue offering student and community mental health services through **sister organization REACH Behavioral Health.**

In the following pages, we will share some of our favorite photos from the first weeks of school as well as more information about what's coming up in 2022 and 2023. We believe in making every school year better than the last, and we are off to an excellent start!

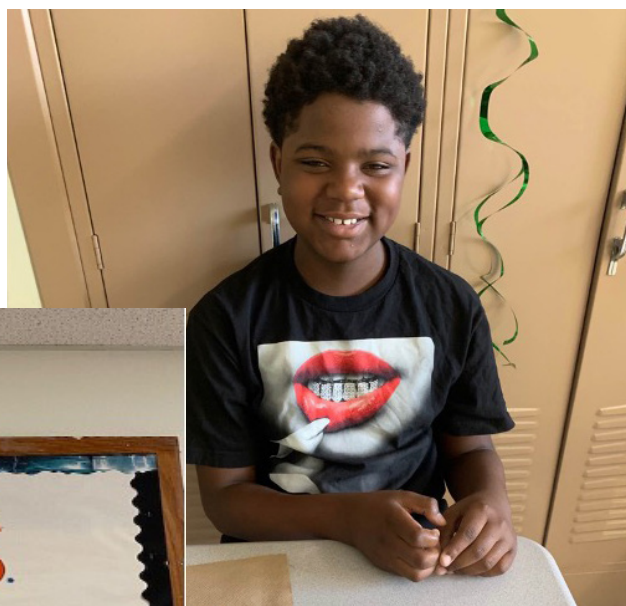


For a complete school calendar, find us online at easchools.org/calendar.

What's going on at EA?



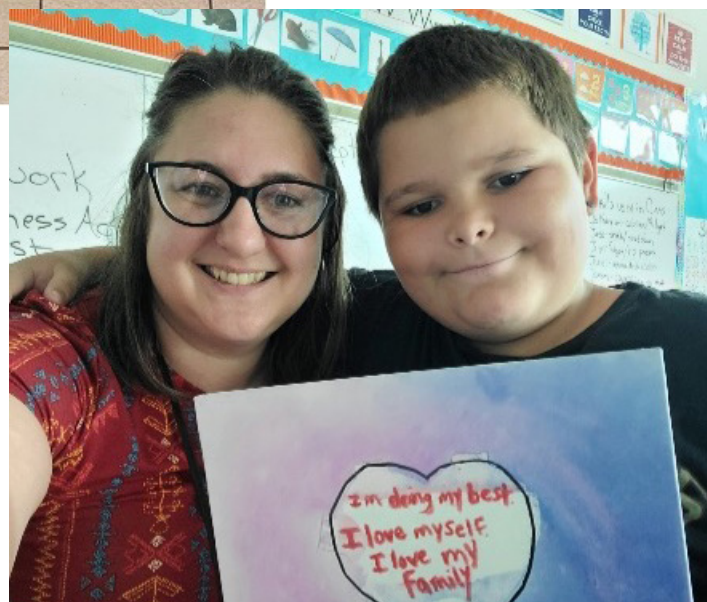
Above: Elyria students smile in stretchy suits.



Above: Springfield student enjoying a back to school treat. Center: Aclass board at Bedford.



Above: Ravenna student works outdoors for GrEAT Outdoors Groundskeeping life skills program.



Above: Brook Park students work on expressing feelings through artwork.

REACH UPDATE

Individual Counseling

REACH Behavioral Health

is EA's sister organization, offering mental health support to all EA students. Individual counseling is available for all EA students who need the service in each of our EA school buildings.

REACH counselors are **licensed therapists** with experience in child and adolescent mental health, wellness, trauma, and other common concerns. Under the supervision of clinical psychologists, the counseling team provides **individualized support to students and their families** during the school year as well as during summer programs.

To learn more about REACH's counseling team, find us online at reachbh.org/clinical-team.



Left: Ravenna students and families participate in a community outreach event.



Right: A Springfield student climbs on the play area at the new school building.



Left: Cuyahoga Falls courtyard gets a new mural and some garden beds for a student's Girl Scout service project: Elyria student obstacle course.



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CORAL Autism Program

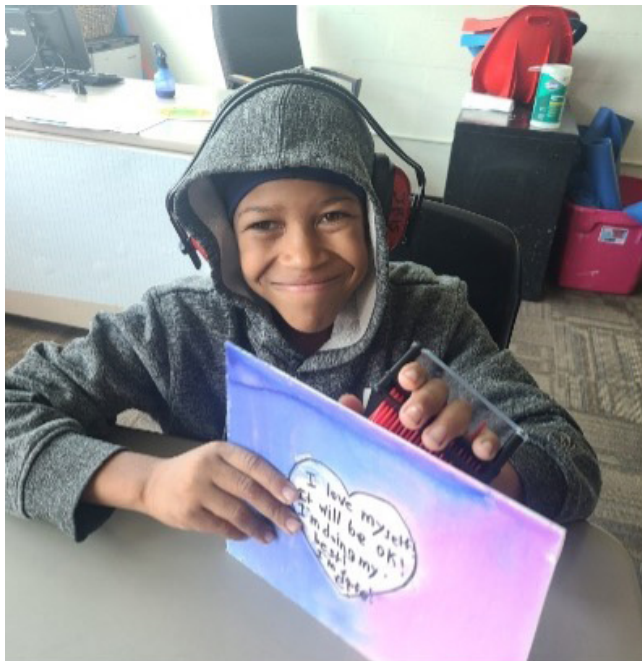
EA's CORAL autism program serves students K-12 on the autism spectrum. These school day programs provide flexible options for children and teens requiring all levels of support. By combining **ABA therapy, mental health support, and special education** tailored to each individual student, Coral is an evidence-based option where parents can feel confident their children will learn social skills, life skills, and more alongside traditional academics.

Coral is offered at several EA campuses, including Brook Park, Akron/Springfield, Elyria, Ravenna, and Willoughby Hills. For more information about Coral, find us online at easchools.org/contact.

Springfield's new start.

Education Alternatives Springfield building is growing quickly - so quickly, in fact, that they've expanded to a new building! The new school, located at **3258 Nidover Dr. in Akron**, helps support our larger student population. EA Akron/Springfield serves student from Summit, Stark, Portage, and surrounding counties. Springfield also offers EA's Coral Autism program for students on the autism spectrum alongside Day Treatment, ECHO credit recovery program, and a full slate of student and community mental health services through REACH Behavioral Health.





Welcome, new students!

Robert B.
Carly B.
Robert F-M.
Cameron G.
Davion S-H.
Janay C.
Mahmoud H.
John R.
Elliot Y.
Olivia C-M.
Raylontae F.
Darren J.
Thomas S.
Alejandro A.
Isabella B.
Spencer G.
Deondre H.
Tsevione H.
Nicole S.
Madeleine D.
Robert J.
Silvester R
Aiden B.
Phoenix C.
Evan C.
Lyric F.
Shondray F.
Haley J.
Kyle K.
Sophia L.
Silas L.
Mitchell M.

Joseph P.
Markia P.
Madison S.
Benjamin S.
Iziah W.
Benjamin Y.
Cameron B.
Alex B.
Kenneth C.
Sadie C.
Jonah C.
Piper G.
Matthew H.
Karen M.
Melanie M.
Edward R.
Marcella R.
Brian S.
Currina B.
Jeremiah C.
Maxwell D.
Jullian H.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Jennifer Carmichael

Jennifer Carmichael has spent 22 years teaching special education, but her passion for her job long pre-dates her first day as an instructor. "Since I was a kid," says Carmichael, "I always thought working with students in special education was what I wanted to do." A licensed intervention specialist, Ms. Carmichael has been with Education Alternatives for 4 years, starting at Ravenna and then helping to open our newest building in Akron/Springfield. She is quick to note that her building may be new, but they quickly hit their stride, thanks to Director Tyler Eliason. "He ensures everyone has the tools, the confidence, and the training to do this job well. I have become 10 times better as a teacher in my 4 years with EA than I was in my 16 before I started the program."



The results, she says, speak for themselves. "We have wonderful kids who are finally in a school environment where it's relaxed, it's safe, and you get to see them flourish." Her favorite part of the year? "I love celebrating with my students. Every year at the holidays, we make sure every student gets a gift from their wish list. I am in charge of that here at Springfield, and we put a lot of time into securing donations and making it special."

When she isn't in the classroom, Ms. Carmichael is a big comic book fan who loves Marvel, Star Wars, and driving her 1964 Volkswagen.



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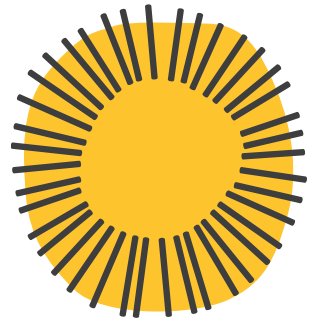
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