

# Outreach

FALL '23



## Greetings from EA!

The 2023-2024 school year is well underway, and we have so much to share. EA students have been busy with art projects, Halloween costumes, engaging lessons, and lots of crafts. In the following pages, we share more about what happened so far during this school year.

And in the spirit of the season, we want to say how thankful we are for the support of our EA parents, school-district partners, and dedicated EA staff. It is all of you that make the difference in our EA students' lives.

Sincerely,

Gerald Swartz  
*Executive Director*

## Important Dates

Winter Break  
December 21 - 29

Class Resumes  
January 3

Martin Luther King Day  
January 15 - No School

Teacher In-Service Day  
January 16 - No School



For a complete school calendar,  
find us online at  
[easchools.org/calendar](https://www.easchools.org/calendar).



# AUTISM EMBRACE DIFFERENCES



## Coral Autism Program

In 2015, Education Alternatives opened its first CORAL classroom for students on the Autism Spectrum. Since then we have focused on growing and developing an evidence-based program for neurodivergent students grades K-12. Across our agency, we now have over 70 students enrolled in EA's CORAL Program.

The CORAL Program is designed to provide evidence-based practices and interventions to support the individual needs of each student. We coordinate with related service providers to integrate speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy into the student's educational plans. We incorporate daily group activities which provide the opportunity to practice peer interactions and functional life skills. Our students go on community outings, and we have student-run businesses that help the students practice the skills they are learning in the classroom.

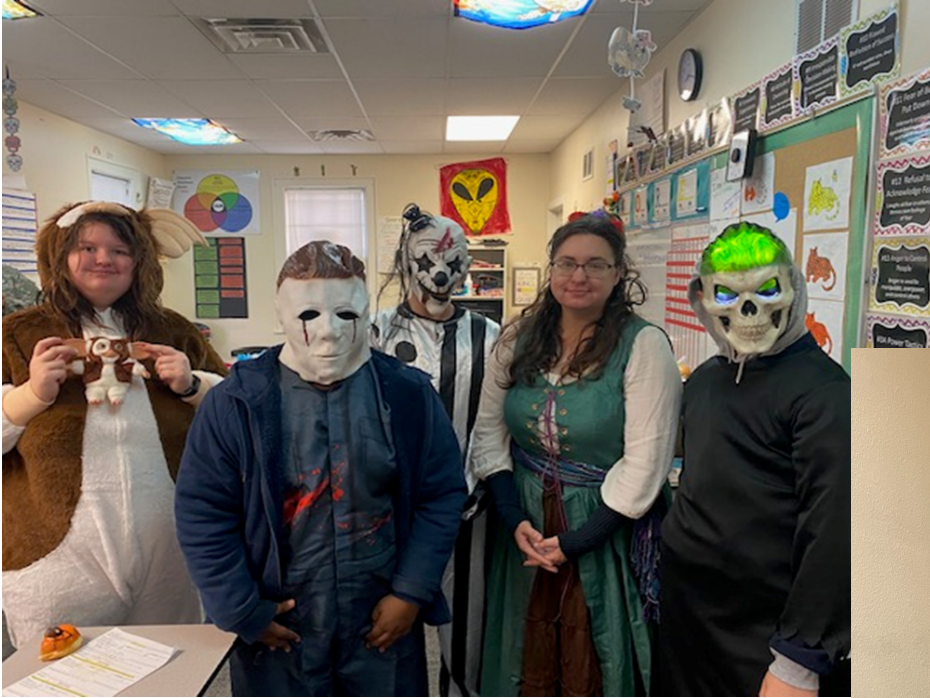
The teachers, therapists, and support staff that provide these services are all certified through OCALI's Autism Certification Program. They are also trained in Trauma-Informed Care, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Dialectic Behavioral Therapy. Our dedicated staff understands that all children are unique and deserve to receive an education that celebrates their differences while working toward their individual goals.

If you would like to learn more about the CORAL program, please visit our website at [easchools.org/services/coral-autism-program](https://easchools.org/services/coral-autism-program).



# What's Happening at EA?

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**Top:** EA Painesville students bring on the scares for Halloweens



**Top:** Crafting time at EA Bedford



**Right:** EA Painesville students sharing their beautiful artwork



Education Alternatives is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that serves children of all ages with emotional and behavioral disabilities through specialized educational and mental health services.



## VisionQuest

VisionQuest is a unique transition program for students with disabilities. Designed for students in high school through age 22 for whom traditional academics are no longer the primary focus, this program can help your child become more self-reliant and learn important life skills.

The VisionQuest program focuses on teaching skills like personal financing, housekeeping, hygiene, communication, and more. The skills that they learn will help them with employment opportunities, community involvement, and the overall development of healthy habits.

Here at EA we also have student-run businesses. With the help of EA staff, VisionQuest students are about to learn and develop their job skills to serve the greater community.

For more information about the Coral and VisionQuest programs, please visit us at:  
[easchools.org/services/](https://easchools.org/services/)



PawPrints is a custom apparel shop that the VisionQuest students are a part of that serves not only the EA community but the great community as well!





**REACH** behavioral health LLC  
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## SEEKING WELLNESS

FOR ADULTS, FAMILIES & CHILDREN



REACH Behavioral Health is EA's sister organization, offering mental health support to EA students and their families. Individual counseling is available in all of our buildings for all EA students who need the service. REACH has received four Accreditations through the international accrediting body, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), for its Day Treatment Program.

REACH also offers its services to the greater community regardless of whether or not they are affiliated with EA Schools. Their experienced, caring therapists are passionate about providing quality care so that their community can achieve healing and growth. Along with counseling help, psychiatric services are also offered to better help those who may need medication treatments.

If you are interested in beginning your journey of healing with REACH, there are four counseling offices in different areas to better serve the greater community.



## REACH *Locations*



**ELYRIA**



**WESTLAKE**



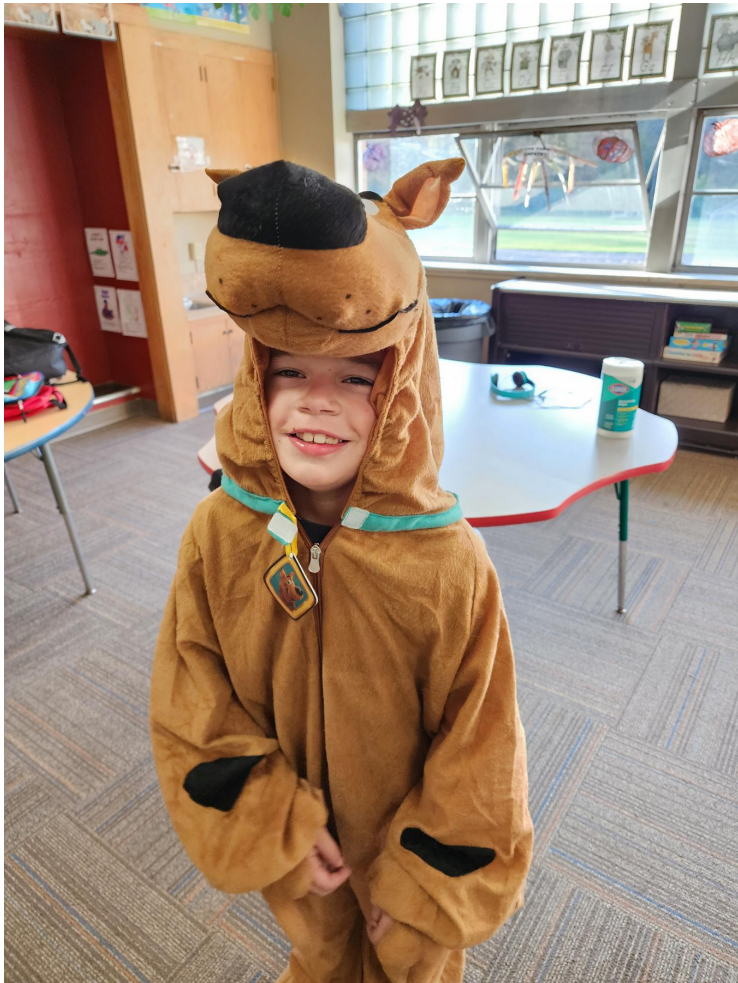
**RAVENNA**



**WEST PARK**



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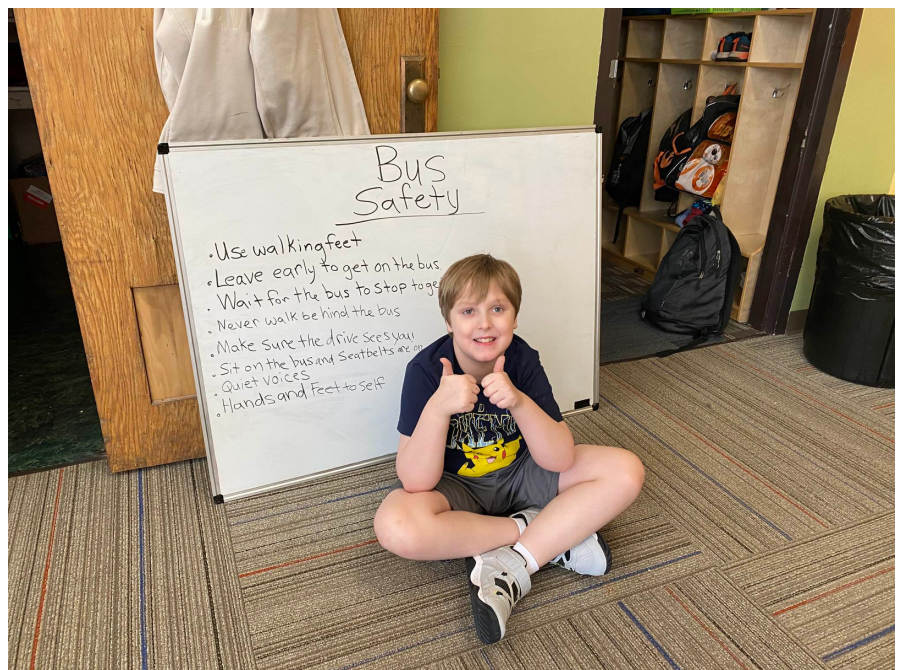


**Top:** Scoob-Dooby-Doo where are the treats? (Halloween at Ravenna)



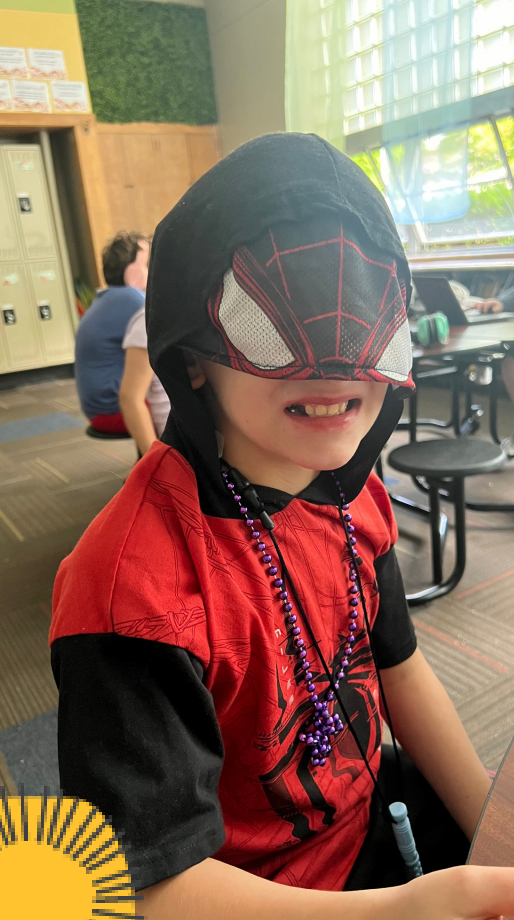
**Top:** EA Bedford student crafting spooky but cute pumpkins for the fall season

**Right:** Ravenna student learning about bus safety



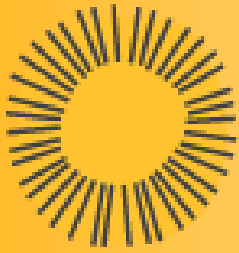
- Bus Safety
- Use walking feet
  - Leave early to get on the bus
  - Wait for the bus to stop together
  - Never walk behind the bus
  - Make sure the driver sees you
  - Sit on the bus and Seatbelts are on
  - Quiet voices
  - Hands and Feet to self

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"Education brings about opportunities, and in turn inspiration."  
- Bill Frist

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### RAVENNA

507 E Main Street  
Ravenna, OH 44266  
330.967.2846

### WESTPARK

3951 Rocky River Drive  
Cleveland, OH 44111  
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### WESTLAKE

25000 Center Ridge Rd, Suite #4  
Westlake, OH 44145  
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### BEDFORD

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### BROOK PARK

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### CUYAHOGA FALLS

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Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221  
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### RAVENNA

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