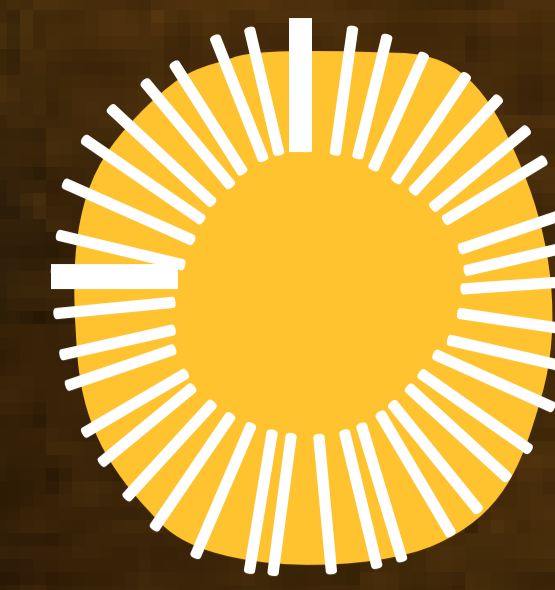


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EA education alternatives

# Welcome to the New School Year!

Following a great summer and brilliantly successful Summer Camp, we're thrilled to have now welcomed our students, families, teachers, staff, and partners back for the start of another school year.

And not just any year, this is EA's 25th school year!!

In the following pages, we've shared with you a few pictures of our first weeks of the school year, as well as other interesting snippets of information about our philosophy at EA, ways in which we operate, our incredible team members, and other things that have helped us enjoy continued success in educating and supporting our students over the past 25 years. We hope you enjoy reading about it all!

And welcome again to the class of 2025. We're looking forward to another great year.

Best Wishes,

Jerry Swartz  
Executive Director



## Important Dates

NOVEMBER NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY  
**27 - 29** Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER JANUARY MONDAY - FRIDAY  
**23 - 03** Winter Break

JANUARY FRIDAY  
**10** End of Second Quarter

JANUARY MONDAY  
**13** Teacher In-Service Day / No School

JANUARY MONDAY  
**20** Martin Luther King Day / No School

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

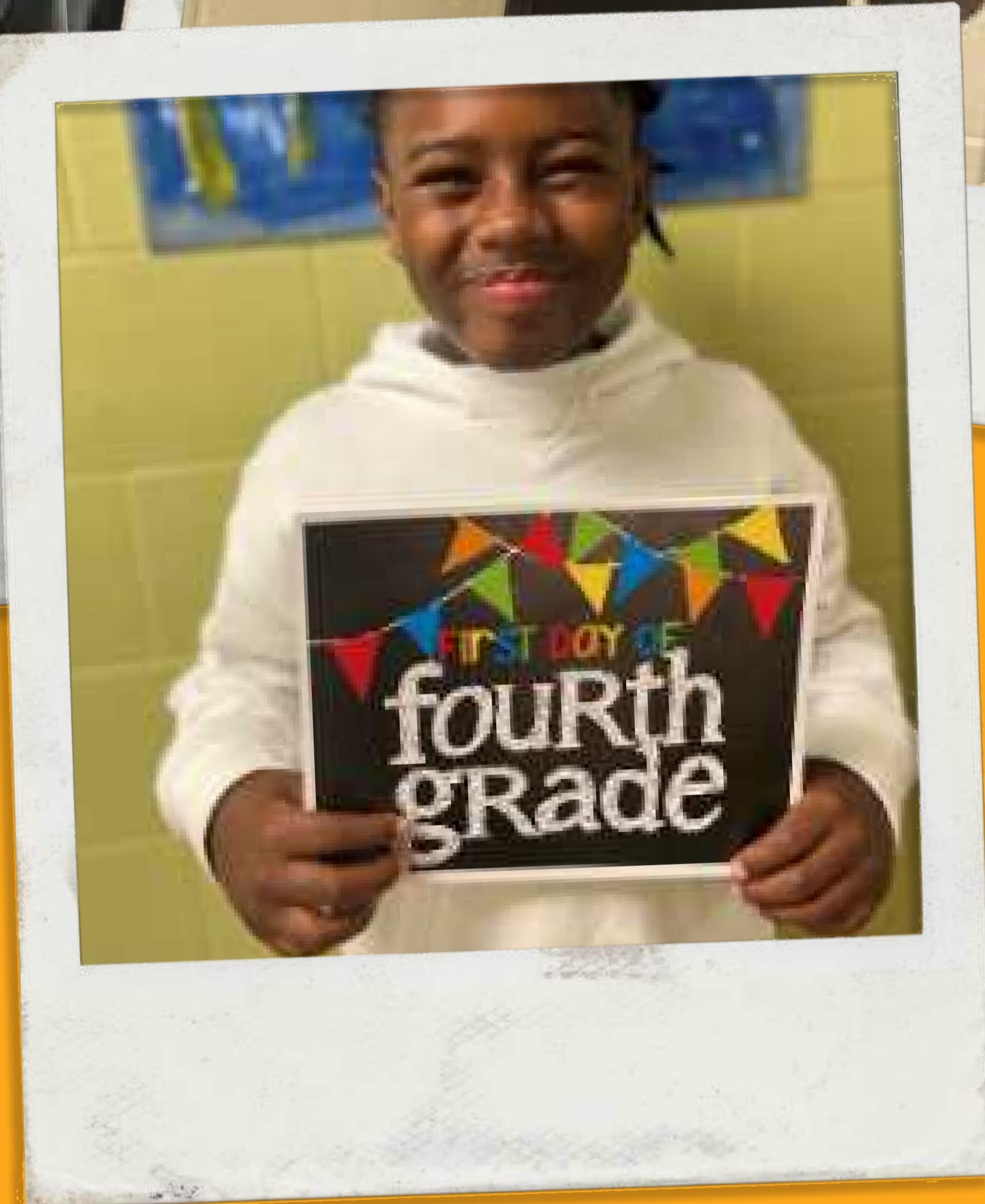
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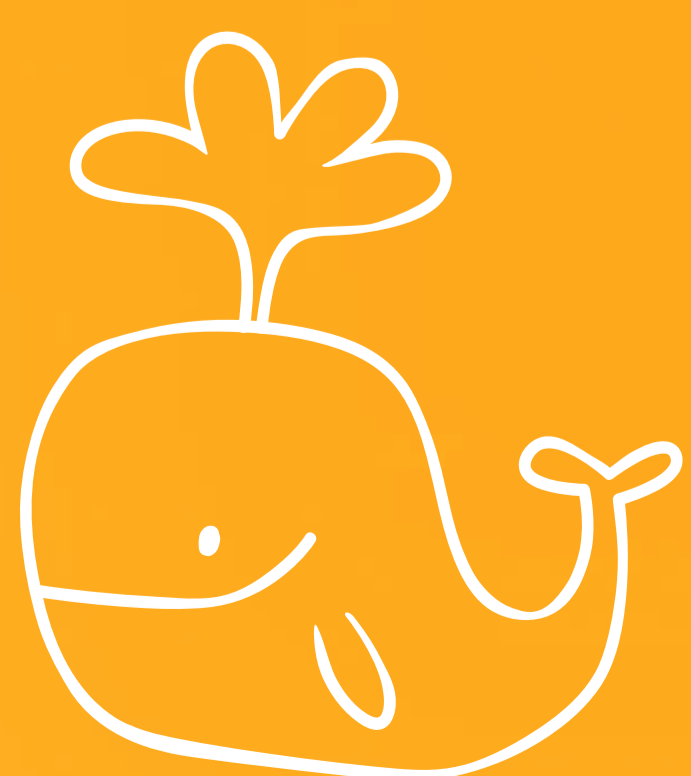
Mr. Smith opened the school store at Cuyahoga Falls, with the help of some students



Celebrating the first day of a new grade at Cuyahoga Falls



Celebrating progress, not perfection – with our weekly "positive character traits" recognition at CF



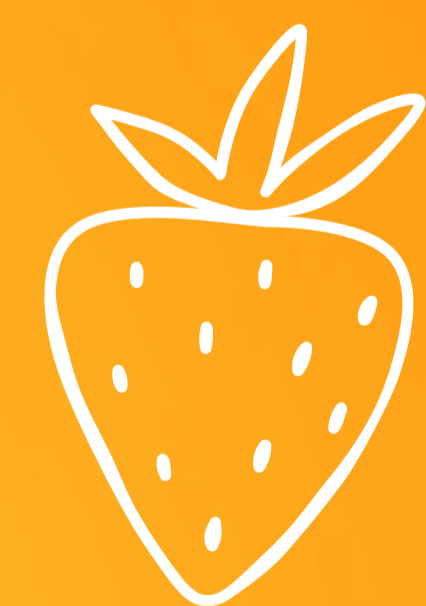
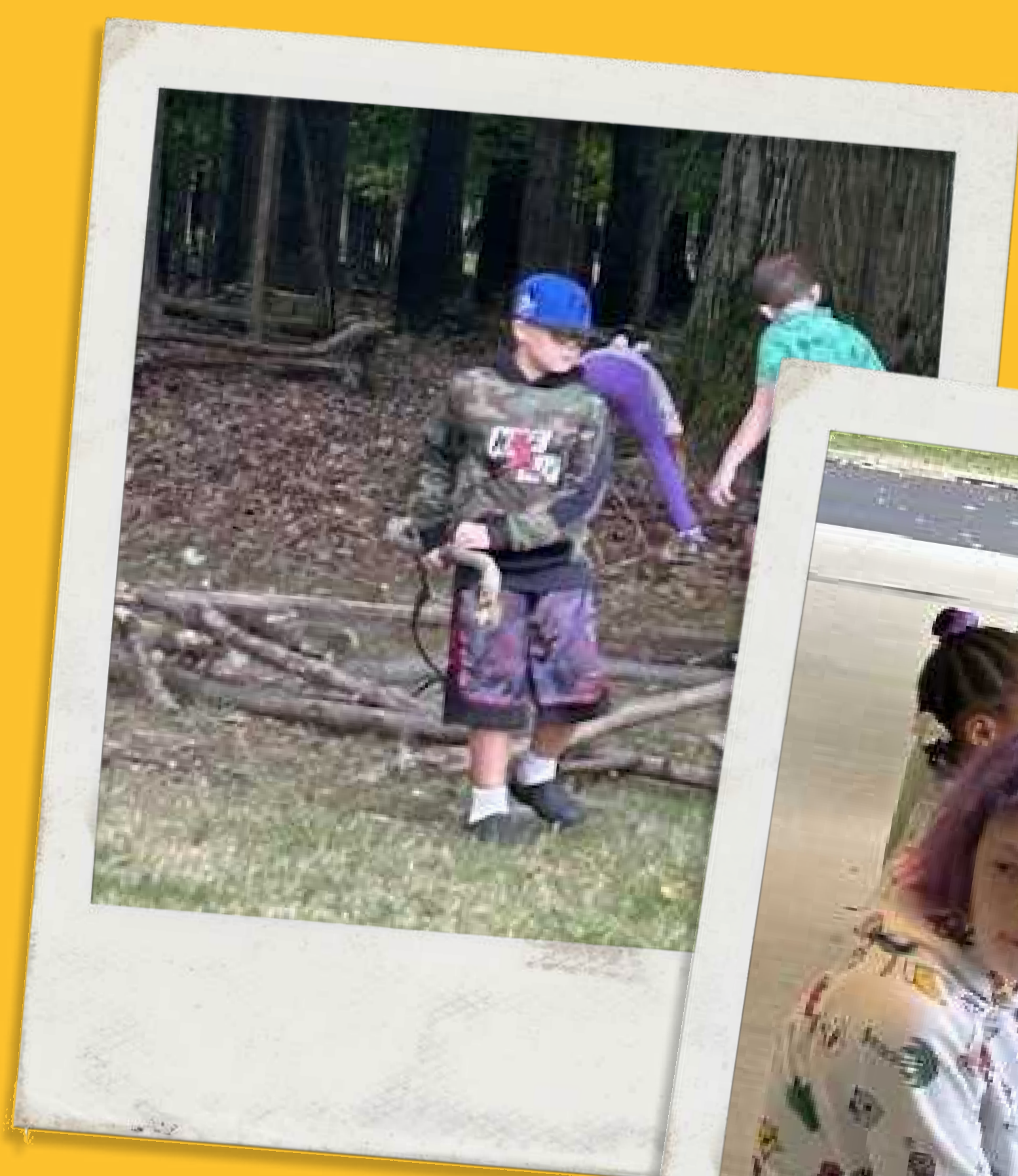
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Painesville students went on a field trip to the Garfield House



Fort building at Willoughby Hills!

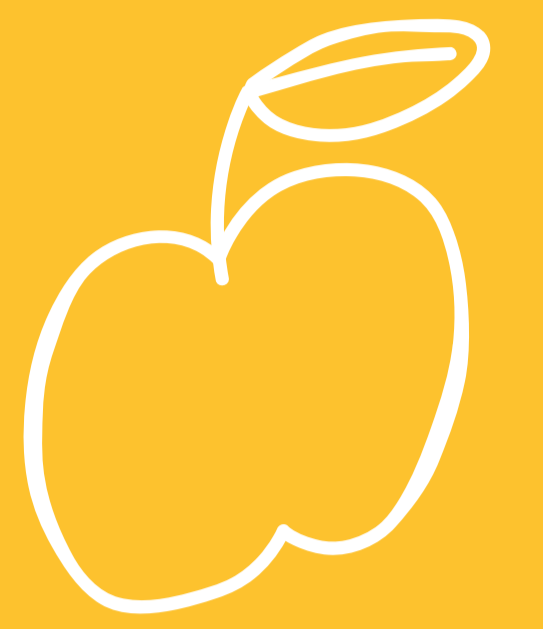


An unplanned cookout at WH that turned into a feast of fun!



# What's Been Happening at EA?

Lots of "new-term fun" being had at Springfield



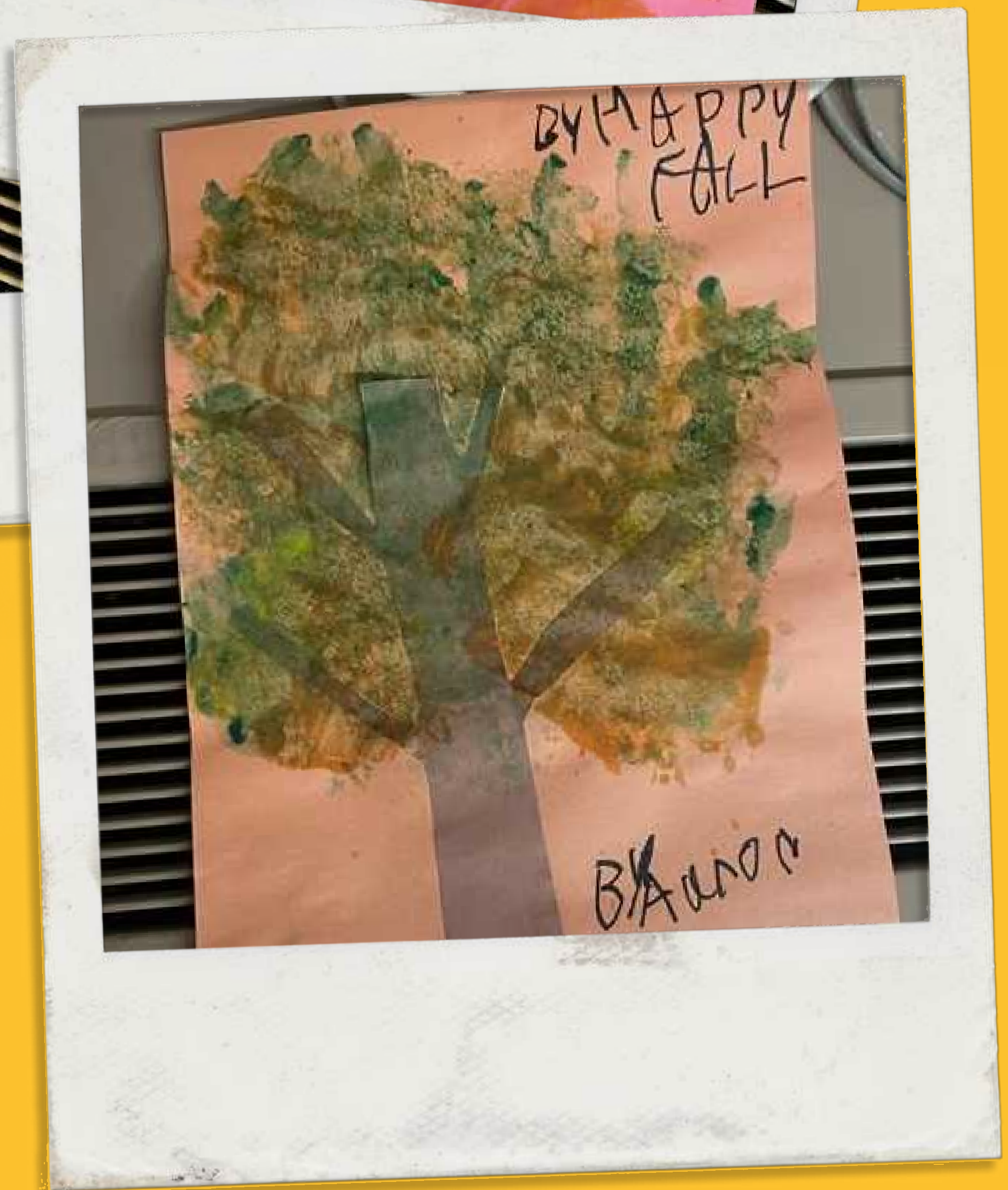
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Springfield was donated boxes full of art supplies, which the students helped organize

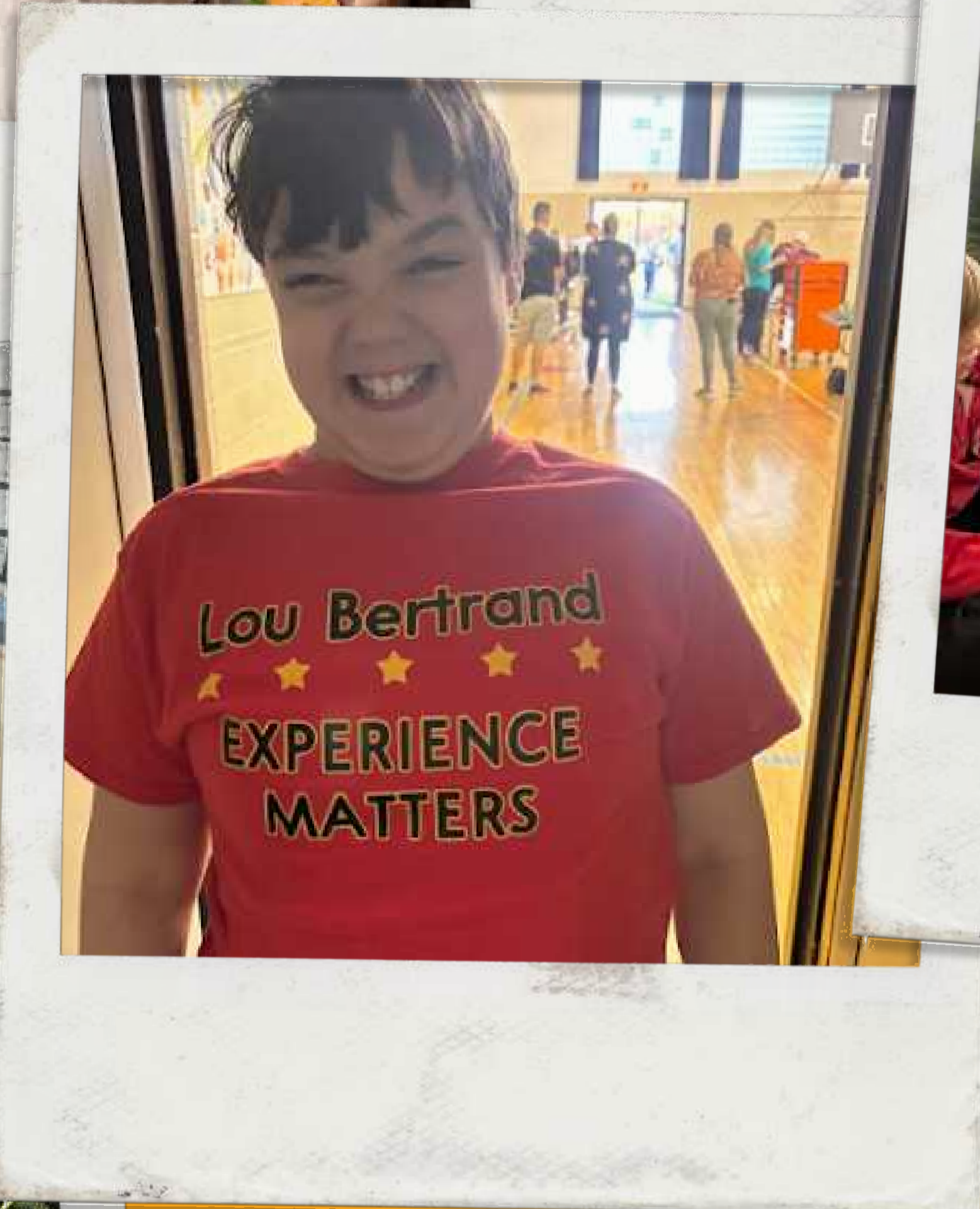
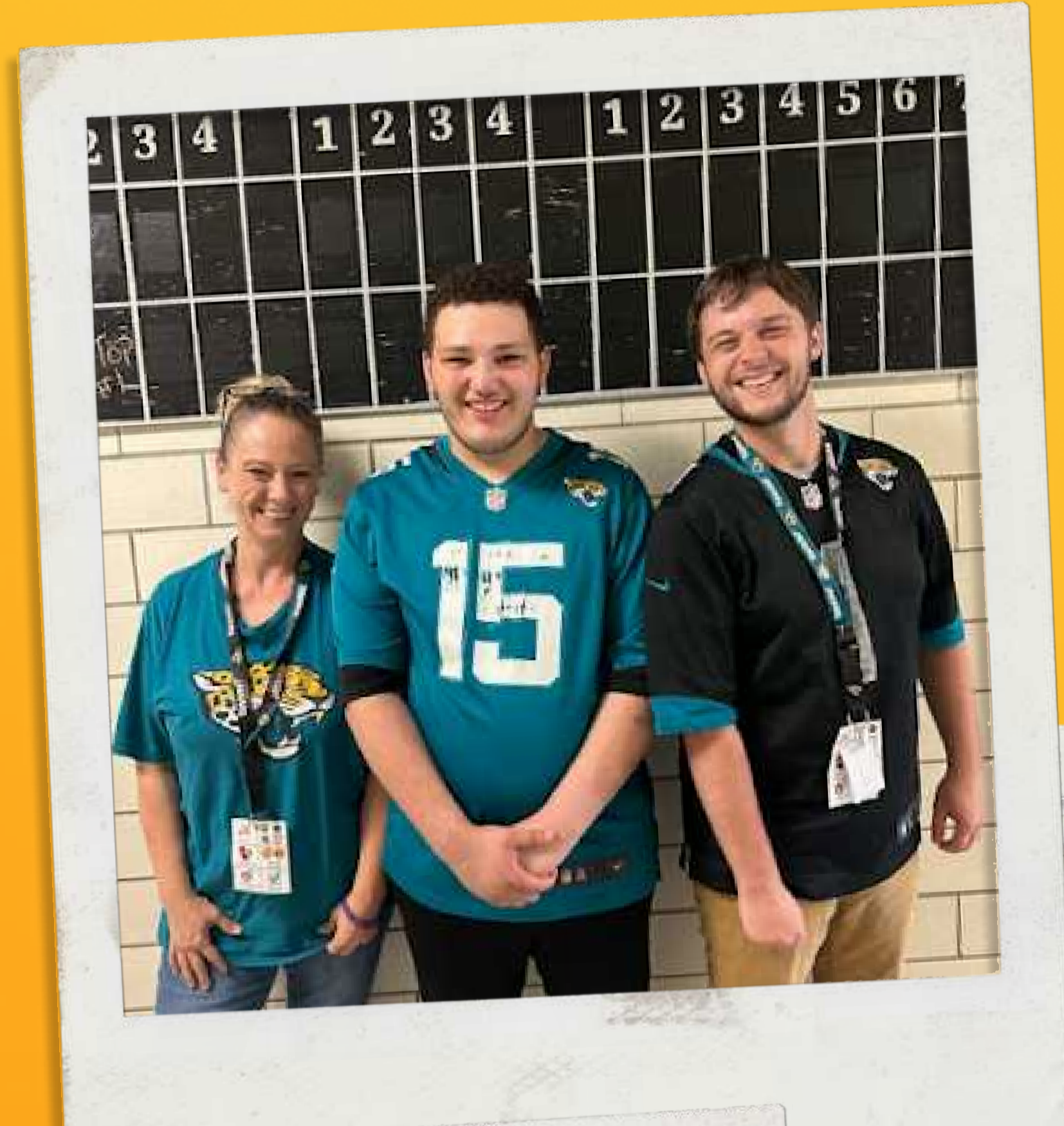


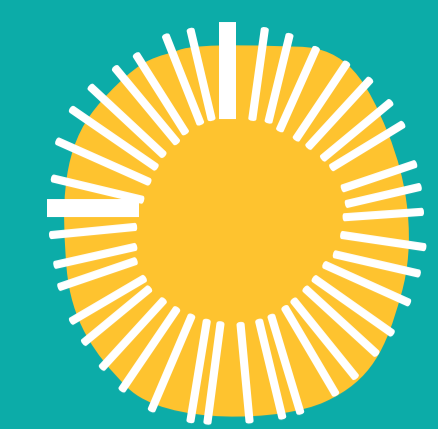
Happy Fall!



# What's Been Happening at EA?

A fun and busy start to the school year at Ravenna





# 25 Years Of EA Schools



This year marks 25 years since EA first opened its doors!

25 years since we created a place where students who were struggling and failing in mainstream schools could finally succeed – through a trusting, safe, and nurturing environment that combines education and therapy.

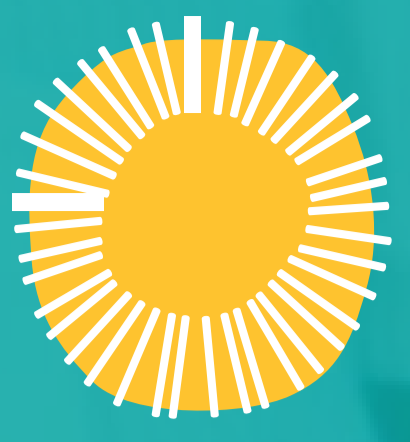
EA has been built on the passion and motivation of our expert staff members, and since 1999 we have had the joy of educating and cheering on more than 3,000 students across Northeast Ohio. And we look forward to continuing to help many more!

Find out more about EA's history and philosophy at [easchools.org/about](https://easchools.org/about)



A WARM WELCOME TO...

✍️ Chris Callender, our new Director at Elyria.



# EA: A Proud Trailblazing Phone-Free School



We're thrilled to see that the "phone-free schools movement" has been gaining traction nationally recently, and hope to see that soon become a nationwide norm.

**At EA, we've had a phone-free policy since inception**, as we've always felt student access to cell phones and social media in the classroom was not only a distraction, but also an added source of conflict and pressure. As a special education school that integrates therapeutic services via **REACH Behavioral Health** into our daily programs, we also have the added concern of privacy, making this policy even more important.

**How does it work?** It's simple.

As soon as students arrive on site they must turn in their phones, which we keep in a secure location until they leave. While it can take them a while to get used to being without their phone, they always get used to it, and there's no doubt at all as to the positive impact it has on their attention, behavior, relationships, and development throughout the school day. And of course, if ever they need to keep their phone to hand for an extenuating reason, we have ways of managing this.







## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

# Dr. Daniel El-Dabh

## *Psychiatrist and MD*

Having joined us in August this year, Daniel is the most recent addition to our psychiatry team at both EA Schools and sister organization REACH BH. And it's safe to say he's made quite the impression already – mostly due to his excellent support and interactions with our students, but also partly thanks to his gorgeous sidekick, Chloe the puppy!

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati Medical School with a general psychiatry residency from the Cleveland Clinic, Daniel's training included a particular focus on child and adolescent medicine and therapy, making him the perfect choice for us here at REACH and EA.

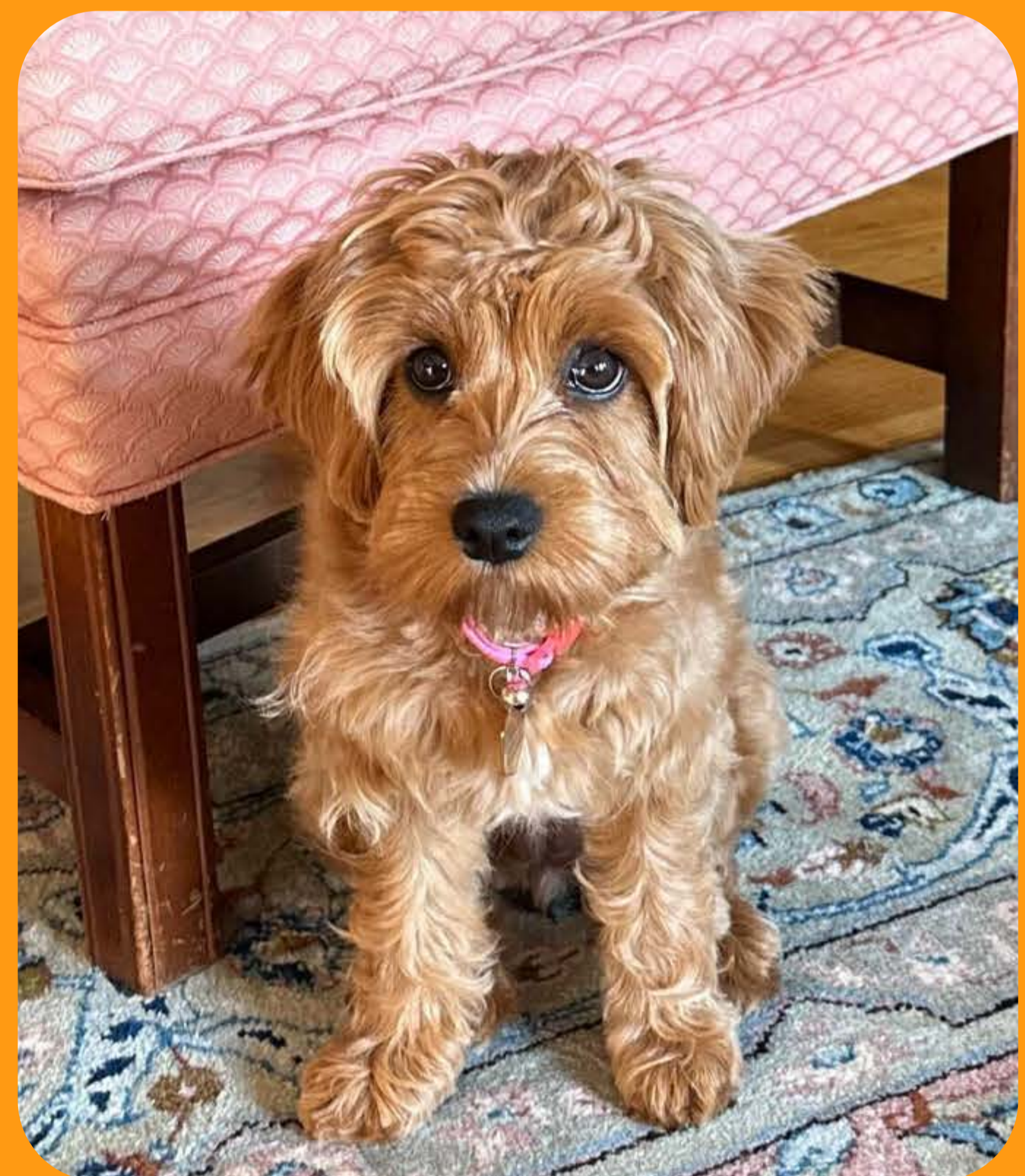
Inspired onto his career path by his grandmother, who “was the person many people came to for help and advice,” he admits that “being able to give people hope and knowledge that can help them better their circumstances,” is by far the most rewarding part of his job.

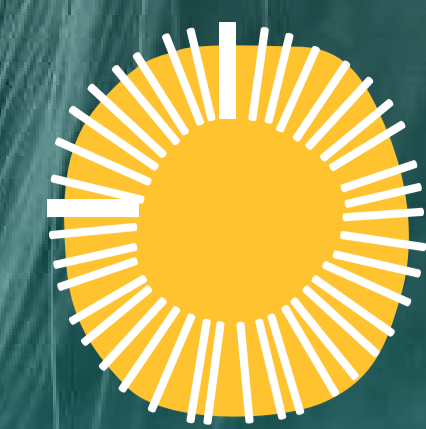
Able to offer both psychiatry (with medication management) and psychotherapy, Daniel works onsite with our students at EA – something that makes us unique as a school, and greatly benefits both our students and their parents. Not only because our students can be seen during the school day without disruption, but because Daniel also works closely with EA's teachers, counselors, and other staff as part of the overall coordination of how best to manage each student's care.

While he admits that enjoyable interactions with both students and parents is a happy part of the job, his primary focus is always on the end goal: “providing students with the right balance of interventions that are best and safest for their success – not only while at EA, but in life as well.”

With a family that hails from Egypt, Daniel himself is an Ohio man through and through, having been born in Youngtown, raised in Cleveland, and studied in Cincinnati. In his spare time he's usually to be found with friends and family, dabbling with instruments, or enjoying a bit of downtime on video games. And, of course, playing with his beautiful puppy Chloe... who he insists: “Please always pet her when you see her!”

To find out more about the services Daniel provides, or to arrange to speak to him directly about your child, contact us at <https://easchools.org/contact-us/>





# LEARNING FOR LIFE

## Alternative Schools in Ohio

### EA Locations

#### **BEDFORD**

270 Union Street  
Bedford, OH 44146  
440 232 0214

#### **BROOK PARK**

5445 Smith Rd, Brook  
Park, OH 44142  
216 453 1111

#### **CUYAHOGA FALLS**

1225 Orlen Ave,  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
44221  
330 945 4944

#### **ELYRIA**

333 Naples Dr, Elyria,  
OH 44035  
440 324 1168

#### **CENTRAL OFFICE**

5445 Smith Road  
Cleveland, OH 44142  
216 332 9360

#### **PAINESVILLE**

273 E Jackson St,  
Painesville, OH  
44077  
440 709 0053

#### **RAVENNA**

310 Bennett Ave,  
Ravenna, OH 44266  
330 839 9966

#### **AKRON/ SPRINGFIELD**

3258 Nidover Dr,  
Akron, OH 44312  
234 867 8260

#### **WILLOUGHBY HILLS**

2882 Cricket Ln,  
Willoughby Hills, OH  
44092  
440 347 0716

### Reach Locations

#### **ELYRIA**

992 N Abbe Rd N,  
Elyria, OH 44035  
440 406 5323

#### **RAVENNA**

507 E Main Street  
Ravenna, OH 44266  
330 967 2846

#### **WESTPARK**

3951 Rocky River Dr,  
Cleveland, OH 44111  
216 675 6360

#### **WESTLAKE**

25000 Center Ridge  
Rd, Westlake,  
OH 44145  
440 788 2948

#### **AKRON/SPRINGFIELD**

2410 Massillon Rd.  
Akron, OH 44312  
330 269 5492