



# BSS Afterschool Program: November 2018 Newsletter

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENTS AND MENTORS AT SUBURBAN LANES

COOKING, BOWLING, & MENTORING

## Family Engagement Night

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, we had our first family engagement night of the year. Families who attended participated in three stations after meeting the Afterschool Program staff. At one station, families worked together to make Chex mix, which they could take home with them.



Next, families had the opportunity to work with visiting artist Vicki Murphy to create a mosaic. Finally, every BSS Afterschool Program student who attended the family engagement night with their family was given

a \$15 voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair. Our students are always excited when they get to shop for new books!

## Character Education

Mrs. Kepler continued to work with our students this month on the importance of sending positive messages to everyone at school. Our students helped put uplifting quotes on the walls throughout the halls of the school.

## Enrichment



Although it was November, we started getting ready for Christmas by starting the first

step of baking Christmas cookies. Students helped mix the dough. Next month, they will bake the dough and begin decorating.

Not everything we cooked this month was Christmas related though. We also made microwave applesauce. We made 5 different types of applesauce: natural applesauce, applesauce with strawberries, applesauce with Red Hots, sugar applesauce, and cinnamon sugar applesauce. Then, we surveyed each other to see which applesauce we liked the best.



On Thursdays, Vicki Murphy joins

us to work on mosaic art. The students are making different pieces of mosaics that will be part of the secondary school's new art park, which will be built this year.

Recently, our students have also been reading *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson in preparation for seeing the play at the Bucyrus Little Theatre on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Behavior & Attendance Reward

Students in the Afterschool Program who met the behavior and attendance requirements of the Afterschool Program were taken to Suburban Lanes to bowl! Even some of the high school mentors joined them!



## Community Partnerships

The Afterschool Program partners with several organizations in the community to help offer students in the Afterschool Program as many opportunities as possible. One of our biggest partnerships is with the Crawford Success Center. Amanda Sheets, the Crawford Success Center's Operations Manager, worked with our students on a personality survey. Students learned about their strengths and weaknesses as they relate to their personalities.



The Crawford County Arts Council is another one of our biggest supporters. This month, they came to the secondary school to lead our Afterschool Program students in a painting of a winter scene.



Desiree Levering from ADAMH, another one of our partners, usually visits our students once a month. This month, she led our students in a "talk behind your back" activity where they practiced only saying nice things about someone behind his or her back.

## Mentoring

This month we were able to introduce five 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders to their high school peer mentors, and they are already loving mentoring! Some of them were able to bowl with their mentors while others made Christmas ornaments to be hung on the Christmas tree at City Hall. We can't wait to get more of our students involved in the mentoring program!



## Upcoming Events

- *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* @ the Bucyrus Little Theatre on December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Bowling December 18<sup>th</sup>
- No program December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- Program resumes January 7<sup>th</sup>