



STUDENTS POSING WITH REPTILES FROM LOWE-VOLK PARK

BES Afterschool Program: January 2019 Newsletter

SCIENCE ENRICHMENT & UPCOMING DATES

BES Afterschool Program Rocks!!

Last month we had a visitor from the Center for School Advancement (COSA) which is associated with our 21stCCLC afterschool grant. The COSA regional mentor was very excited with our Afterschool Program, stating that our program is doing "fantastic work!" Ms. Barnett, our regional mentor, was impressed that we have school-day staff (both teachers and aides) in the program, that the schedule includes small group homework help and tutoring time, and that our community partnerships are assets in providing wonderful experiences for the students.

She also noted that our students are happy to be at the program and are engaged in the interesting activities. Ms. Barnett intends to share our program with other afterschool programs.

Thank you, families, for sending your child to the program and for your continued support. The program's success is truly a quality partnership between you and the school.

Reptiles and More!

Snake! Bearded Dragon! Painted Box Turtle! It must be time for a visit with Lisa Bogard from Lowe-Volk Park. The Afterschool students were up front and close with these animals learning about their habitats, favorite foods, and behaviors.



Sharpening Teamwork Skills

Students continued to sharpen

teamwork skills with our afterschool grant partner at the Crawford Success Center. Under the guidance of Operations Manager Amanda Sheets, the students tested their communication, memory, and fine motor skills in teams using puzzles.



Each team had 3 attempts to improve their time in putting together the puzzle by strategizing throughout the activity. Most teams improved their time by at least half! At the end of the process, each team described what was done to become better. The students had

a lot of fun in the team activity and discovered much about communication and teamwork.

Stride

One of the programs students in the Afterschool Program participate in regularly is a computer program called Stride. Stride is an online learning academy where students practice their math and reading skills. Stride has the ability to guide each student to practice where he or she needs it the most based on his or her own specific learning levels. Along with reading and math intervention, students are also able to play games using coins they earn when they answer questions correctly.

Science Enrichment

During January, our students had the opportunity to make slime again, one of their favorite activities. In addition, they used infrared thermometers to compare and contrast the temperatures throughout the building. They were then challenged to think about why the temperature would vary throughout the school.



Mini Cheerleading Clinic Announcement

The mini cheerleading clinic is open to any students in grades



preschool through 6th and is sponsored by the BHS cheerleading squad. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, February 5th at BES from 6PM-7:30PM and on Saturday, February 9th at BSS from 11AM-12:30PM. The cost for the clinic is \$20 for 1 student and \$30 for 2 family members, and the cost covers the clinic and a t-shirt. To guarantee a t-shirt for the performance, the fee is due at the first clinic. Checks should be made out to Bucyrus Athletic Boosters, and registration forms can be picked up at BES.

Rotary Pancake Day

Our Afterschool families are invited to attend the Annual Rotary Pancake Day on Saturday, February 16th from 7AM-1PM at the Bucyrus Secondary School. The event is free for the afterschool families for an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, sausage (courtesy of Hord Family Farms), juice, milk, and coffee. If you are not already signed up, you may pick up a form at the BES main office. Submit it to the Afterschool Program by February 5th. Pancake Day tickets will be sent home with your Afterschool student.

Free Family Engagement Events

If you are still needing to attend Family Engagement Events to be eligible for an Aumiller Park family pool pass (eligibility also requires Afterschool student attendance to be at least 30 days in the program), here are upcoming dates:

- Feb. 16th-Rotary Pancake Day 7AM-1PM
- Feb. 21st-Rockin' Reading Night 5:30-7:30
- Mar. 5th-Family Literacy Night
- Mar. 7th-Family Night at *The Music Man* musical at BSS

You must sign in at each event.

Don't Forget!

The cast members of *Seussical the Musical, Jr.* are practicing diligently to learn their lines, songs, and choreography. Mark your calendars to attend on March 29, 30, or 31. Ticket information will soon be available.

Upcoming dates

- No program March 20-21st due to conferences.