



DRAGON EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Community Learning & Resource Center

Summer-Fall-2023

A project providing services and programs to students, families, and the community so that all can be successful in school and life.

The DEC

NEWS AND UPDATES

The Dragon Empowerment Center and the Ashtabula Area City Schools

Invite you to...

DEC the Halls

Family HOLIDAY Party

Location:

Michigan Primary
2300 Wade Avenue
Ashtabula

Open to
All District
Families



December 6, 2023

5:30-7:30 pm

FOOD! GAMES! MAKE N' TAKE CRAFTS! HOLIDAY MOVIES!

FREE! FUN for the whole family!

440-855-0081

Meat, Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable
Roll & Butter
Dessert



Bring your own camera and take a holiday photo of your child with the...

Grinch and Santa



Registration suggested-not required: **440-855-0081 or jbunnell@accaa.org**

The Strong Foundations, Successful Futures- Community Learning & Resource Center Advisory Group consists of: Ashtabula County Community Action Agency, Community Counseling Center, LEADERShip Ashtabula County, and the Ashtabula Area City Schools.

Back2School Bash-Huge Success!!!

The Ashtabula Area City Schools and the Dragon Empowerment Center hosted the Annual “Back2School Bash” on Wednesday, August 16th. This celebration provides an opportunity for students and families to get ready for the upcoming school year. Representatives from all of the schools, resource tables, give-aways and games by many community organizations, along with screenings and immunizations, prizes, and of course, free food, were all featured. The turnout was even better than the year before with over 800 attending. The purpose was to invite the students and families to come out and have a little fun and get valuable resources and information. The Back2School Bash is possible due to the generous support of the community organizations, businesses, and vendors.

Ashtabula Area City Schools



2023



SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Cultural Festival



Jocelyn Durkin
and Iyamani
Ortiz

The 2nd Annual Cultural Festival was held on Saturday, September 16th. Many thanks to the various organizations, groups, and individuals who shared their knowledge of their cultural traditions, beliefs, foods, music, and more. The event is designed to celebrate the diversity within our community to promote peace and unity. New to the Festival this year was a schedule of performers, ...Native American Dance/Drums- Lenape Nation, Aileen Lazuka, Jocelyn Durkin and Iyamani Ortiz, Joyce Beitel, Evan Howe, Estelle Tomasio and the finale of Hispanic Song/Dance-Mrs. Shelok's AACS Students. Thank you for sharing your talents with us.

New! Afterschool Program at Lakeside High School!

Hey, Lakeside HS students! There is now a FREE afterschool program offered right in Room A112- you don't even have to leave the building! The DEC has received a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant to provide this program to help students be successful in school and in life.

What you'll get... a snack; extra reading and math help, fun learning activities for the other subjects, life skills, arts and culture, dinner before you leave, and transportation home if needed.

The program started October 23rd but we are still accepting applications... you can pick up an application from the school office or Mrs. Dzurina in Room A112. Just have your parent/guardian complete it and return it to Mrs. Dzurina. Don't miss out, we still have a few more weeks before winter break!



Our Generous Community!



The DEC is so grateful to the many organizations and individuals who generously donate to help their fellow Dragon families! Many thanks to Little Miss Dream Valley Ambassador of Ohio, Family Dollar-Ashtabula Harbor, Ashtabula Mental Health & Recovery Service Board, Saybrook United Methodist Church, Erie Intermediate School, and so many others! We apologize for anyone we have left out- we appreciate every item!



CDI Dental Services Continue!

This summer, Cleveland Dental Institute (CDI) launched their mobile dental clinic! The unit is a full semi-trailer filled with state-of-the-art equipment and more staff to be able to offer more extensive dental services. They were on site at the High School-Junior High School Campus during October and saw over 200 students! They are now parked down at the Wade Elementary Campus serving the students.



Our Dedicated Tutors Are Back!



Our AMAZING volunteers from the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) continue to make a BIG difference in the lives of the students they are assisting! Our young Dragons are showing great progress due to the extra time and vital one-to-one academic help they give. And, they are developing not only with their academic skills, but gaining confidence and motivation.



We are in need of more volunteers to work with students. If you would like to volunteer to make a difference for a child, please call the DEC at 440-855-0081. Tutoring takes place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and the commitment is one or two hours each day. (You do not have to be part of the RSVP program to volunteer with DEC– but if you want to join RSVP contact 440-210-3044).

Ashtabula Kiwanis Donates Books!

Thank you to the Ashtabula Kiwanis Club for filling our bookshelf with new books! Every child that visits the DEC can choose a book to take. We appreciate their commitment to early literacy.



We've Moved to Huron B116!

You can reach us by entering through the school office.



Help Us Build Successful Futures

Donations can be made payable to:



ACCAA
PO Box 2610
Ashtabula, OH 44005-2610
Memo– DEC-CLRC

Did you know the DEC has a website!

Thanks to our former AmeriCorps VISTA Member, Jesse Wheeler, the Dragon Empowerment Center has a website to help keep you up-to-date on what's happening! Be sure to bookmark the site and visit often...

<https://decashtabula.wixsite.com/dragoncenter>

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