

SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS

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2010 – 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Director's Message

Dear Friends,

I am so pleased with the progress that our school has made this year! We had three main areas that we wanted to focus our efforts on this year, those being Reading, Math, and Social Skills. To assist with our Reading focus, we have been so fortunate to have received the GAR Grant again this past year which helped fund our Voices Reading Program, additional books for the library, and our Reader's Theatre materials. I so enjoyed popping into classrooms and getting to see how our students were doing with their reading skills, while employing their flare for dramatics too! To go along with our literacy push, we again were excited to have our Lunch Bunch Book Clubs and our Adult Child Book Clubs. The Lunch Bunch was completely voluntary yet we had so many who wanted to participate that there were several groups developed to accommodate them all!

To build on our Math focus, we started to implement strategies that research has found to improve overall math scores. This year, for the first time, we had the Director's Math Masters Club. In each classroom during their Math lessons, students were required to complete 10 minutes of math fluency activities to improve their knowledge of basic math facts. Then, once a month, the students would take a math fluency assessment. At the end of the year, Math Toolboxes were developed and a trial was completed with children taking these kits home and playing math activities and games with family members at home. Then the kits were returned with a sheet noting their completion of the activity or to verify the students participated in the math games. This too is a voluntary program and several families signed up for the program. We look to implement this program more fully next year.

Regarding Social Skills, we have been fortunate to find a Reading program that embeds a Character Education Program right into the Reading lessons. During their Social Skills times within the classroom, the Reading lesson for the day has already given a basis for a social skills lesson which is then elaborated on and activities are implemented. We have seen improvements in behaviors and especially with identity awareness and perspective taking. I am so impressed with how our students embraced these concepts and implemented them in their everyday interactions.

All of the above could not have been completed this year without the dedication of the wonderful staff here at Summit Academy Akron Elementary. They truly go above and beyond to help facilitate growth in each of the students here at our school. To them, this school is their passion, not just another job. And it shows in the smiles of students and families that you come in contact with on a daily basis. I look forward to many more years working with this phenomenal group of individuals!

Sincerely,
Dawn Presley, M.Ed, PC
Director

School Data / IRN # 133587

AGE LEVELS SERVED: 5-12

HOURS OF INSTRUCTION: 5 DAYS PER WEEK / 6.5 HRS. PER DAY - 8:00AM—2:55 PM

SCHOOL TYPE: EXISTING / UNGRADED

STUDENT POPULATION: 85

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS:

All of our students are considered “at-risk” of academic failure, due to the condition ADHD and/or Asperger’s Disorder, which describes our target population.

SPECIFIC DEMOGRAPHIC INFO:

CAUCASIAN	69.2%
AFRICAN AMERICAN	23.3%
MIXED / OTHER	7.5%
MALE / FEMALE	70.1% / 29.9%
LOW INCOME: YES / NO	72 / 28%

STAFFING BY FUNCTION

ADMINISTRATIVE	6
TEACHERS	16
TEACHING AIDES	4
SUPPORT STAFF	3

ATTENDANCE RATE: 94.14%

School Mission Statement

Summit Academy Community Schools for Alternative Learners addresses the academic and social needs of students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and/or Asperger’s Disorder. We are guided by the belief that every child can learn, given the proper educational environment. We will adhere to the theory of multiple intelligences in concept and instructional design.

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School Staff

Dawn Presley	Director	Amy Norris	Teacher
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Renee King	Teacher	Michelle Byrd	Instructional Assistant
Katherine Norman	Teacher	Jackson Hederstrom	Instructional Assistant
Amanda Jesko	Teacher		

School Highlights / 2009-2010

The 2009-2010 school year started off with camp week that was themed around "Reaching the Literacy Summit". Each classroom adopted a book theme and centered their activities around the book and then were able to watch the movie, which allowed them to compare and contrast information.

We had many fundraising projects during the school year. In the fall, we had our annual Entertainment Books sale, our first Craft Fair and a pie sale around the Thanksgiving holiday. At Christmas time we sold ornaments that the children had created during Art class. In the winter, we had a Cookie Dough, Valentine's Day Roses, and our Annual Rummage Sale. In the spring we had a School Carnival. And finally we rounded out the year with our Silent Auction. All of the monies that were raised went to field trips, academic and behavior rewards for the students, as well as staff appreciation gifts.

This year we were so blessed to have up and running our video conferencing equipment. Our teachers were able to connect with the Indianapolis Zoo, the Ann Arbor Hands On Science Museum and many Muskingum Valley workshops, which all caught the children's' interest. In addition to the virtual field trips, the students were able to have fun right here at our building with the Family Literacy Night featuring Outback Ray, a Holiday Program, Art Show, Science Fair, and an author visit from J. Patrick Lewis. At the end of the school year, the students enjoyed trips to the Akron Zoo and a Field Day at Boettler Park.



ABOVE: Parents and students participate in the Adult/Child Book Club Celebration held after school in January.



ABOVE: A Summit Academy student presents his Science Fair project.



ABOVE: Summit Academy Akron Elementary held their 3rd Annual Art Show.



ABOVE: Outback Ray and a student enjoy playing with a chinchilla during the Family Literacy Night.