



IMPORTANT DATES:

4/1: April Tuition Due

4/8: No School/CAS - Total Solar Eclipse

APRIL 2024

FAMILY FUN

4/8: It's finally approaching! We've been hearing about it for months. Click here to find some Solar Eclipse events happening in the area: [Eclipse Viewing Events](#)

OLDER KIDS ACTIVITIES

We know that many of our younger students are eager to participate in the Older Kids' activities. Although these activities are more challenging, the privilege isn't based solely on their skill level. Many of our 4th and 5th graders have been in CAS for several years and look forward to having their own space and activity. Please tell your K-3rd graders to hang in there. They're already growing up too fast! In the meantime, CAS takes great pride in our awesome activity choices for *all* grade levels which include several core curriculum areas: Music, Drama, Art, Literacy & Language Development, Math, Science & Nature, Engineering, Social Emotional Learning, and Physical Play. So, let's have fun!

PARENT SURVEYS: THE RESULTS ARE IN...

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey to let us know how we're doing. This school year, CAS has an overall approval rating of 97%. Please visit our website and select the 'About' tab to see the overall results. CAS will continue to work to meet your child care needs and to make your family's participation with CAS a positive experience. Thanks again!



April Showers Bring May Flowers



DID YOU KNOW?

Care After School is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, who set the guidelines for after school snacks. Two food groups are required to be offered each day. We go a few steps further and set even higher standards. At CAS, your child also receives a fruit or vegetable every day. Additionally, at least two protein-rich snacks are served every week, and we do not offer snacks that are high in sugar with low nutritional value. Although our snack is not intended to be a meal, children are always permitted to pack additional or alternate snacks to eat during this time.



STAFF SURVEYS

While you were busy completing our annual Parent Survey, CAS staff members were completing a survey of their own. Each year, we gather input from all employees anonymously. Each staff member is given the opportunity to share their employment experience with CAS Board Members and Administration. We are very proud to announce that 100% of CAS employees enjoy their job! **Please see page two** for some direct quotes from those surveys.



I LOVE CREATING ACTIVITIES AND WATCHING THE KIDS' CREATIVITY. I LOVE ALL THE THINGS THEY'RE ABLE TO DO ON A DAILY BASIS, AND WATCHING THEM LEARN NEW THINGS. I LIKE GETTING TO KNOW ALL THE KIDS!

My favorite thing is just seeing the kids and connecting with them every day.

I LOVE INTERACTING AND CONNECTING WITH THE KIDS. SEEING THEM SMILE EVERY DAY AND HAVING FUN

My favorite part of the job is showing the kids new skills and helping them learn new things.

I enjoy engaging with the kids and how funny they are. They make the job super fun!

The best thing is just seeing the kids have fun!

The best part of my job is building connections with the kids and parents

What I love best is that I'm giving several parents peace of mind when they go to work, knowing their kids are in a safe place.

The best thing? The kids!

I love playing and building relationships with the kids and families

I enjoy engaging with the kids and participating in fun activities with them.

I LOVE GETTING TO SEE OUR KIDS EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION FREELY.

I love the impact we're having on the kids.

I like teaching the kids new games, life lessons, hearing their stories, and just spending time with them.

I REALLY ENJOY THE KIDS, THE ACTIVITIES WE DO TOGETHER, I FEEL LIKE I'M FULFILLING MY LIFE'S PURPOSE.

I love getting to know the students so well, and becoming an important part of their day.

There's never a dull moment!

THE BEST THING ABOUT THE JOB IS THE DAILY INTERACTIONS WITH THE KIDS.

PROMOTING TOGETHERNESS

Family Fun night

April 23rd is National Picnic Day!

There are some wonderful spots for a picnic right in our neck of the woods! Click on any of the links below to find the perfect spot for your family!

[The Topiary Park](#)

[Park of Roses](#)

[Indian Run Falls](#)

[Glen Echo Park](#)

[Hoover Reservoir Park](#)

[Glick Park \(O'Shaughnessy Dam\)](#)

In addition to the parks listed above, check out some more parks with playgrounds too! **McCord Park, Selby Park, Whitney Playground, Perry Park and Wilson Hill Park** would all make perfect backdrops for your family picnic day!

Spend time together packing your favorite foods for the picnic. You can find a picnic table or lay a blanket on a nice plot of ground. Walk around, explore your surroundings, and enjoy the nature around you.

When you're done exploring, take a break and enjoy some of the items you brought with you like a deck of cards, a travel-sized board game, a frisbee or a football. Or play a game like Red Light, Green Light or I Spy.