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Crooksville iLearn

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During the 2017-2018 school year Crooksville Exempted Village School District was awarded three, 21st Century Grants, which service our elementary, middle, and high school students. The 21st Century Grant is intended to provide both academic and club activities for our students before and after school. We spent the beginning of the year planning our curriculum and working with our community partners to ensure successful programs for all of our students. We welcomed our first group of students in October, and as the year progressed so did our enrollment. New and exciting opportunities for our students continued to increase throughout the school year. In the fall our enrolled students chose the name "iLearn" for our program.

One of the many advantages of the iLearn is the relationships we have formed with community organizations. Our community partners include the Perry County Library System and Gear Up. These key partnerships provide not only additional services and resources, but also engaging activities for our students. The Perry County Library System invited our elementary students to the main branch for the Earth Day Celebration that included reading activities, community speakers, local students who won awards, and crafts. Gear Up, a member of the Muskingum County

Community Foundation, provides career opportunities for our middle and high school students. While not an official community partner, The Children's Hunger Alliance has ensured all of our students received a balanced meal every day. Our students have truly benefited from these partnerships and we look forward to working with them in the future.

While at school our students have been very fortunate to receive exceptional educational support from the Crooksville staff. This includes academic support in the areas of reading and math while also providing homework assistance. When our students finish with their academic needs we are able to provide additional enrichment through various clubs. Some of our club options include; "Dude Be Nice," arts/crafts, dance/fitness, board games, band, archery, American Sign Language through Distance Learning, indoor track, card making, iHelp (a service learning project), and other recreational activities. The balance between academic support and social clubs allows our students to really be involved throughout the school year.

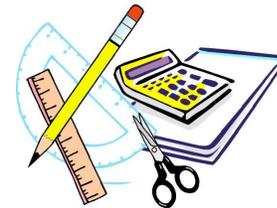
By partnering with Gear Up we were able to provide middle and high school summer programs designed to provide a combination of college and career readiness along with some really exciting trips. Our high school

students were able to take advantage of an eighth week online CCP course through Hocking College. We were also able to offer Outdoor Recreation, which when completed, fulfills a P.E. credit. Middle school students explored the Ohio River aboard a stern-wheel, learned all about volcanoes, and visited The Wilds and Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. We really enjoyed building stronger relationships with our students this summer and hope they will all return next year in addition to more families taking advantage of our summer programs next year.

While we do not want to wish away summer vacation we have already started planning for the 2018-2019 school year. We are excited to welcome back our returning students and eager to meet new ones. Please visit us during open-house in August for more information about how to enroll your children. Have a wonderful and safe summer break.



Lisa Baughman– Crooksville High School, iLearn Lead Teacher



The Crooksville High School iLearn Program has been a great success for our attendees this school year. Our program is open daily, Monday- Thursdays from 2:30- 5:30 PM. After being offered both a meal and a snack, high school students in grades 9-12 focus on homework help, tutoring, remediation and intervention of academic topics. We have provided help for all Crooksville students including eAcademy and CCP students.

The high school iLearn offers many club activities such as Archery, Recreation Club, Indoor Track, Gardening Club, Power Lifting, Band and Crafts Club.

Our high school students took on a Project Based Learning project entitled "Healthy Living" where students discussed how exercise improves our lives, how to make healthier food choices, and how we can grow simple foods for fresh options. Under a grow lamp, our students grew ingredients for a simple salad, which allowed students to understand the process it takes to get food from seed to plate.

Our partnership with Gear Up gives our students access to college and career resources, helps them to set goals for their futures, and works toward their goals in a practical manner.

Over the summer, some of our students will participate in Summer Recreation for a PE credit. We are also offering three online CCP courses from Hocking College this summer to give our students an edge when it comes to college readiness. iLearn is also partnering with the high school marching band to provide new opportunities for our band students.

Over the year, we have served over 100 students across our various activities and are looking forward to growing our program in the upcoming school year.

Tammy White-Middle School, Lead Teacher

Crooksville Middle School iLearn started off the year in October with an average of 20 students per week. As word got out to other students, our numbers started to grow and more students began to attend on a regular basis. We have been able to offer services such as homework help, intervention, clubs, and physical education activities on a daily basis. We had many wonderful day time staff teachers make the transition between regular day into afterschool seamless.

Students were given opportunities from the first week in deciding on activities, materials and scheduling. Staff were continually asking for input and feedback about what students like in our routine. Students also began to ask for activities that involved cooking, and from that idea, evolved projects of pizza night, taco night, and cookies during the holiday. Most recently we implemented a Problem Based Learning activity on salads and etiquette. Etiquette lessons have been used with a few movie events during of program.

Club activities have been a success this year. These clubs include: American Sign Language Distance Learn-



ing, Archery, card making, board games, drama, recreation club with the high school students and staff, STEM, crafts, and iHelp (a service learning club) which offered teacher's aide for K-8 teachers. The middle school students also had several field trips that included a Columbus Clippers baseball game and the Columbus Blue Jackets professional hockey team.

This year there were 138 students who completed enrollment applications to attend iLearn, 30 archery students, and an average of 50 stu-



Jody Cannon- Elementary, Lead Teacher

What an awesome time we have had with our elementary K-4 students this year. Our program began in the fall and ended on May 10. Students had many opportunities for learning and physical activity. They began each night with a hot/cold meal provided by the Children's Hunger Alliance. From there, students went to homework help to have a teacher from each grade level to academically assist them. Intervention with small groups and enrichment activities were also provided at this time as well.

Other activities/learning possibilities happened following homework help. Third grade students were able to take part in the Problem Based Learning (PBL). They researched carnivorous plants titled, "Plants or Pets." Students were given the choice of clubs such as, "Dude Be Nice," softball, cupcake wars, gaming, dancing and recreation. At this time, students set personal and learning goals to be tracked and revisited during the duration of the program.



Field trips were also taken at the end of our program. A family field trip was taken to the Columbus Zoo. The students were given activities and questions they needed to complete throughout the day with their family and turn them in at the end of the day. Also, students were able to attend a field trip to the Perry County Library. The Perry County Library also visited our campus and read books to the students. They also provided physical activities and crafts for each child. On Wednesday, May 16, students and parents are able to attend the Lancaster Drive-in-Movie.

As far as next year, we are in the beginning stages of making it an even better year and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



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September 24 First Day of iLearn

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Thursday of the month.