



Akron Digital Academy

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 24-25, 2011-** Thanksgiving, No School
 - Thurs. Dec 1, 2011-** Shine Your Smile Day permission slips are due
 - Tues. Dec. 6, 2011-** Mental Health America Speaker, Evans Building
 - Tues. Dec 6, 2011-** Parent Leadership Team Meeting, 6:00pm, Evans Building
 - Wed. Dec 7, 2011-** Mental Health America Speaker, Evans Building and GPS Site
 - Mon. Dec. 12, 2011-** Battered Women's Shelter Scarf Project Begins
 - Wed. Dec 21, 2011-** Last Day of class before Winter Break
- For more information regarding upcoming events contact Mrs. Jaunae Carter, Community Engagement Coordinator at: 330-237-2241.

Thanksgiving Fun Facts



- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States.
- The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade tradition began in the 1920's.
- Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President does not eat the live turkey. He "pardons" it and allows it to live out its days on a historical farm.
- Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16 - 18lbs of turkey.
- Although, Thanksgiving is widely considered an American holiday, it is also celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada.

SES Tutoring is Now Available

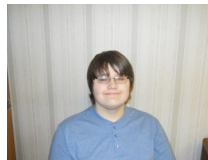
Do you need extra help in Reading and/or Math? SES Tutoring is a **FREE** program that provides after school tutoring to eligible students. If you are interested in boosting your reading and/or math skills, please contact Ms. Meghan Ryckman, Development Coordinator, at: 330-237-2229 or speak with your teacher. There are a limited number of tutoring spots available. Once they are full, eligible students will be placed on a waiting list.



Shine Your Smile Day Comes to ADA

Akron Digital Academy is hosting Smile Programs...mobile dentists from 9:00am-3:00pm on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, in the Orientation Lab on the 2nd floor of the Evans Building (335 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308). The Smile Programs' team will set up a mini dental office in our building and can provide preventive services (i.e. free cleaning, sealants, and x-rays) for all children who return completed forms. "Shine Your Smile Day" is open to all ADA students, grades K-12, and siblings of students from 18 months-18 years old with a completed and signed permission slip. Students who are 18 years or older can sign their own permission forms. Signing up to see the Smile Programs...the mobile dentists team is an easy way to get necessary preventive dental care. If you want your child to see the dentist on "Shine Your Smile Day," just pick up a permission slip from your child's site, fill it out and return it to school by Thursday, December 1, 2011.

You can learn more about Smile Programs...the mobile dentists by going to its website: www.mobiledentists.com and watching the short video about the preventive dental care program. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity. For more information contact Mrs. Alexander at: 330-237-2242.



Gary Cole Likes to Move Fast

Gary Cole has attended Akron Digital Academy since he was in the 3rd grade. Now in the 11th grade, Gary is thinking about his future. He currently participates in ADA's vocational program. He attends Garfield High School for 3 periods per day to learn a Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CAD) program. After graduation in 2013, Gary hopes to possibly obtain his associate's degree or participate in an apprenticeship. Eventually Gary would like to design guitars. For now, he is learning about the manufacturing and repair of guitars. Gary works 20 hours per week for Crossroads Management, carries a 3.5 GPA and is thrilled to have passed all his OGTs. He loves attending Akron Digital Academy because it allows him to move at his own pace and Gary's pace is fast. When he isn't working or learning a trade, he likes to build computers. Gary also likes playing computer games. Right now his favorite is Team Fortress 2. Keep up the great work Gary!

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Career Education Program Available to ADA Students

Akron Digital Academy participates in the Akron Public School's Career Education program. At the present time, we have 17 ADA students attending classes in six of the Akron high schools. Of the 17 students, 3 are in the second year of their vocation and the other 14 are in the first year. There will be a presentation by members of the Career Education Department from Akron Public Schools on December 1st for 10th graders and a few select 11th graders who attend the Evans and Kaiser Labs.

Mrs. Marano will provide the same presentation at the Easter and Goodyear sites. AM and PM sessions will be covered. For more information contact Mrs. Marano, Counselor at: 330-237-2208 on Mon/Weds/Thurs. Below you will find the what, where, why and how of the program.

WHAT: Students attend a vocational training class Monday through Friday for ½ of their day. These programs are located in various Akron Public high schools. The other ½ day, students attend their regular school (Akron Digital Academy) for their academic classes.

WHERE: Every Akron Public high school has at least one vocational program. Some have many programs.

WHY: Students have an opportunity to learn a skill while they are in high school. That means, when they graduate, they are really ready for the world of work!

HOW: Students are eligible to apply for one of the vocational programs during the second semester of their sophomore (10th grade) year. This year, we will hold informational meetings in early December for all 10th graders. Students will then have an opportunity to actually visit the program for a half day in January, 2012. Following the visit, students who are still interested will submit an application to counselor, Mrs. Marano. If they are accepted, they will start the program when they are a junior (next fall).

GETTING THERE: Transportation to and from school each day is the student's responsibility. Akron Public School buses will transport students between schools, FREE of charge.

HOW CAN I BE ELIGIBLE: Students are chosen based on their desire, their school attendance, their grades and their attitude. It is not hard to get in, but they want students who are making progress in school and who have good attendance.

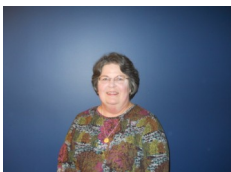
WHAT WILL I STUDY: Programs vary in type and location. Most are two-year programs and start at the beginning of junior year. Some programs that would be available are: Early Childhood, Animal Management, Heating/Air Conditioning and Ventilation, Welding, Plumbing, Construction, Commercial Art, Cosmetology, Restaurant Management, Hospitality, Fire Safety, Graphic Arts, Auto Tech, Auto Collision (body), Business Finance, CAD, Dental Assisting, Electronics, Masonry, Pre-nursing and more.



Decades of College Dreams

ADA Wins AVID Grant-Program Begins in January

At the end of June, Akron Digital Academy was awarded a 3-year AVID grant. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. This program is a postsecondary college readiness system that is designed to increase school wide learning and performance. The AVID system accelerates student learning, uses research-based methods of effective instruction, provides meaningful and motivational professional development, and acts as a catalyst for systemic reform and change. AVID targets students in the academic middle - B, C, and even D students - who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. Students at ADA have been identified and referred to the program. The AVID program at ADA begins in January and will be located at our Goodyear site.



Get to know your Race to the Top (RttT) Transformation Team

Get to know your RttT Transformation Team is a monthly series that presents biographical information on each member of the Race to the Top (RttT) Transformation Team. The members of this team will become experts in their application areas and be able to answer any questions about RttT. This month's biographical sketch is on Leslie Jane Kimble, Mentor Teacher and Academic Coach currently at our Easter Ave. site. Mrs. Kimble brings to the Transformation Team over 35 years of educational experience. She attended Clarion University where she earned a B.S. in Secondary Mathematics. Through her years of experience, Mrs. Kimble has attained a master's equivalent. She is certified in Secondary Mathematics for grades 7-12 and Middle School Mathematics grades 4-9. When Mrs. Kimble is not helping ADA students, she is mentoring students in the Young Graduates Program, participating in the Greater Akron Mathematics Educators' Society and the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She is an active member of her church, and participates in several community activities including "Friday at Five" for the YMCA, the Stark County Soroptomist Club's annual auction, the Women's Guild of the Summit County Juvenile Court's fashion show and auction and the Civic Theater Women's Guild Luncheon/Auction. She enjoys reading, skiing, crafting, socializing, and traveling. Mrs. Kimble's educational philosophy is that all students can learn given the right circumstances and motivation. She feels it is her responsibility, as a teacher, to try to create the right circumstances and to motivate her students. The student's responsibility is to take advantage of the opportunities provided for them. Mrs. Kimble loves learning, especially mathematics, and tries to always convey this love and enthusiasm to her students. Mrs. Kimble's experience is a welcome addition to the Transformation Team and she will be a crucial, contributing member to the success of RttT.