



THE AFTERSCHOOL OBSERVER



PROGRAM UPDATES...

The Hyde 21st CCLC After School Program has returned to in person services at our Mattamuskeet and Ocracoke sites and it has been amazing to be with our students again! The after school program began on October 11th with a small group of students recommended by teachers for academic support. This allowed us to settle into our routines in new spaces and with extra COVID protocols, while allowing us to focus on the students most in need of tutoring and academic enrichment.

We opened program enrollment to all students in November and currently have over 130 students enrolled in the after school program. We offer tutoring and homework health, enrichment activities, opportunities for physical activity, and a healthy snack for our students daily. We have focused on building strong partnerships with several groups and individuals to bring high quality programming to students in Hyde County Schools. It has been a joy to see our students grow from and engage in programming in the program this year. We hope you will enjoy reading more specifics in the following pages!

GET INVOLVED!

We love for parents, families, and community members to be involved in our program! Here's how....

Become a volunteer by completing our interest form: <https://forms.gle/3GxrrtNktKbewKjX6>

Come to one of our upcoming events:

Family Storytimes at Ocracoke Community Library on April 2nd and 9th at 9:30 am

Family Storytimes at Mattamuskeet Library on April 2nd and 30th at 10 am

Family Arts Workshop with Danny Curry on April 9th at Ocracoke

Family Science Night at Mattamuskeet Elementary on May 4th from 5-7 pm





STEM ENRICHMENT

We began a partnership with Jason Lineberger while planning for our summer program in 2021 and he designed 6 weeks of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) lesson plans for us to use. Jason is the Digital Learning Coordinator for Cleveland County Schools where he oversees course development, instruction, and teacher training for the system's online Summit Virtual Academy. He is also a regular presenter at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of teaching and an instructor at the North Carolina School of Science and Math. We



continued this partnership into the school year with a series of lesson plans for use during our enrichment time and training for our staff on the plans. The projects that students are involved in are all hands-on and focus on developing problem solving skills, creativity, imagination, and knowledge of science and technology.

Many of the activities are design challenges and building challenges.. who can build a bridge that holds the most weight out of newspaper? Who can create the best backscratcher with household objects like plastic forks, paper towel rolls, tape, and string? We encourage the students to "get stuck" in a problem and then work out a solution. Students participate in STEM enrichment twice weekly. They have come up with so many creative ideas and their excitement as they work together is infectious!

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

We are using the Second Step Curriculum for Out of School Time to promote social emotional learning and life skills in our after school program. This curriculum works with groups of students to build community in the program, teach kids to manage their emotions and build empathy and kindness between students.

ARTS ENRICHMENT

We have worked with the North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) this year to strengthen our weekly arts enrichment for students in the after school program. They provided training for our staff at the beginning of the year and we are using their online lesson plans during enrichment. Each activity involves looking at a piece of art, talking about it, and then completing an activity that relates to the artwork. Our tutors have also brought some of their own ideas to arts enrichment. Students have made some fabulous art from giant flower murals in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe to natural collages made from items found on our school campuses. We are also working with Ocracoke Alive to bring arts workshops to our families.



The lessons are active and fun and have led to some good discussions about how to solve problems, create rules and expectations in a community, and how to politely say no when someone invites you to do something you aren't interested in. We have talked about appreciating each others' differences and created art to display our unique gifts in our out of school community. It has been fun to hear the students' ideas and their ability to understand each other.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION EDUCATION WITH THE POE CENTER

The Hyde 21st CCLC After School Program has partnered with the POE Center for Health Education in Raleigh, NC to provide health and nutrition education for families and students in our program this year. The POE Center has provided monthly sessions throughout the year, virtually and in person. Their health educators visited us in November to lead a family program about healthy snacking called Snack Smart. The students and their families made tzatziki and learned about making



healthy snack choices at home. We had had virtual programs for students in December and January. The December session was called Snackivity and students made a healthy snack mix. The session in January focused on learning about fruits and vegetables and trying new foods. In February, the POE health educators visited our two after school sites again to lead a family activity called POEMania! Students and their families competed in a quiz style game about the five food groups, what each group of food provides our bodies, physical activity and how much activity children should get. Our program in March is about exercise and fitness and will encourage kids to explore new physical activities. We will have another in person program in April and wrap the year up with a virtual session in May.

DRAMA CLUB

Mr. Emmet Temple is leading Drama Club for middle school and high school students at our Ocracoke site. Emmet is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts and directs a theater company that works to bring Shakespeare into public schools. Students in Drama Club have been reading scenes and plays and participating in theater exercises to build their acting skills. They have also been exploring the different roles in

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books is a nationwide book competition. Students read a list of books provided by the competition organization and compete against other school teams in their knowledge of the books. The Hyde 21st CCLC has teams on the 2nd and 3rd grade, 4th and 5th, and middle school levels this year. Students meet weekly to talk about the books they are reading and practice answering questions and learning the format of the competition. It has been amazing to watch groups of students bring their excitement for books away from Battle of the Books and into the classroom as they form their own reading groups and choose novels together. We thank our tutors and library staff for sharing their love of reading with students in the after school program!



theater productions as they take on roles of directing, acting, and staging. We are fortunate to have Emmet working with our students this year and bringing the excitement of the stage to them!



ADIEU TO MR. LOU

Mr. Lou Castro has worked with the Hyde 21st CCLC for MANY years teaching music to our students. He began teaching at our Ocracoke site but also taught virtual lessons with students at the Mattamuskeet site during the 2020-21 school year. A music class with Mr. Lou was pure joy and fun. While students did learn notes and mechanics of playing the instrument of their choosing, Mr. Lou's main focus was always on teaching kids to love music. I have many memories of walking down a hall towards a room he was teaching in and thinking to myself "Wow, that is a lot of competing sounds!" But, always as I peeked in, Mr. Lou was there with a huge smile on his face, rocking out with the

cacophony of competing sounds of kids playing instruments and teaching them to love music. He was a master of encouragement and celebrated every student trying something new and challenging. Mr. Lou moved away from Ocracoke Island this fall and began a new adventure with his partner, Marcy. Their music, their joy, and their gifts will be missed by this community. Our after school community will miss Mr. Lou immensely. Thank you for teaching us the joy of music, for encouraging us to try new things, for being excited with us when our sounds were new and rough, and helping us learn to keep trying. Mr. Lou, you created a community of young musicians and music lovers and we can never thank you enough!



VOLUNTEERS

The after school programs at the Ocracoke and Mattamuskeet sites are actively seeking volunteers. to support our programming. Volunteers can help supervise students outside during snack and recreation time, provide one-on-one reading and tutoring support, or provide an extra set of hands during enrichment and special events. Please reach out to Emilie Miller at the Mattamuskeet site

RUNNING CLUB

Our annual Running Club through the Hyde 21st CCLC After School Program is just getting started for the year. The club is led by Mr. Shea Yoell this year. Students will work towards running a 5k. At weekly meetings, they learn about properly warming up and cooling down after running, how to stretch to take care of their bodies for running, and other exercises that support runners. They also take off on the road to do practice runs around town. Shea is being helped by a group of high school volunteers who are members of the cross country team. Be sure to wave at these folks when you see them out running!



(emiller@hyde.k12.nc.us) or Claire Senseney at the Ocracoke site (rcsenseney@hyde.k12.nc.us) to begin the process of becoming a volunteer. We'd love to have you!