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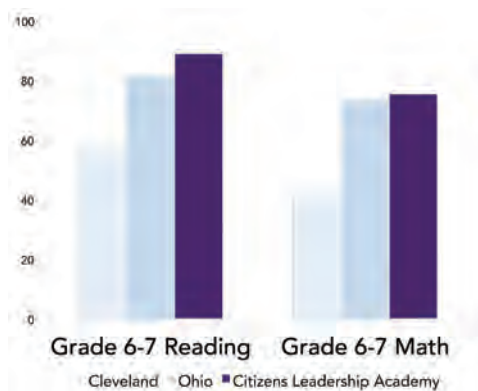
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CITIZENS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

VISION: To add a highly effective middle school model to the mix of current school offerings available to Citizens Academy graduates and other regional students.

Citizens Leadership Academy (CLA) opened for the 2011-2012 school year as a new and innovative part of the Citizens Academy family within the Breakthrough Charter Schools network. In 2012-2013, CLA served 191 students in grades 6-7, and is growing to a full middle school serving grades 6-8. CLA's Expeditionary Learning model prepares students to perform well on high-stakes tests, including the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA's), and to be leaders in community service and engagement. At CLA, learning becomes engaging and relevant through student immersion in community-based case studies. Students work on real problems in local neighborhoods, learning from community experts that serve as mentors and role models. This unique approach to learning ensures the mastery of academic skills and concepts and prepares students to be engaged citizens as adults. Each grade's work revolves around one essential question that the students strive to answer throughout their expeditions.



CLA students have rigorous academic expectations. Students take intensive interim assessments in reading and math four times throughout the year. In-depth data analysis of these assessments guides teaching and review. There is daily class time for re-teaching and extra support or enrichment, and additional remedial assistance at CLA's Saturday Academy for any student performing below grade level.

CLA outperformed their peers in all Cleveland schools (district and charter) on state achievement tests and performed on par or better than their peers across the state of Ohio!

MISSION:

CLA will prepare its middle school students to lead in academics, service, and civic engagement during high school, college, and beyond.

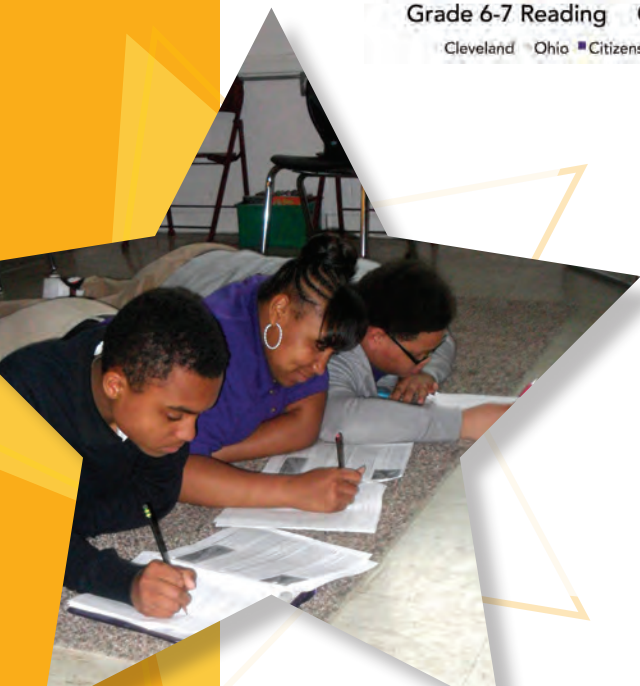
CLA is the first Expeditionary Learning school in Northeast Ohio!



LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Six Graders Teach Elementary School Students About Science

Sixth graders at CLA continued their science expedition by creating their own story books about the rock cycle. Not only did they build their understanding through words and illustrations, but the students honed their skills in word processing, editing, revising, using story boards, and creating PowerPoint presentations. The sixth graders presented their full-color picture books to elementary school students at Buckeye Woodland, part of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and reinforced their own learning by teaching others.





PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Best Friends Program Connects Seventh Graders to Local Veterans

As an extension of their Humanities study of the Civil War, seventh graders at CLA spent four months creating Veterans' Voices: Untold Stories of Cleveland's Military Members. The 139-page anthology featured veterans' stories, as told by the CLA students that interviewed them. The spectrum of veterans ranged from current recruits to World War II veterans and included veterans from Vietnam, Korea, both Iraq wars, and Afghanistan. After the interview, each student wrote an essay reflecting their veteran's life and military experiences. Some veterans revealed emotions and stories with the CLA students that they had not shared prior to the interview. The writing process involved multiple drafts and re-connecting with the veterans, requiring much more than just a paper for a letter grade. The final anthology was presented to the veterans and service people during a book debut party with CLA's community partner, The Veterans' Association. The anthology was even published in The Library of Congress. After The Plain Dealer wrote a story about the book, the school received dozens of inquiries for copies!



CLA Continues Project Funded by Whole Foods

During the 2011-2012 school year, sixth graders wrote a grant and successfully funded the creation of a school garden from Whole Foods' Whole Kids Foundation. Last November, the school continued the project as students and staff erected a greenhouse, which they hope will produce enough lettuce and other salad ingredients for a CLA salad bar. Seventh grader Darterius Aniton, who previously worked with an architect through CLA's artist-in-residence program, was able to develop the drawings needed for the greenhouse's building permit and presented them to the Building Department at City Hall. Ultimately, the application Darterius completed was approved and CLA was granted the building permit; that's the type of initiative that characterizes a CLA student!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT Seventh Graders Use Lego Robotics to Build Math and Science Skills.

CLA was grateful to receive a \$30,000 grant from the Alcoa Foundation to support STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education. Students worked on creating and programming robots using Lego robotics, netbooks, and software provided by the grant. The program not only enhanced math assessments, but was a catalyst for heightened engagement in both math and science.





STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 191

Where Our Students Are From:

Cleveland	83%
Cleveland Heights - University Heights	3%
Maple Heights	1%
Warrensville Heights	2%
East Cleveland	1%
Garfield Heights	3%
Shaker Heights	1%
South Euclid/Lyndhurst	1%
Lakewood	1%

Our School Population

African American	99%
White	1%
Economically Disadvantaged	76%
Students with Disabilities	19%
Percentage of Subjects Taught by Certified Teachers	100%

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

State	\$669,025
Federal	\$318,752
Philanthropy	\$404,793
Other	\$21,535
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,414,105

EXPENSE

Salaries	\$618,882
Benefits	\$137,080
Purchased Services	\$411,736
Supplies & Materials	\$63,690
Equipment	\$81,579
Other	\$26,138
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,399,105



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