

## YOU CAN'T HIDE SPECTRUM PRIDE!



### A word from our Principal...

Can you believe it's October? We made it through first quarter! We are excited to say the number of physical interventions we typically have first quarter has been reduced by 75%. Staff have employed all of the strategies they have learned in safety care training this summer. We had a very successful fall fest and thank all of you for coming. In October we look forward to the Highschool homecoming and more community events. The school internet is getting a huge update in order to help support the use of one-to-one technology. As always, my door is always open. I love hearing from families but often times it's when children are struggling. Please email me with concerns but also feel free to send us compliments too. My email is [jaclynsmolinski@spectrum-school.com](mailto:jaclynsmolinski@spectrum-school.com).

- Ms. Jackie

### September Recap

#### Fall Fest

Spectrum Growth hosted its annual Fall Fest on September 28, 2022, and needless to say, it was fabulous! Our spectrum families enjoyed snacks, games, craft projects, and exploring our new Spectrum Gym!



#### Middle School Field Trip

Spectrum Growth's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students enjoyed a field trip to the Great Lakes Science Center!



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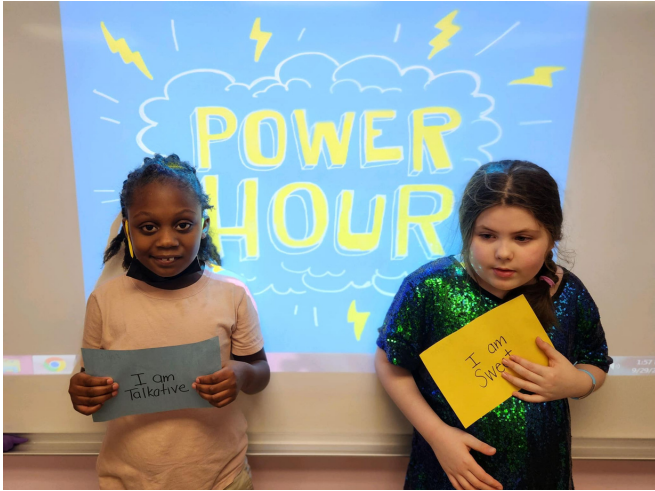
### 8th Grade "Wall of Love" Project

It's that time of year again! With the weather turning colder, many people are digging out their winter hats, jackets, gloves, and scarfs.

Over the last 3 years, Miss M's 8th graders have learned to knit. They have knitted over 180 hats and scarves, and have donated them to Walls of Love! This year, Miss M will be working with 6th-8th graders, in hopes of donating even more to those in need!



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### Introducing - Power Hour!

Power Hour is a monthly hour of the student's time which is devoted to a lesson related to social skills where students can come together and create something as a whole school community. Each month is centered around a central theme. October's theme is Building Character. Lessons today including bellwork and classroom activities centered on teaching character traits and how they affect working together. From 2-3 pm the whole school engaged in a character lesson and every student contributed to our String Art Mural. The Mural is called "We are all Connected by our Character." The board was painted by students. It contains words of positive traits and students had to select the words that best described them and string their piece of string to their character traits. We discussed how we are alike and how we are different and how this affects us when we work together.

Stay tuned for more Power Hours!



### 2022 Christmas Angel Tree Sign Up Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

**TO REGISTER:** scan the QR code or click on the link below

- <https://forms.gle/WcbYKwAss6QEBPdFA>



**GUIDELINES:**

- Families with children **12 years** old and **younger** may apply to receive toys.
- You will need **ALL** the following to register; a government-issued photo ID or driver's license and a birth certificate or current medical benefits card with the child's birthdate **for EACH child 12 years old or younger** in your household.
- You can only register a child **ONCE**.
- Pickup of items will be by appointment at the **SAME** location you registered.
- You will be given a pick-up date and time at the time of registration.

#### Registration and Pickup Location

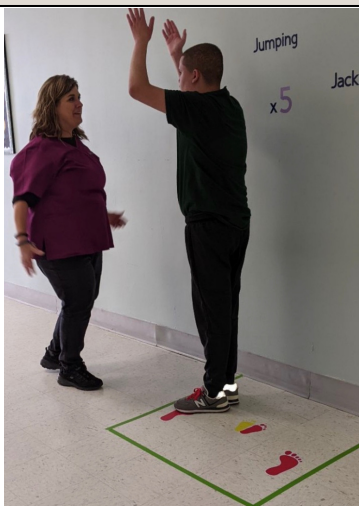
The Salvation Army Lorain Corps  
2506 Broadway, Lorain, OH 44052  
Phone: 440-244-1921

**Serving the following zip codes:**  
44052, 44053, 44054, and 44055

## Parent Updates

Ms. Erin Window and Ms. Deborah Moskalsky, our Occupational Therapists, have been hard at work developing a sensory path on the 2nd and 3rd floor. It is still a work in progress. We are all excited to see the final product. Below is a link to a wonderful article that explains the science behind the sensory path, how it is developed, and the benefits offered through its use.

[www.thesensorypath.com/the-sensory-path-blog/what-is-a-sensory-path/](http://www.thesensorypath.com/the-sensory-path-blog/what-is-a-sensory-path/)



## Upcoming events...

Spirit Week  
Monday 10/24

- PJ Day

Tuesday 10/25

- Color War (LL = orange, 2nd = red, 3rd = blue)

Wednesday 10/26

- Favorite Team

Thursday 10/27

- Country vs. Country Club (Dress your best or dress for the country!)

Friday 10/28 No school

Monday 10/31

- Costume Day (no weapons)

Field Trips

TBA

- Early Intervention - Elan Equine

Events

10/7 and 10/14

- No School for Students

Thursday 10/27

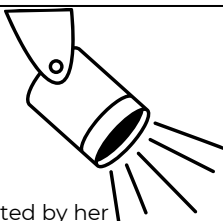
- Homecoming 1-2pm @ Spectrum

Friday 10/28

(Conferences 10 am - 5:30 pm)



## Staff Spotlights



Melissa Guy  
(Lower Level)

Ms. Melissa was nominated by her coworkers because she always goes above and beyond and she does the job of so many people. This is Ms. Melissa's 3rd year working for Spectrum. In her spare time, she likes to watch her daughter at horse shows and go to Cedar Point.

"Melissa is a dedicated worker who truly loves each of her students. She goes above and beyond, coming into work early every day (even though her drive is an hour long) and does whatever she can to help her coworkers."

"Ms. Melissa has been a great role model for me. She is a great teacher and has a special connection with all her students. She has been there for me at my best moments and my not so good ones, always cheering me on. Keeping me positive and focused. She is always willing to help out everyone on the Lower Level wherever she is needed."

"Ms. Melissa is always willing to help. She loves her students like they are her own. If you ever need to talk she is always there to listen and she can always make you feel better!"



Kayla Milhaik  
(Second Floor)

Miss M. was nominated by her coworkers because she always cares for her students, is ready to help, creates many new fun ways to get the kids engaged and shows them how to be responsible. This is Miss M's 6th year working for Spectrum. When she has free time she loves to read and spend time with her animals.

"She is just so welcoming and always helpful with everything."

"Kayla always sets up the care closet to ensure that students have access to clothes, food, and hygiene products."

"Ms. Mihalik is not just an amazing teacher, a great support and resource for coworkers and students, but also a genuine human being. Our school community is so lucky to have her!"



Jerrica Wilson  
(3rd Floor)

Miss Jerrica was nominated because she has done a great job managing a classroom without help. This is Miss Jerrica's first year working for Spectrum. She likes to \_\_\_\_\_.

"Jerrica is new to teaching but has fit into the roll and has exceeded expectations. She doesn't complain and rocks it out. I'm proud of her!"

"Jerrica has done a great job in her classroom. She works hard every day and will ask for help when she needs it. Welcome to the team!"

