# Padua Ponderings

Spring 2023

## Share-a-Story Winner!



Congratulations to Gabriella Reid who won third place in the submissions by five year olds for the WGTE Share-a-Story contest. Using the after school educational enrichment time Mrs. Anique Davis assisted the Padua students in writing and illustrating their original stories.

Gabriella Reid, a kindergarten student at Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls, enjoys coming to The Padua Center and had lots of enthusiasm for writing and illustrating her story.

Although Gabriella was the only winner, all the NIA tutoring students prepared a story and illustrated it. Certificates of participation were presented to all those who completed their stories.

### Welcome Teresa Allen **Director, NIA After School Tutoring Program.**



Mrs. Teresa Allen is smiling with Aliyah and Alayah Arrington, kindergarten and first grade students at Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls.

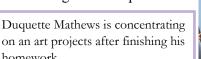
### Volunteers are always welcome

The Padua Center relies on volunteers so that each child has special attention. Jermain enjoyed some help with his math homework with Teelilly Abrighach, a freshman at St. Ursula Academy. Teelilly also volunteers with her Aunt, Adrienne Castellanos, with the Padua Potters.

As The Padua Center moves into the last quarter of the school year and prepares for summer camp we are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Teresa Allen as the NIA After School Director and the Director of the summer camps. Mrs. Allen spent the majority of her professional career as a case manager with the Lucas County Child Support Enforcement Agency, having retired in 2021. She most recently worked at Rise and Shine AMEP (After-school Mentor Enrichment Program).

Mrs. TT, as the children call her, has stepped into the program with enthusiasm and is offering a warm, supportive environment for the children. As the last quarter of school has begun there are daily inquires from parents about the tutoring offered and the need for children to have that' extra' help to finish out the school year. Tutoring is also part of the

summer programs so that children learn that Padua Center means education.





on an art projects after finishing his homework.



### Harbor Youth Workers will join the Summer Staff

Each summer the Padua Center welcomes youth workers. These workers are part of the Summer Youth Employment Program. They use the Padua Center Camps as an opportunity to explore their interest in working with children and also learning basic job skills. We welcome them for their summer employment.



Mrs. Dametris Ross-Voet has joined the Padua Center as assistant to Mrs. Teresa Allen. She will continue to help the children through the school year.

### **City Grants Funding for Two Special Programs**

With funds from the City of Toledo School Year Program grants The Padua Center has been able to start two new programs: "Running with Padua" and "Padua Potters."

Sister Virginia Welsh and Mr. Roger Wickum are directing the Padua Potters. A group of about ten children and several adults meet twice a month to explore gardening. And healthy eating. During the winter months the Padua Potters learned about milkweed that is needed for Monarch Butterflies and then they made milkweed Christmas Tree Ornaments.

In March the Padua Potters planted seeds inside and waited for warm weather to transplant them outside. Of course a trip to the Hoop House gave the seedlings a little more warmth and protection util they are ready to be planted outside.

Adults, youth and children are welcome to either program. If you are interested in joining, please call The Padua Center.



Several of the Padua Potters display their new Padua Potters T-Shirts after a session with the club.

Running with Padua

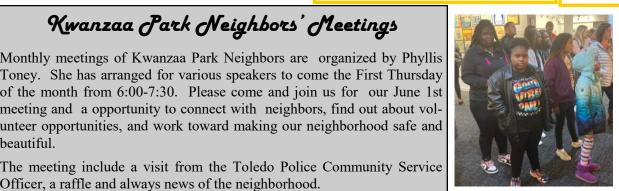
Mr. Brett Catchings and Mr. Ryan Hands are the co-directors of the "Running with Padua" Club which is funded by a grant from the City of Toledo. Burning off energy, staying fit, and exercise are goals for this program. Although the title is 'Running' with Padua the club welcomes adults and youth to walk, or jog also. Six children and two adults have come to the sessions and the leaders are building up the program now that the weather is warmer.



Julien Williams is "Running with Padua"

### Kwanzaa Park Neighbors' Meetings

Monthly meetings of Kwanzaa Park Neighbors are organized by Phyllis Toney. She has arranged for various speakers to come the First Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30. Please come and join us for our June 1st meeting and a opportunity to connect with neighbors, find out about volunteer opportunities, and work toward making our neighborhood safe and beautiful.



Ken'Nyla, Bonnie, Ellicianna and Jorney wait in line at the Mo Town Museum

Officer, a raffle and always news of the neighborhood.

Emerging Young Ladies enjoy an outing to MoTown!

The Young Ladies of The Padua Center have been taking a little break but not before they went to MoTown for an outing.

Gabriella and Alice are making insects out of egg cartons, pipe cleaners concentration!

# Sixteenth Year of Summer Camps "Let's Grow" Sign up time now!

Summer camps at The Padua Center offer a great contribution to the education and development of the children who participate in the seven weeks of learning and fun. Over the past fifteen years the Padua Center campers have had great experiences, trips, activities and lots of fun. Partnering with Connecting Kids to Meals the children have breakfast and lunch each day and are often treated with a snack or two!

For the sixteenth year the staff has chosen the theme: "Let Grow!" Please look over this program and join The Padua Center in welcoming growth this summer!





Week of June 26 Week of July 3 Week of July 10 Week of July 17

Week of July 24

Week of June 5

Week of June 12

Week of June 19

Let's Grow in Peace
Let's Grow in Christ (Vacation Bible School)
Let's Grow in Gardening and the Garden Patch also a celebration of Juneteenth!
Let's Grow in Health
NO CAMP because of the celebration of the 4th of July
Let's Grow in Sports and Art
Let's Grow with the Toledo Metro Parks Activities

Let's Grow in our Ohio Neighborhoods

Chicken Fest ....Lots of Fun! To benefit the work of The Padua Center Sunday July 16, 2023 12:00-3:00 p.m. At St. Martin de Porres Parish 1119 West Bancroft St. Toledo, Ohio 43606

Chicken dinner menu: BBQ chicken Potato Salad Sr Ginny's Baked Beans Brownie (Hot dogs & Brats are also available a la carte.)

> Dinners \$12.00 Small portion \$8.00



Raffle prizes are:		
Touchscreen Chromebook		
	Ring Video Doorbell	
- O	Soft Serve Ice Cream	Maker
	Tickets	\$1.00 each
	Book of 6 for	\$5.00



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