



Update: Narrowing Achievement Gap

LUM Enhanced After School Program Works to Narrow the Academic Achievement Gap

Meet the Minor Family

The Program



The LUM Enhanced After School Program works to **narrow the academic achievement gap** by providing safe, fun and enriching childcare for Lafayette children in kindergarten to 6th grade. This year ASP serves 48 children for three hours each school day, giving their primary care giver a chance to finish their workday. Children are transported from their schools on LUM buses to the LUM Ray Ewry Youth Center.

Once there they get a nutritious snack and begin working on homework. Once they finish their homework they participate in a variety of educational and recreational activities including music, reading, religious, crafts education, playing games, gardening, and playing on the on-site playground. In addition, the students go on numerous field trips.

ASP is staffed by a professionally trained educator, an assistant, and many talented volunteers including several trained bus drivers. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, call or email Cindy Haley at (765) 423-2691 or chaley@lumserve.org.

Kelly Minor is a single mom from Lafayette, Indiana who works fulltime for Franciscan Alliance as a patient access representative at St. Elizabeth East Hospital. Kelly is also a dance instructor (ballet, tap, jazz, acrobatics, modern, and Hip-Hop) in her hometown of Flora, Indiana. Her two children, Keely (age 7) and Durya (age 9), are enrolled in the LUM After School Program and go to Edgelea Elementary School in Lafayette. Keely is in 2nd grade and is active in dance and sports; and Durya is in 3rd grade and is involved in Cub Scouts, sports and dance.

A couple of years ago when Kelly's two children were both old enough to go to elementary school, she faced the common dilemma of finding someone to watch her children after school until she finished her work day. Information about the LUM After School Program was distributed at her kids' school, and it seemed to be a perfect solution. Kelly did some research and was a pleased to discover that the LUM After School Program is a **complete educational enrichment program**; and she received only positive reviews from her friends, current ASP families and local educators.



Kelly Minor shared that since her children started the LUM After School Program, Keely and Durya's grades have improved, They're more engaged in school, They enjoy writing and read more.

Kelly is committed to providing the best opportunities for her children to succeed. The LUM ASP allows her to work fulltime and spend evenings and weekends getting involved in her children's education and activities both inside and outside of school. Kelly is particularly impressed with the ASP enrichment programs and field trips. She knows that each day, Keely and Durya will get their homework completed, learn something new, get a nutritious snack and have fun. By the way, Keely and Durya love the LUM After School Program too.

Keely and Durya's success in the LUM After School Program is just one example of the tremendous positive impact the program is having on our community. Just as important — all of this gives Kelly Minor great comfort.

ASP Enrichment Programs & Field Trips



Tippecanoe County 4-H Youth Development After School Enrichment Program provides programs for ASP. Each week, Steve Yoder from 4-H teaches important lessons and skills to the ASP students.



Each week, Shelly the Labradoodle visits the ASP students and the kids read to Shelly. Shelly is quite popular with the ASP students and gets them very excited about reading. To learn more about Shelly, click [HERE](#).



LUM After School Program kids participated in the 6th Annual Sidewalk Chalk Festival at First Baptist Church. To see more photos, click [HERE](#).



LUM After School Program students visit the Purdue Extension Gardens. Steve Yoder from 4-H teaches the students about science by exploring the gardens. The students enjoy this type of hands on learning.

ASP Needs – Ways You Can Help

The LUM After School Program needs the following school supplies ASAP:

- Monetary Donation, click [HERE](#)
- Prizes for the Reward Box — small toys and trinkets
- Notebook paper; Dry Erase Markers; Pencils; Glue Sticks
- Facial Tissues; Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- Sports Equipment; Sidewalk Chalk
- Snacks, Fresh Fruit; Juice

The complete ASP Wish List is posted online, click [HERE](#).



To view the ASP Wish List, check out the

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(www.pinterest.com/LUMserve).

You may also sponsor an educational, cultural and recreational enrichment trips for the children to various locations like Imagination Station, a local pool, or a holiday party (Halloween, Christmas, etc.). Also, there is a need for Bus drivers.

For more information, call or email Cindy Haley at 765.423.2691 or chaley@lumserve.org.



Thank you to the parishioners of Faith Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette.

The Church's Mission of the Month collected nutritious snacks for the students in the LUM After School Program.

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