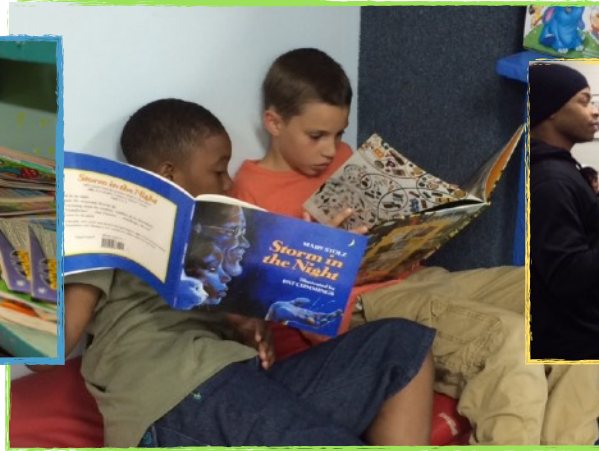


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Our doors are open for Back to School season! The **After School Excellence** (ASE) program continues to be an fun and effective program for our members, is parent/guardian approved, and we have the results to prove it! During the 2015-2016 school year the ASE program saw average post testing scores of 88% in reading and 90% in mathematics. Overall, there were gains of 25% in reading and 27% in mathematics this past school year.

ASE is a formal math and reading academic enhancement program dedicated to helping young people reach higher achievement levels by giving educators outside the classroom the tools to provide quality academic programs. In turn, the program increases academic proficiency levels,

improves academic skills, and increases the number of children who advance to the next grade level. "This year ASE is going to be bigger and better than ever! We have updated the curriculum to promote more hands on learning. We are excited to continue to grow our education program through small group activities and homework help. Our main focus is to support the learning of the child as a whole to ensure future success," said Melissa Thomas and Jessica Neely, Program Managers of ASE.

Power Hour, our homework help program, allows members to head home with their homework completed with the help of accredited teachers who guide youth to become self directed learners.



We've been having a blast with Cam Heyward's "Sacks for Kids" campaign this football season! Make the Pittsburgh Football games even more exciting by joining the fun to support our Clubs. If you pledge \$1 or more per sack, you will be entered to win a signed helmet. If you pledge \$25 or more per sack or make a flat donation of \$500 or more, you will receive a special invitation for two to Cam's Steel & Steaks at Hyde Park Steakhouse on Monday, November 14th. Complementary drinks & a special gift will be provided. This campaign goes beyond football, it's about giving to those who truly need and deserve support our local communities.



Congrats and THANK YOU to all of the runners and walkers who participated in the **2016 RUN SHADYSIDE** event this year on Saturday, October 1st! Thanks to your support, we raised over \$25,000 for the Shadyside Club. Director, Dave DiGirolamo said, "We couldn't ask for a better community than Shadyside to blah blah blah."



Our friends at **Buffalo Wild Wings** are at it again! They are raising money throughout October to

support sports leagues in the Clubs. Guests can participate through donations and purchases at local stores.



Upcoming Events

• **BGCWPA Match Day** - Get your donation matched on Friday, 10/28! Maximize your donation to make a bigger impact on local youth.