

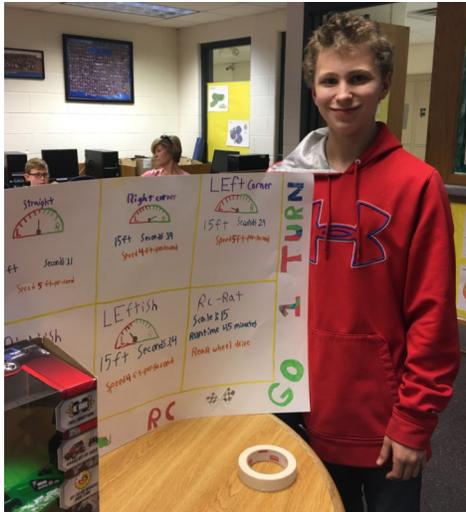
# BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SUCCEED

A 21st Century After School Program

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## First Genius Hour Showcase in the books



8th grader, Joseph Ridings shows off his Genius Hour project focusing on turn radiuses in RC cars

On Wednesday, January 31st, BAS celebrated its first Genius Hour Showcase at the junior high school. Thanks to parents, families, teachers, and even some MLSD administrators, we had a great turn out and the students were very excited to share all of their hard work.

With projects ranging from Tinker Crates and computer programming to healthy eating and

songwriting, students presenting a wide array of projects on the topics that truly inspire them and motivate them to learn more. Believe it or not, every project presented on Wednesday was completely student-created and developed over the first few months of our Genius Hour program here at BAS.

Our main hope and goal for Genius Hour is to motivate our students to explore what excites them and to apply the skills they gain while creating their passion projects to their daily lives. In the short time we have had this program up and running, we have already seen students excel and push themselves beyond their typical learning limits in their project research, but also especially in their conclusions and presentations of their results.

What started as a cluster of loose ends and “unanswerable questions” turned into researched-based and student-tested results that our students could share with their peers, families, and other adults. Without hesitation, students have already begun to dive into new topics and explore their next big question or interest. We here at BAS cannot wait to see what they come up with for next time!



## Watch out, Van Gogh, BAS paints!



Former MLSD teacher, Bobbi Parsons, was gracious enough to visit us at BAS just before our winter break and lead us in a “Kool-aid and Canvas” night. Ms. Parsons led students in a step-by-step painting process that resulted in some amazing snowmen just in time for the holidays. We are looking forward to hosting another painting night in the months to come, and we cannot wait to see what beautiful pieces the kids come up with!

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### Special points of interest:

- No after school on February 8th or 19th
- All-new BAS clubs and groups schedule begins Monday, 2/12!
- Late-in on Friday, 2/16
- Interested in helping out? Email Aly White [awhite@morganschools.org](mailto:awhite@morganschools.org) to sign up!

## All-New Group and Club Schedule Starts February 5th

At BAS, students have lots of options. From groups and clubs, to tutoring and homework help, students have many opportunities to boost their grades while also exploring topics and subjects that they love. Our core subjects include things like: reading, math, and science; and our extracurricular clubs are a great assortment of student-selected topics. Starting next week students will be able to add some of the clubs and groups listed below to their BAS schedule!

<b>Chemistry Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rockets, volcanoes, chemical reactions.</li> <li>• Check, check, check.</li> </ul>	<b>Cosmo Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hair, makeup, nails, and more!</li> <li>• Explore career paths</li> </ul>	<b>Computer Programming and Technology Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create games</li> <li>• Build your own sites</li> </ul>
<b>Foreign Language Clubs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish</li> <li>• German language and culture</li> </ul>	<b>Music Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write your own song</li> <li>• Learn an instrument</li> </ul>	<b>Art Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed media projects</li> <li>• Write and star in your own plays</li> </ul>

**“ I love it so much I never want to leave it ever <3” — Recently, we asked our students how things were going for them in BAS, this is just one of many, similar responses. We also have parent and staff surveys headed your way, please take some time to let us know how we’re doing!**



Above: Bailee Harlow (foreground) and other BAS students explore OU's main campus on January 27th.

Right: BAS students pose in front of OU's graffiti wall (from left to right: Aiden Cunningham, Brandon Maxwell, Kira Phalin, Joseph Ridings, McKayla Allen, Bailee Harlow, Ziolet Harmon, Eli Smith, Tanner Campbell, Caleb Keller, Nalouzha Holloway, Knelee Scott, Ciera Tabler, and Destiny Murphey (foreground) BAS teacher, Denise Raffa.

## BAS goes to college

This past Saturday, we took the BAS show on the road as we visited Ohio University's main campus in Athens, Ohio. Students took a campus tour where they explored lecture halls, dormitories, athletic facilities and even the world-famous Convocation Center.

While on our tour, we stopped for lunch on Court Street and ate at what the locals call "The Silver Diner" where too many milkshakes to count were consumed all before heading to Bird Arena to ice skate. All-in-all, this was a unique experience for our students, and one that we hope will get the ball rolling in their future educational goals.

