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Join us in our 2020-2021 Annual Campaign!

Support ACSF in fortifying our students so that they can maintain their curiosity, creativity, connection, and compassion while learning remotely! Join us by donating today or becoming a monthly recurring donor. Click [here](#) for a letter from our Board of Directors with our action plan and priorities for the year.

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Upcoming Parent Forums

This fall, ACSF is collaborating with Dr. Tiece Ruffin, *Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Education at UNC Asheville*, to host both parent and community forums. Dr. Ruffin will be facilitating these virtual events along with participation from several guests and parents from the [Asheville Parent Leadership Program](#).

Saturday, September 26th

10:00-11:30

for parents of color

(registration link below)

Saturday, November 7th

10:00-12:00

open to the community

(registration opens in October)

PARENTS AS ADVOCATES



*healing, discussion,
equipping, creating
tools...*

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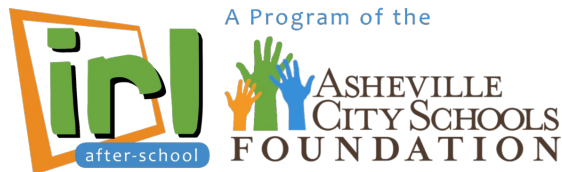
*Visioning
and painting
the big picture*

EDUCATION

Saturday September 26
10:00am - 11:30am
Register at acsf.org or
[CLICK HERE](#)

*Registration for Sept 26th
here*

IRL Fall Session Launches September 14th



Our fall IRL session may look and feel different but we are committed to delivering what we promise: in real life experiences that encourage our children to live a curious life.

During this 6 week session, IRL will be offering small group experiences for middle school students expanding into community spaces for programming. Groups will meet on a Mon/Wed and Tues/Thurs schedule with all CDC guidelines and safety procedures followed.

IRL is taking registration referrals from school social workers, teachers, counselors,

and our core team.

Program Schedule

Monday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday
Boys Swimming→	← Live Action Movie Making	Girls Swimming→	← Jewelry Making
Asheville on Bikes→	← Cooking Academy	Art & Sketching→	← Cooking Academy
Jewelry Making→	← Art & Sketching	World Percussion→	← Basketball
D&D→	← Basketball	D&D→	← Asheville on Bikes

Learn more about IRL After-School

TAPAS goes virtual!



This summer, ACS students in the Middle School Magic program participated in our first ever virtual TAPAS residency.

Boxes of art supplies were distributed to the students for them to use and keep! Artists Cleaster Cotton and Ginger Huebner lead students in creating mixed media cubist self-portraits within a collage narrative in order to reflect the most important current events and aspects of their lives.

ACSF is looking forward to collaborating with local artists and teachers along with several local museums and arts organizations to bring more exciting virtual TAPAS residencies this year.



North Carolina Arts Council
Fifty years of Leadership

These projects are supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural Resources.

College Scholarship Support



The 20-21 Scholarship Catalog is now [available](#).

This year ACSF has selected the Common App essay prompt, "The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?" (*If this was your college application prompt, you may reuse your essay.*)

One-on-one virtual college application and scholarship support sessions are available! Students interested in support with applying to college, writing application essays, building their resume, or if they have questions concerning eligibility or their scholarship application, can contact [Rebecca Abide, ACSF Scholarship Coordinator](#). Rebecca will match students with community mentors who have experience with the ACSF scholarship process and with supporting students as they apply to college.

[Learn more about ACSF Scholarships here](#)

Event Supporting ACS Learning PODS



Friday, September 4th

5:00-10:00

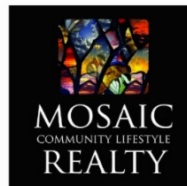
Catawba Brewing Fundraiser: 'Small Batch for a Big Community Program'



Catawba Brewing Company is launching the new **Gose the Distance Watermelon Gose** and will be donating \$1 per pint and \$2 per 4-pack sold from **September 4 to September 25** to support Asheville City Schools' [student learning pods](#).



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