As this grueling winter comes to a close, we can begin to take advantage of the nicer weather and move some of our activities outside! After we finish homework and academic enrichment activities, we love to throw the football, jump rope and do physical fitness.

We also have several exciting projects in process, including a Service Learning Project and a book trailer. We are also holding a Girls Circle on Friday afternoons!

We began our Girls Circle at afterschool program in February. We are lucky to collaborate with a few girls from The Ohio State University who are trained to facilitate Girls Circles and the group seems to be forming wonderful relationships! This is an opportunity for our female students to talk in a safe environment and address issues that teenage girls are confronted with in their daily lives. Several of our 7th and 8th grade girls are excited to participate each week and we hope to be able to offer the opportunity to our younger students in the following years. Middle School can be a difficult time for many and we are happy to provide any additional support for the challenges that may arise.
Our tutor Liz has been working with the students to address the issue of violence in the community. The students identified violence as the biggest concern in their community and have been working to be a part of the solution. After months of brainstorming, investigating and interviewing, we have scheduled a final event for the project in April. We will be asking everyone from the community to participate and join us for our event! Our students will be presenting information on the effects of violence, ways to deal with anger, and what to do if you witness violence in the community. Come see what they have done and learn how you can be a part of the solution too!

Grab Bag Activities

Over the past several months the tutors at Wedgewood have come up with something that we named a “Grab Bag” of activities. This is a binder full of different activities that the students can choose to do once they are done with their homework. They can choose from reading and writing, math and science, music, arts and physical fitness. They have fun selecting an activity to do for the day and get to practice skills in all different areas.

Parent Night

We were very pleased to have many of the parents of our student’s join us for a parent night at program. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the families and show them what we do at our afterschool program! Our program is great partly because of the support and collaboration of the families and larger community! Thanks to all who came and for everything you do.

Wedgewood Olympics

While the Olympics were in full swing in Sochi, Wedgewood afterschool program was having an Olympic competition of their own! The events included a spelling relay race, blindfolded basketball and a race carrying a ball with a spoon and not dropping it. We got quite competitive and had lots of fun!