

Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts: These workshops and activities will emphasize expression through building critical thinking skills in numerous ways. Activities will include but not be limited to digital photo journaling, drama, debate, music writing and performance (existing with expansion), film making, and visual arts activities (existing with expansion). A workshop that will be featured will be the production of two school performances. Students will write and perform their own production. Additionally, students will create their own costumes and scenery for the production and write and perform any accompanying music and sound effects for the production. AAK will cultivate existing partnerships and local businesses to provide additional supplemental art programs, both during after-school programming and out-of-school day programming. As an area of focus for AAK, these will be our most robust workshop offerings. Also included will be guitar and violin group lessons (in partnership with Meadowlark Music, existing at no cost to the school); and band and choir (existing and built into general fund and other music grants). The team has also begun identifying local artists to partner with the program to provide opportunities to have our students participate in larger scale art projects to be displayed in the school and within the local community. Family engagement in these activities will include an annual Arts Gala that showcases art, music and dramatic accomplishments throughout the school year. There will also be two drama performances annually, as well as two music recitals for families to attend.

STEM: AAK will offer numerous STEM based enrichment and workshop activities. These will be designed in coordination with community partnerships (Fort Collins Discovery Museum, Mad Science, Crazy 8s Math) to deliver engaging instruction and activities for students. Along with partnerships, the center will also provide activities in coding, lego robotics and engineering, utilizing programming developed for the already established before and after school program. Parent engagement in this area will include parent/caregiver participation in field trips and coaching of lego robotics.

Health and Well-Being: These workshops and activities will provide students with education on nutrition, physical fitness, social-emotional well-being and being safe. AAK will leverage

partnerships with Safety Smarts (existing at no cost to the school), The Gardens on Spring Creek and The Growing Project to facilitate various workshops. One workshop offered will be an AAK Community Garden that the students will annually design, plan, plant and harvest. During the initial year of the AAK Community Garden, students will be involved in building the raised garden beds. Produce grown in the AAK Community Garden will be used for program snacks and sent home with students for their families to enjoy. Parent/caregiver engagement here will be in providing produce to the families in the summer and fall. The AAK Community Learning Center will offer a 2 part series for families to increase their understanding of restorative practices and peace circles. This will support emotional growth and well-being in the AAK community.

Physical Fitness: AAK will use two fields to incorporate a fitness curriculum that includes aerobic activities, as well as indoor and outdoor sporting activities. Additionally, the school has partnered with Ripple Effect Martial Arts to provide karate lessons during after-school programming (existing program). Yoga and dance will also be incorporated into workshops. The Center will utilize an existing partnership with the Larimer County Open Spaces, to take three guided hikes during the year to various natural areas around the community. Parents and caregivers will be invited to engage in the three guided hikes per year with the program.

Early College & Career Readiness: These activities will align with Colorado Department of Education Standards, focusing on College and Career Readiness activities, allowing students exposure and a chance to explore the world of careers and businesses, including leadership, team building, and exploration of careers that a student expresses an interest in. The Center will cultivate various business partnerships, primarily through AAK's parent connections, to give overviews of different career paths and provide opportunities for hands-on personalized learning projects. For example, bringing in a newspaper editor at the Coloradoan (a local newspaper) to talk about how newspapers function. Then, leading the students in the creation and publication of their own AAK newspaper. An additional workshop that will be offered during the year will include the writing and implementation of a business plan completely coordinated by the

students with assistance from the Educators. This workshop has been successful in the past and has brought in various business leaders in the community to talk about business development, budgeting and marketing. Parent/caregiver engagement will occur at regular intervals throughout the year by bringing in parents/caregivers to speak about their professions to students in the program.