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Cheektowaga Central School District to offer new education-based afterschool program

Just for Kids program to focus on enrichment, character building at Union East Elementary

CHEEKTOWAGA, NY (September 2, 2013) – Children attending **Union East Elementary School** in the **Cheektowaga Central School District** this year will be given the opportunity to participate in a brand new education-based afterschool program through a partnership with a local non-profit organization.

Through its partnership with **Just for Kids**, a non-profit based in Williamsville, the **Cheektowaga Central School District** is now able to offer its students an afterschool program that incorporates academic enrichment activities to help improve reading, writing, math and problem solving skills while at the same time helping children develop positive behaviors and attitudes. **Registration is open and is being taken online at www.justforkidsonline.org.**

The program is run by **Just for Kids** and will be held at **Union East Elementary School**, located at 3550 Union Road in Cheektowaga. **Just for Kids** also runs similar programs in the Williamsville and Grand Island school districts, as well as at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School in Hamburg. A brand new enrichment program is also being offered this year in all Orchard Park elementary schools.

The afterschool program at **Union East Elementary** will take place each school day, starting after dismissal and running until 5:30 p.m. Parents can choose to send students for one day a week or up to five days every week. There is a sibling discount. Also, Just for Kids is happy to support the needs of local families and has contracted with the Erie County Department of Social Services in order to support families who have been approved for Temporary Assistance Day Care, Transition Day Care, Non-Temporary Assistance Day Care and Preventive/Protective Services Day Care. Please call Just for Kids at 639-8500 for the required paperwork.

This new program is one of two brand new programs being offered by **Just for Kids** in the Southtowns, according to **Kristina Kleeh, Director of School Age Programming at Just for Kids**. "We are so happy to bring our program to children going to school in the southern suburbs of Erie County. The Union East Elementary program, along with a similar program in each of the Orchard Park elementary, is the first we've ever been able to offer in the Southtowns," she said.

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Parents with children attending Union East Elementary School can register their children for the program by visiting www.justforkidsonline.org. The program offers several payment options for parents based on the number of days their children are enrolled.

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