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Dear Families,

Your child's afterschool program was approached by Linn County Extension to receive copies of the "My Page Project" – a project of healing. The art journal project was supported through various donations and the Cedar Rapids Afterschool Alliance.

Research showed for youth touched by natural disaster the uses of art, music and physical play help youth recover in a positive way. This art option gives youth a safe place to share their drawings, doodles, paintings or clay sculptures with a caring adult or friend at their program.

Carefully thought out questions give youth a starting point for their work. All materials are provided.

Linn County Extension is asking afterschool staff to submit photo copies of art or photos with your child's permission and yours as well as their parent/guardian. We do not want photos of your child, and will only identify their work with their first name and Cedar Rapids as their home town.

Your child's afterschool staff will also complete a simple evaluation with your child. These evaluations are submitted to the Extension Office for compiling. Children do not submit their names in this evaluation.

If you do not want your child to participate or prefer that we don't share their art work as mentioned above, please let Amy Buelow know. A sample kit is at your center for you to review.

Thank you,



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