

May 2018



Pep talk



Supporting the education and well-being of gifted learners in Tuscarawas County

May / June Calendar of Events

May 14 & 15—Career Connections

May 16—5th/6th grades Math Tournament Day at BCC

May 17—7th/8th grades Math Tournament Day at BCC

May 22—Law Day

May 27—June 2—Scripps National Spelling Bee

May 28—Memorial Day

Learn about other professional development opportunities at

www.ecoesc.org

Coordinator's Corner

Think About...

As we wrap up another school year, take a moment to reflect: What went well? What needs improvement? Would you have enjoyed your class as a student? I highly recommend giving your students an End of Year Student Survey. Get their feedback and use it to help you plan and prepare for next year. www.giftedguru.com/how-to-end-the-school-year-right/ has some great ideas, tips, and a free student survey for grades 4—12.

On a different note:

Think about your colleagues: Which ones are the most talented or provide the best 'out of box' solutions? Who is the 'go to person' with the most creative ideas? Chances are they are not the most popular, best dressed, or even the nicest of people. Yet, they are indispensable. Guess what...

You have students just like this, many of whom are "gifted." Yet, there is a tendency to look at students and focus more on their quirks and/or bad behavior than on their strengths/talents. Another tendency is to expect great or above and beyond achievement because they are identified gifted. (Continued on p. 2)



Congratulations!!

Julie Beach from Claymont Local Schools

Winner of the April drawing for

Ridley's Brain Teasers

Remember to register before May 15th for the monthly game giveaway! Everyone who has entered a monthly drawing will be entered into a Year-End Drawing for a \$50 gift card to Wise Owl in Canton. Winners will be notified via email.

Coordinator's Corner (continued from p.1)

Teaching would be less stressful if everyone were the same—learned the same, on the same level, and no problems of any kind—The Perfect World. Since that is not the case nor ever will be, a variety of teaching strategies are used for the variety of learning styles in the classroom. This can be tiring and quite frustrating when there are gifted students who think outside the box, ask a lot of questions, are unmotivated, have no regard of consequences, are disrespectful, underachieving, perfectionists, and delayed in social/emotional skills. We know these are characteristics most gifted students share and they tend to stand out and mask their true gifts/talents. We need to be superhero teachers to bring out, nurture, and develop these students' areas of giftedness/talents, provide strategies for them to help with their quirks, behaviors, and feelings all while guiding them to greater achievements and success.

Someone, somewhere impacted your colleagues — the ones referred to earlier — in a way that lead them to where they are today. Maybe that colleague is you. Someone, somewhere saw your gift/talent and encouraged you to keep going, keep achieving, no matter what obstacles came your way. And, that is exactly what you need to do for your students. Recognize their gifts/talents and encourage them to keep striving/learning/achieving no matter what. Listen to what they are saying or not saying and make the necessary adjustments.

As you wrap up this year, know this: **You** are that superhero teacher. **You** are the encourager. **You** are the one adult your students look up to—they watch you, listen to what you say and do not say, and pick up on your frustrations as well as joys. **You are truly their Superhero Teacher.**

Enjoy the few weeks left and thoroughly enjoy summer break! You deserve it!

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Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award

Congratulations to Skylar Mauge from Conotton Valley Schools and Josh Kaiser from New Philadelphia City Schools—recipients of the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award. Each year the Ohio Educational Service Center Association selects a senior from each county in Ohio. Skylar represented Harrison County and Josh was the Tuscarawas County representative. Both seniors were recognized at the annual luncheon on April 18th at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus. Thanks to all who submitted outstanding applicants this year. Pictured from left to right are:



Randy Lucas
ECOESC,
Superintendent

Skylar Mauge

Chris Keylor
OESCA,
President



Randy Lucas
ECOESC,
Superintendent

Josh Kaiser

Chris Keylor
OESCA,
President

Creative Apps for Gifted Minds

Feeling creative? Let your students experiment with these apps for art, drawing, coding and more!

Monster Physics

Build and operate your own car, rocket ship, or helicopter—as well as other inventions

Lightbot

Use programming logic to guide a robot to light up tiles and solve levels using commands

Animation Desk

Let your students' imaginations run wild as they write unique stories

Hopscotch: Make Games

Object-based programming where programmers map commands by clicking and dragging colorful blocks

Lake: Coloring Books

Art app where children can use acrylic brush, watercolor brush, spray, fill, and an eraser to your photos

Bandimal

Create drum beats, program musical loops and add effects to your songs

For more information, please



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Monthly Game Feature

Brain Fitness Solitaire Chess

by Think Fun



- Features an 80 challenge booklet with solutions and ten solid Chess Pieces
- Four levels of play; from beginner to expert
- Improves logical deduction, spatial reasoning and critical thinking

Email: lisa.burrell@ecoesc.org by May 15th to enter for a chance to win