



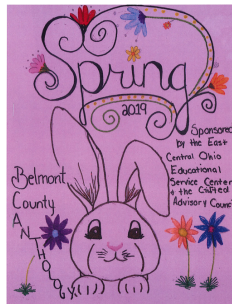
2019-2020 Belmont County Student Programming



Academic Field Day

J.B. Martin Recreation Center
Thursday, October 10, 2019
8:30 am-2:00 pm

The Belmont County Gifted Advisory Council (GAC) and ECOESC annually host Academic Field Day at the old Belmont County Fairgrounds. This day-long program of mental exercises is designed to challenge and enrich the students' intellect through a variety of hands on activities and games. Approximately 90 sixth grade gifted/talented students from public school districts take part each year. Students are randomly placed on teams with students from other schools. Each team consists of 5-6 members. Awards are held at the conclusion of the event. All students receive a participation certificate and the top 3 places in each activity are awarded ribbons.



Literary Anthology

Entries due February 1, 2020

The Belmont County GAC will once again be publishing the Belmont County Anthology. We are asking teachers to collect exemplary students' work throughout the school year and send them to the GAC by February 1, 2020. Student's entries will be accepted from grades K-12.

Students may submit short stories, essays, plays, poetry, or artwork. Each entry will be sent to three different judges who will evaluate the works. Those entries accepted will be published in the annual anthology. All students will receive a letter notifying them of their acceptance or not.



Spelling Bee

Ohio University Eastern Campus
February 6, 2020
7:00 pm

Students annually have the opportunity to spell their way to Washington, DC. Competition begins in the fall in classrooms and individual buildings. Each school district and/or consortium then holds a Bee to determine their top 2 contestants who will represent them at the County Bee. The final eighteen students, two from each public school and Christian and Catholic Consortium, compete for the 1st place win at the Belmont County Spelling Bee. The winner of this bee earns a direct bid to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.



Visual and Performing Arts Showcase

Ohio University Eastern Campus
Saturday, February 1, 2020

Students in grades K-12 with talent in the Visual and/ or Performing Arts have the opportunity to audition for a slot in the showcase. Areas usually considered include art, singing, instrumental music, dancing, video technology, home economics, industrial arts, etc.

Performing arts must submit a video audition through their school to be considered. Visual arts are chosen by the art teacher in each school. Ohio University Eastern is a valuable partner with this endeavor, working with us and hosting the event.

Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award

Columbus, Ohio
Nominations due Saturday,
February 1, 2020
Banquet April 2020

Each high school may submit one applicant to be considered for this award. From the entrants, one top student is chosen from each county in the state and honored at a luncheon in the Spring. This event is sponsored by the Ohio Association of Educational Service Centers and was established in 1989 by Ohio's County Superintendents to recognize and promote student achievement and academic accomplishment. Annually, one senior from each of Ohio's eighty-eight counties receives this prestigious honor.

High School Arts Show

Ohio Valley Mall – St. Clairsville, OH
April 14-17, 2020

Over 200 pieces of artwork from area high school students are on display at the Ohio Valley Mall for the weekend. High school art teachers from the public schools evaluate pieces for best of show and first place ribbons. Students enter their artwork into one of nine categories: drawing (graphite, pencil, charcoal), drawing (oil pastel, chalk, colored pencil), drawing (scratchboard, clayboard, pen and ink etching), painting, 3-dimensional, photography, mixed media, print-making, and digital imaging. Those students who take home a 1st place win, also earn a \$25 gift card sponsored by ECOESC. This event is a community favorite, in which visitors at the Ohio Valley Mall get to cast their vote for "Best of Show." In addition to the 1st place ribbons, artwork can also earn a 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th place in each category. "Merit" awards may also be given to up to 5 pieces from each district.



Scholastic Tournament

Belmont College – St. Clairsville, OH
Wednesday, March 10, 2020

This is an annual Jeopardy-type competition for 7th and 8th grade students. Teams of students will compete throughout the morning answering questions and trying to "buzz in" before their opponent to earn points. Round Robin play occurs in 4 different sites throughout the morning. Teams must "win" their room to advance to the afternoon double elimination tournament. Second through fourth places are also awarded.



Communication

Pep Talk: This monthly e-newsletter to all K-12 teachers contains gifted teaching strategies, differentiation techniques, conference and PD information, instructional strategies, and a monthly educational game giveaway, among other information.



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