



Academic Field Day

ECO Center
October 10, 2024

The Belmont County Gifted Advisory Council (GAC) and ECOESC annually host Academic Field Day. This daylong 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 take part in mental challenges by competing in activities that encourage creative and critical thinking strategies. Awards are held at the conclusion of the event. All students receive a participation certificate and the top 3 places in each activity are recognized.



Spelling Bee

ECO Center
February 13, 2025
Snow date: February 20, 2025

Students annually have the opportunity to spell their way to Washington, D.C. 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.



Literary Anthology

Entries due January 6, 2025

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 January 6th, 2025. 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.



Celebration of The Arts

Ohio Valley Mall
10:00 AM
March 29, 2025

Taking place during the annual High School Art Show at Ohio Valley Mall, this Celebration of the Arts will showcase Elementary and Middle School Art in addition to the High Schoolers and feature live musical or dramatic performances of students K-12 throughout Belmont County. the Showcase begins at 10:00 AM!

Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award

Columbus, Ohio
Nominations due February 7, 2025
Banquet: April 14, 2025

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 awarded a scholarship from the ECOESC. One honoree is chosen from the ECOESC's represented counties to attend a luncheon in the Spring sponsored by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association. This program was established in 1989 by Ohio's County Superintendents to recognize and promote student achievement and academic accomplishment.

High School Arts Show

Ohio Valley Mall
March 27-30, 2025

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 Challenge

Virtual
March 7, 2025

This Jeopardy-type competition is for 7th and 8th grade students from each of the Belmont County Middle Schools. Competition takes place throughout the afternoon with 3 rounds of questions being answered through a virtual platform. With each round, the point values increase. Scores are tallied at the end of competition. The 1st place team earns the honor of hosting the traveling trophy until the next competition and top 3 teams earn individual medals.



Reading Festival Reading is Out of this World!

Ohio Valley Mall
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
May 3, 2025

Each year the ECOESC hosts the Reading Festival, inviting families of school-age children from Guernsey and surrounding counties to attend. Each partnering school, community organization, library, and Ohio authors have a table engaging the children in a literacy-based activity related to the theme. Every child in attendance is given a book of their choice and a book bag containing goodies supported by partnerships with community businesses. This year's theme is "Reading is Out of this World!"



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