

2024-2025

Guernsey County Student Programming



Young Authors' and Young Illustrators' Conference and Competition

Kent State Tuscarawas
Friday, October 18, 2024
Friday, February 21, 2025

The Young Authors' and Illustrators' Conference and Competition are a fantastic opportunity for our most talented 5th grade and 9th grade writers and illustrators. Day one, October 18th, will consist of a true writers' and illustrators' workshop with keynote speakers and breakout sessions to jumpstart the creative process for each writing/illustrating duo. The students will submit their stories in January for the competition and continued workshop in February. The writing/illustrating pairs will bring their finished pieces for peer workshopping to fine-tune and give further inspiration for future projects. All pieces will be put into an anthology and shared with each school and local library.



Career Connections

Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
November 6, 2024
Time TBD

Career Connections gets 7th and 8th graders thinking about their careers. Students are assigned groups based on career interest and journey out into the community to see our county's business and industry. Students begin and end the day at Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center to prepare for their program and reflect and write thank-you notes at the end.



Reading Festival Reading is Out of this World!

Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
February 1, 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!"



Spelling Bee

TBD

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 students, five from each public school compete for the 1st place win at the Guernsey County Spelling Bee. The winner of this bee earns will move onto the Regional Bee hosted by Ohio University, where they will compete for a chance to go to Washington, D.C.!



Middle School Honors Band and Choir

Kent State Performing Arts Center
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
7:00 PM Performance

Select middle school band and choir students participate in a day long rehearsal culminating in a public-invited concert that evening at the Kent State Performing Arts Center. Teachers and/or Guest Conductors work with the students during the rehearsal times and concert event



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.



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.



Guernsey Girls' Empowerment Day

Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
November 25, 2024

This one-day program encourages 9th grade girls from Guernsey County schools to come together for a full-day leadership training program! Topics will focus on self-esteem, navigating peer relationships, and having a positive self-image.



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