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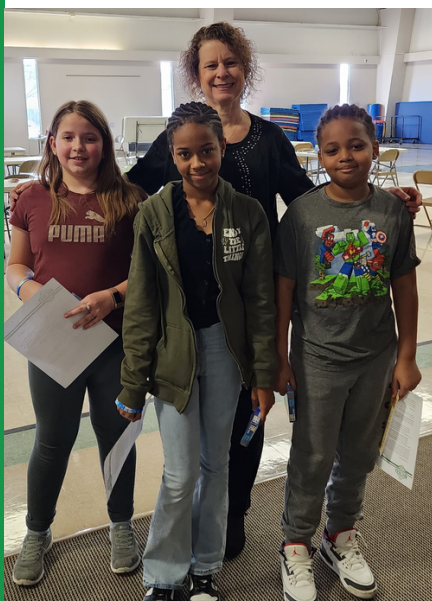
- President's Day
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Program - Feb. 23
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Carylwood author,
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- Choral Black History
Program - Feb. 28
- School Board Mtg
March 1



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Columbus' Math 24 Competition



Columbus' Math 24 Competitors

Julie Marks pictured with Columbus Intermediate's Math 24 finalists. These three Bearcats will compete in the Math 24 regional competition on Feb. 23.

The Bedford City School District is proud to introduce The Math 24 Competition to our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. This game is a valuable educational tool. It combines mathematical learning with entertainment by helping to improve a range of cognitive skills while fostering a positive attitude toward math. Math 24 strengthens students addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division skills. Players need to think quickly and strategically to find ways to mathematically create the number "24".

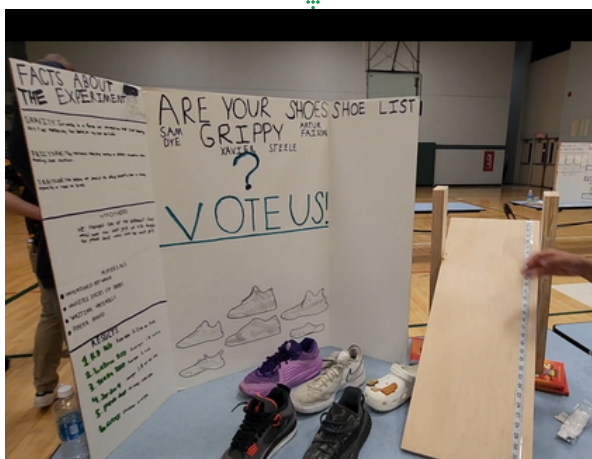
Math Skills & Number Fluency **+** **Problem Solving & Critical Thinking** **=** **Math 24 Competition**

- Math 24 cards vary in levels of difficulty. This allows the game to be adapted to different age groups and skill levels.
- Critical Thinking: Math 24 requires players to analyze and evaluate different combinations of numbers to reach the target "24".
- Number Fluency: Math 24 helps build fluency with numbers. Players become more comfortable and confident in working with different numerical values, fostering a better understanding of mathematical relationships.
- When played in a group setting, Math 24 promotes social interaction and collaboration. Players can discuss strategies, share solutions, and learn from each other, fostering a positive learning environment.

Science Fair at Heskett Middle School



These three young men are student athletes that created a device to determine which sneaker has the best traction. Pictured below is Grippy, the slippery shoe detector.

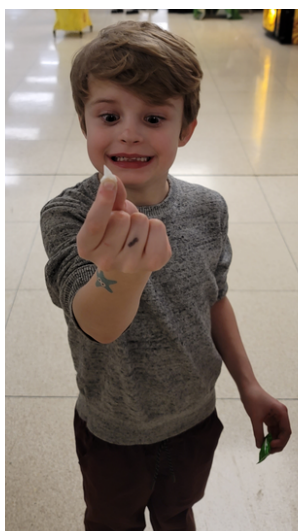


Our society relies more on science every day, and science fairs are a great way for students to become more knowledgeable about how the world around them works. Every citizen needs science literacy to make educated decisions about what he or she reads in the media, about health care, and every-day problems.

According to the National Research Council, active learning does not occur often enough in the classroom. Its absence is seen as one of the key factors behind students losing interest in science related topics.

In the Bedford City School District, we provide opportunities that allow our students to actively engage in the world around them. Indeed, Heskett Middle School's Science Fair is an excellent way for students to participate in what education experts call active learning or inquiry ("hands-on" learning). Judging from the smiles in the pictures below, the students had fun at the Science fair too!

The young men pictured to the left are student athletes that created a device that helped them identify sneakers with the best traction. Undoubtedly, they identified a real life problem that they and many other athletes face, and created a slippery shoe detector. They named it "Grippy." Grippy is a device that is used to inform consumers of the best shoes to purchase to avoid slipping and sliding on hardwood floor. WAY TO GO, GENTLEMEN!



The Greater Cleveland Aquarium handed out shark's teeth! This young man LOVES his shark tooth.



The Cleveland Metroparks were represented at Heskett's Science Fair. Students had the opportunity to guess the coats of animals that live in Northeast Ohio.



Caesar Salad, Pasta with and without Marinara, Garlic bread, and Sausage with Peppers were on the menu! Families shared smiles and a meal with each other.



Happy Valentine's Day to Our Seniors

On Saturday, February 10, 2024, the Bedford City School District partnered with The Ellenwood Community Center to provide Bearcats 60+ with the opportunity to put on their dancing shoes and enjoy great friendship, music, and food!

After a three year covid-19 hiatus, the Bedford City School District's Senior Citizens Valentine's Day Dance returned, and it was better than ever! Research shows that dancing is among the most enjoyable social activities for seniors. Not only is it a fantastic opportunity for them to interact with other people, but it's also beneficial for the well-being and fitness of their body and mind.



Research has shown that friendships can have an impact on your health and well-being,



Spending quality time with family can help reduce stress and anxiety and improve overall mental well-being.



*Seniors dancing at the Valentine's Day dance.
Dancing and listening to music are great social activities.*



Everyone smiles in the same language, therefore, you should do it more often like our friend above.



Employment Opportunities in our Communities

Benefits of Employment

~**Socialization:** It can connect you with others, which can help you learn more about the world by interacting with customers, clients or coworkers to feel more connected to society.

~**Fulfillment:** You may feel you achieved a goal within your career or personal life with the job you are currently working.

~**Income:** A job may make you financially secure at the moment and in the future by providing resources to pay for necessities.

~**Skills:** A job offers an opportunity to learn new skills such as customer service, organization or public speaking.

~**Wellness:** Some jobs offer an opportunity to move our bodies throughout the day, which may contribute to overall health.

If you are looking for employment, visit these websites:



**Bedford City
School District**



City of Bedford



**City of Bedford
Heights**



Oakwood Village



**Village of
Walton Hills**



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School Community Resource Room Open to Students, Families, and Senior Citizens

If you are in need of clothing,
food, school supplies, and/or
toiletries, contact your school's
social worker and set up an
appointment to visit our
Community Resource Room!

**We're here
to help!**

Our students, families, and all
senior citizens in our district are
welcome to use the Community
Resource Room!