



# The Scoop



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## JJI COMES TO THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY ESC – OHIO MATH GAME-A-THON

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### Fairfield County ESC Hosts First Ever Ohio Game-A-Thon Challenge!

More than 180 students from Central Ohio converged in Fairfield County to showcase their game-design and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills in the Ohio Game-a-Thon Challenge.

At the Ohio Game-A-Thon Showcase, students presented their games with their peers and adults alike. Attendees had the opportunity to play the games and ask questions of the student game designers. A panel of judges made up of teachers, STEM professionals, members of the business community and local music artists were on hand to present the student game designers with awards in areas around game design, mathematics, critical and creative thinking. Attendees were given the opportunity to select a game to win the "People's Choice Award." The goal of the Ohio Game-A-Thon Showcase is to celebrate the work that students' have done and to promote the connection between Ohio Learning Standards, STEM and student creativity.

For weeks, elementary students from Southern Ohio, the greater Cleveland area, and the Columbus Metro area have been reflecting on the Ohio Learning Standards for mathematics to explore concepts and create their own math games. MIND Research Institute aligned its game design process to the Engineering Design Process from Engineering is Elementary to create a Game Design Manual complete with lessons

and activities developed to meet the standards in mathematics and deepen students' use of 21st century skills. This Game Design Manual was uniquely created for Ohio as a pilot to support STEM learning and provide students with a real-world applicable approach to creating instructional math games. This game design curriculum, composed of mini-challenges and activities to lead students through the design process, may be rolled out nationally in the future.

All entries in the Ohio Game-a-Thon Challenge will advance to the National K-12 Game-a-thon, created by MIND Research Institute. The Game-a-thon challenges students to invent a card game, board game, app, outdoor game, or any other game that addresses a mathematical topic ranging from counting to irrational numbers or measurement to modeling. The Game-a-Thon is designed to give students a creative, hands-on experience with math and gaming.

At the end of the event, students and adults were greeted by JiJi, the penguin used in the ST Math program. Be on the lookout for the 2016-2017 Mind Research Math Game-a-Thon manual to be coming out soon!



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# Upcoming Professional Development



## JUNE (FCESC):

### 3: Understanding Trauma & PTSD

Location: Liberty Center  
(8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

### 6: Intro to Open Source Learning

Location: Liberty Center  
(9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

### 7: CPI Initial Training

Location: Liberty Center  
(9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

### 8 & 9: Differentiation

Location: Liberty Center  
8: (8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) **AND**  
9: (8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

### 9 or 13: CPI Refresher Training

Location: Liberty Center  
9: (12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) **OR**  
13: (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

### 14: Generational Poverty

Location: Liberty Center  
(8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

### 15 & 16: Youth Mental Health First Aid

Location: Liberty Center  
15: (11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) **AND**  
16: (11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

### 29 & 30: Blended Learning

Location: OSU Extension Office  
29: (8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) **AND**  
30: (8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

## JUNE (Pickaway Co. ESC):

### 20 & 21: Instructional Strategies - \$100

Location: PCEC  
(8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) – Both Days

### 27 & 28: Differentiated Instruction - \$100

Location: PCEC  
(8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) – Both Days

## PDEXPRESS LOGIN SUPPORT

You can log into PDEExpress at:  
[pdexpress.faircoesc.org](http://pdexpress.faircoesc.org).

**FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT**  
VICKI HARTLEY  
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740.653.3193

See Attached PD Schedule for  
Upcoming August Professional  
Development or Log into PD Express.

## LPDC: FINAL MEETING JUNE 1, 2016

### Is your license up for renewal on June 30, 2016?

If so, you **MUST** submit all your paperwork to Bobbi Williams **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** The LPDC will meet only one more time on June 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

If you are not sure, call Bobbie Williams to check your status.

**Failure to renew your license WILL result in your paycheck being withheld!**

Bobbi Williams at 740.653.3193 or [bwilliams@fairfieldesc.org](mailto:bwilliams@fairfieldesc.org).



### BACKGROUND CHECKS

There are still some people due for an updated FBI background check. Call Bobbi Williams at the ESC to schedule time to get your background check updated!

# It is good to be Evan Bruckelmeyer!

At 27 years old, Evan enjoys a rich community life full of friends and family, and during football season, he keeps a schedule that rivals any politician or celebrity. Evan is from Millersport and he is very proud of his heritage and membership in the community.

Evan attended the transition classroom at Bloom Carroll and Millersport High Schools. After graduation, Evan was one of three Fairfield County ESC students to attend the first Project Search class at Fairfield Medical Center.

Evan is a natural people connector, bringing out the best in everyone he meets and knows. Often you can find him working at Hometown Hotdog, a small locally owned restaurant, where fresh cut fries, franks, friendship and fun top the menu.



He has forged life-long friendships that he works very hard to maintain. Outside of work, he is active in his church as a youth advisor and usher, a member of the Millersport Community Theater, a photographer for the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, a volunteer at the local food pantry and a team manager for the Millersport Laker football team, where he has volunteered his time for 12 years.



As if that isn't enough, he enjoys golfing with a local league, swimming, boating and dancing his way through life- he has some wicked steps! Evan dreams of playing his drums with the church praise band and aspires to be a professional photographer. This past year, Evan has taken his love of photography a bit more seriously and now participates in studio time at Blue Shoe Arts. He is honing his skills both as a photographer and as a photo editor. One of his works was selected to tour the state of Ohio in the VSA exhibit which works to promote the enrichment of art for all disabilities across all mediums.

Evan is a very active member of the Fairfield County community. And chances are, if you have not already met him, you soon will. Yes, it is good to be Evan Bruckelmeyer.

**"I want to congratulate Evan on his successful transition from school to community employment. I wish Evan all the best in his journey in exploring his interests in the Fairfield County community."**

**Gloria Oesterling  
Fairfield County ESC Job Trainer**

# Tech Talk

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### Staff Photos

Smile!! Staff photos are being added to the staff directory on the Fairfield County ESC website. If you would like an updated photo or do not currently have a photo in the directory, stop by and see Tyler Clark or Don Hornbeck at the Fairfield County ESC to have a new photo taken.

Also, if you would like your photo added to your email account, let them know and they can show you how to do this or they can post it for you.



### Reminder to return equipment at the end of the school year

As we look toward the end of the school year, just a friendly reminder to return your equipment to the Educational Service Center at 955 Liberty Drive before you head out for the summer. Equipment includes laptops, iPads, and Chrome Books. The equipment will be cleaned up (reimaged), applications reinstalled, and your documents reloaded. Your equipment will then be returned to you when the new school year begins. If you have a desktop, let us know and we will either pick it up at your location or simply update it onsite.



### From Your Treasurer:

Employment contracts and salary notices for the 2016-2017 school year were mailed out to employees on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Anyone who was due for a new contract, (i.e. you are at the end of a one year, end of a two year, etc.) will receive a contract. If you are in the middle of a contract cycle (i.e. year two of a three year) or you have a continuing contract, you will receive a salary notice. If you received a contract, please sign it, make a copy for yourself, and return the original in the envelope provided. Contracts must be returned within 10 days, or the board has the right to withdraw the offer. If you received a salary notice, just keep it for your files, no documents need returned. New salaries will go into effect with either the first pay of August, or the first pay of September, depending on your position.



## FISCAL FOCUS

### From Your Insurance Committee:

#### NEW INSURANCE CARDS!!

SCOIC, our insurance consortium, will be changing prescription drug companies as of July 1, 2016. This change will result in the issuance of new insurance cards. Look for your new cards in the mail in late June. For family coverage, you will receive two cards, if you need additional cards please contact Caprice Dicken at 740-653-3193 or [Cdicken@fairfieldesc.org](mailto:Cdicken@fairfieldesc.org).

Since we will have a new prescription drug company, if you have any on-going prescriptions you will need to contact your physician for a new prescription which will be required after July 1, 2016.

