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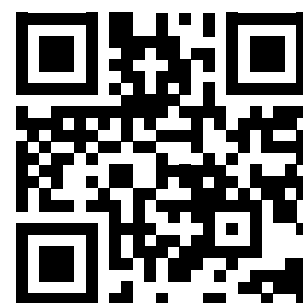
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Helping students succeed

Huntington Learning Center cares about your child's education

By Stacy Turner

"It is our mission to help students succeed," shared Kim Walter, the executive director at Huntington Learning Center in Mayfield Heights and Mentor. "With the help of our tutors, students can strengthen academic skills, master new concepts, prepare for standardized exams, and build crucial study habits for academic success." Huntington Learning Center was the first supportive education facility in the US and has been serving this niche for 45 years. "We get great results," Walter explained, "because our tutoring is tailored specifically to your student's academic needs."

The process begins with an initial evaluation that includes a number of multi-disciplinary assessments that identify where and why your child is struggling. The evaluation results are used to craft a personalized learning plan for your student, along with the total number of hours estimated for success. The one-time cost of the evaluation is \$195.

There's no set recommendation for the number of tutoring sessions per

week, as the learning plan depends on the individual student's abilities. "As an example, for a student who currently has a B in chemistry and wants to improve the grade to an A, an hour of tutoring per week may suffice." Walter continued, "For a student several grade levels behind, more time will be needed to see improvement. Each student is unique and special to us."

Tutors at Huntington Learning Center are unique as well. Each has at least a bachelor's degree, and many are experienced classroom teachers. "We even have college professors in subjects like finance and physics," Walter noted, "and a chemistry and higher math tutor who works as a chemist." Tutoring services range from \$52 to \$78 per hour depending on the student's age and subject area covered. "Financing opportunities are available; we want to provide every family with the support they need," Walter explained.

Jami Burns of Mentor shared, "My daughter was struggling because school was virtual and she does much better face-to-face. This caused her to lack confidence in

her overall academic performance. Huntington's one-on-one process is really amazing. She has been showing a great amount of improvement; this has also boosted her academic confidence in all subjects. She looks forward to her weekly in center tutoring sessions."

"I am so pleased with the progress my daughter has made since attending Huntington Learning Center," shared Sharon Brown from Mayfield Heights. "She has not only improved academically, but she's also become more confident overall. We absolutely love the staff, and the communication is just amazing. I am so happy that we chose Huntington Learning Center and will highly recommend them to anyone."

"We value our relationships with families," Walter continued. "We meet regularly to keep them apprised of progress. We want to be good stewards of their investment throughout the process." With parent permission, Huntington staff will discuss your child's academic needs and progress with his or her teachers, school personnel, and other professionals as needed.

"I am very impressed with the progress my son has made," Shawanda King noted. "He struggled academically during junior high, so I wanted to make sure he didn't fall any further behind in his transition to high school. With the help of Huntington Learning Center, my high schooler has increased his academic skill set over the last seven months which has resulted in better grades and a boost in his confidence. The staff is awesome, very professional, and cares about my child's education."

When prepping for the SAT or

ACT standardized tests, Huntington's students have earned "astounding results," according to Walter, "which can help with college selection and scholarship opportunities." Huntington students saw an average increase of 248 points and 5.9 points, respectively. Huntington also provides assistance in preparing for high school entrance exams and advance placement tests. "I have improved so much already for my upcoming ACT and feel that I am going to be successful on it!" Samantha Brown shared about her experience in Mentor. "I couldn't ask for more in a learning center!"

"There are lots of ways for families to spend their time and resources," Walter noted, "but education is invaluable, and always a good investment of time and money."

Call Huntington Learning Center's Mentor location at 440-205-8283 or visit huntingtonhelps.com/center/mentor. Call the Mayfield Heights location at 440-683-1784 or visit: huntingtonhelps.com/center/mayfield-heights-oh.



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- Become a chemist for the day with the Great

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- Be amazed with the harrowing adventures of our "Mad Scientist!"
- Dozens of other clean water partners will be exhibiting as well!
- Entertainment from vendor booths and interactive.
- Make your own rain stick with Anser Advisory.
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- Stay nourished with ice cream treats, popcorn, and food trucks!

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We are returning in person for the first time in three years, and we could not be more excited! There is no better way to celebrate 50 years of public service than with the public we serve.

For more information, visit our event website <https://cleanwaterfest.weebly.com>, or email us at outreach@neorsd.org. We're looking forward to celebrating with you!

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“In the 10 years CTA has been in place, graduation rates in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District have risen from 52% to 80%.”



Cleveland Transformation Alliance

10-year-old program is reinventing the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and helping families select the best education options

By Stacy Turner

As the second-largest school district in Ohio, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) includes the cities of Cleveland, Newburgh Heights, portions of Brookpark and Garfield Heights, as well as the village of Bratenahl. And while the CMSD contains 160 different schools, each is charged with one mission — to ensure that every child in the CMSD attends a high-quality school and every neighborhood has a variety of great schools from which families can choose. But the road to educational success hasn't been a smooth one.

In 2011, the CMSD had a 52% graduation rate at its public high schools, with a significant loss of school-age children in the district. Then Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson charged the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, the philanthropic sector, the business community and charter school representatives to develop a plan to fundamentally reinvent public education in Cleveland.

The Cleveland Transformation Alliance (CTA) resulted from this innovative collaboration, a response to the “sense of urgency that Cleveland wasn't educating its children well,” explained CTA Executive Director Meghann Marnecheck. Now in its tenth year, the CTA has continued its mission to create a thriving community where every child is flourishing. Marnecheck was pleased to note that in the 10 years CTA has been in place, graduation rates in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District have risen from 52% to 80%. “While this is a significant increase,” she explained, “we've still got a long way to go.”

Things are looking up, however, based on results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (the Nation's Report Card). In the period from 2009 to 2019, CMSD was ranked in the top 15% in Ohio for improvement in kindergarten through 3rd grade literacy, the top 4% in Ohio for improved reading and math test scores, and the top 1% in Ohio for improvements in graduation rates. The study named CMSD as the fourth fastest improvement district in Ohio, with most notable gains for African American and Hispanic students.

The innovative program did so by moving the struggling school district from a traditional, single-source school district to a performance-based system of district and charter schools. In the reinvented district, each school has autonomy over staffing, time and budgets in exchange for high accountability for performance. A collaboration among philanthropic groups and businesses in the community makes this possible. Groups including the Cleveland Foundation, the United Way of Greater Cleveland, RPM International, Inc., and the Dominion Foundation support the CTA in the mission to improve educational opportunities for Cleveland's youth.

Through the Cleveland Transformation Alliance, families are provided with citywide choices and options to select the best options for their children. By visiting www.mycleschool.org, families can search through schools from preschool through grade 12, in 11 languages. CTA complies the performance rankings, special programs, and community reviews of each school, providing families with a wealth of information at their

fingertips to help them make their educational decisions.

The search tool allows families to compare schools side by side to see pertinent programs, rankings, and community reviews of each facility. In addition to quality preschool through grade eight programming, high school programs feature college preparatory and industry certification for trade careers. In addition, CMSD also offers specialized high school program options from aerospace, architecture, the arts and design, to engineering, international, IT, medicine, and science.

To better assist families in selecting the best options for their students, CTA also provides School Quality Navigators in-person or via phone to assist them in sorting through the wealth of information. Navigators aid families in school selections as well as solving additional challenges like housing issues, special education needs, and transportation. “We've created mycleschool.com as a one-stop-shop for busy families, providing all the resources they may need,” Marnecheck explained.

CTA navigator staff is often available on evenings and weekends, helping families narrow their search of the ideal programs, activities, and environment for their students. To schedule an appointment, visit them online or call 216-592-2303, scan the QR code, or visit the following link to schedule an appointment with a navigator: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/Test1@gcpartnership.com/bookings/>.

To search schools or connect with resources within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District community, visit www.mycleschool.org.

Learn to Dance!

The art of dancing has been around for ages and has grown in popularity over the years. Just look at the popular dancing shows such as Dancing with the Stars. Learning how to dance has many physical, emotional and social benefits for children and adults alike.

Dancing teaches many skills and develops many abilities that will extend to other relationships outside of the dance studio. Here are a few of the benefits of learning to dance.

Great cardio exercise

Dancing is a great form of exercise for all ages. It involves a greater range of motion, strength and endurance than most other physical activities. It utilizes the entire body and is a great form of exercise for total body fitness. It is also much more fun than traditional exercise.

Self control and cooperation

Being in a dance class with other children is good for their develop-

ment of self-control and cooperation. In class, children will have to follow directions, learn to control their bodies and work with other kids their own age. They will learn to concentrate, memorize, control impulses and learn responsibility.

Teaches about different cultures

Dance is a basic form of cultural expression. All cultures organize movement and rhythm into forms of dance. Children learn movement patterns as readily as they learn language. By learning different dances children can get a peek into cultures different than their own.

Increased self-confidence and self-esteem

For both children and adults dance is a highly social activity. Studies have shown that strong social ties and socializing with friends contribute to high self-esteem. Dancing gives you an increased chance of



meeting other people with similar interests. A dance class is a community where appreciation and positive encouragement are all around. Participants not only encourage one another in class, but one will gain a sense of accomplishment when a dance is memorized and performed such as on stage at a recital.

Strength and endurance

Dance builds strength by forcing the muscles to resist against a dancer's own body weight. Many styles of dance require jumping and leaping high into the air. Along with strength, dancing builds endurance, which is the ability of the muscles to work hard for increasingly longer periods of time without fatigue. As with any form of exercise, raising the heart rate can increase stamina.

Improved flexibility

Dance requires a great amount of flexibility over time. Dancers strive to achieve full range of motion for all major muscle groups. Most forms

of dance require dancers to perform moves that require bending and stretching, so it is easy to become more flexible simply by dancing.

Stress relief

At some point and time everyone will experience stress from their everyday lives. With its freedom of music and sense of abandon, dance is a great way to relieve stress. As with any form of exercise, endorphins are released which makes us feel good and less stressed. It is also a structured outlet for physical release.

No age limit

Unlike some other sports, there is no age limit for dancing. People of any age can enjoy the fun of dancing.

There are many forms of dance to choose from including ballet, tap, modern, salsa, ballroom and even Zumba. There really is something for everyone and every skill level. If you are looking for a fun, rewarding activity for you or your child, give a dance class a try!

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The mission of School of Cleveland Ballet is to educate its students by offering them quality training and intensive instruction in the highly structured and disciplined techniques of ballet and its related arts. This training creates a refined sensitivity and developed appreciation for the unique art of classical ballet among the students of the school's three divisions: Community, Pre-Professional, and Trainee program.

Their goal is to instruct today's youth through dance to:

- Fulfill the aesthetic needs of major ballet and dance companies, college and dance programs.
- Provide skills necessary for a successful career in the ever-evolving art of ballet.
- Guide youth to become successful young adults.

The school's programs include a world-class trainee program that aims to provide the finishing touches to become working professionals



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and further develop their ballet training as well as a cutting-edge summer intensive program that allows students the opportunity to immerse themselves in ballet technique and its related arts.

History reveals that there has never been a great ballet company without a great ballet school. The student is the vital element in the training of artists. It is for this reason that the school is dedicated to reaching deeply into the hearts of today's youth to make a profound effect upon their lives. The philosophy of the school is to enhance all aspects of a child's life, by reaping the rewards of dedication, desire and discipline, as they become successful young adults. School

of Cleveland Ballet is committed to being part of today's cultural scene in America through the art of dance, music and most importantly: the dance student!

Benefits of joining School of Cleveland Ballet include training with their wonderful faculty, exclusive access to audition for Cleveland's favorite holiday tradition, "The Nutcracker," among other story ballets, unique performance opportunities and preprofessional training for careers in ballet.

School of Cleveland Ballet has also partnered with local schools, arts, and cultural organizations to provide community performances, outreach and educational programming. Their goal is to build diverse audiences for ballet across age, ethnicity and economic levels, hoping to diversify the art of ballet.

Curriculum includes ballet technique, pointe and prepointe classes, conditioning, modern dance, jazz, character dance, Spanish dance, theater, and seminars taught by University Hospitals staff. There are class options for ages 2 to adult.

For additional information, call the studio at 216-320-9000, email info@clevelandballet.org, or visit clevelandballet.org.

Clip the ad below or screen capture it from online and bring it to School of Cleveland Ballet's studios located at 23030 Miles Road in Cleveland to receive 5% off tuition. This offer is only redeemable for new students.

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En Pointe Danse in Chagrin Falls, now celebrating its 23rd year, provides a nurturing environment for dancers of all ages to explore the joys of dance.

Owner Gail Friedberg, who has been teaching and dancing professionally for over 35 years, fell in love with dance at an early age. “My mom taught dance and owned her own studio when I was growing up,” Friedberg explains. “Both my parents were circus performers, so dancing and performing have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember.”

Friedberg, along with fellow instructor Jean Brady, teaches a variety of classes in creative movement, ballet, pointe, tap, and modern dance. Each spring students ages 6 and up have the opportunity to perform in En Pointe Danse’s spring ballet. The younger children, ages 3-5, participate in a separate informal showing.

Aside from being fun and good exercise, dance offers many lifelong benefits and skills including coordination, self-control, and discipline. “We love dance, and relish the opportunity it gives students to broaden their horizons. We want them to experience the joy of dancing while developing a good foundation, excellent technique, and a sense of discipline that stays with them for the rest of their lives.”

En Pointe Danse will be hosting auditions for the Nutcracker “Magic of Christmas Ballet” October 1, 2022 at 1:30 pm. For more information visit www.nutcracker.com

Fall classes begin September 6, 2022. For more information call En Pointe Danse at 440-247-5747 or visit www.enpointedanse.com.

Beck Center offers dance classes for all ages and skill levels



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Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood is a premier arts education institution with a strong focus on excellence in dance, teaching all ages, abilities, and skill levels.

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One of the most comprehensive and well-respected dance programs in northeast Ohio, all students benefit from the discipline and dedication instilled in these classes, and some students have gone on to perform professionally or teach.

Dance classrooms were recently renovated, and a capital campaign continues to #RaisetheRoof on the dance center. Programs foster a love of movement that builds confidence,


coordination and creativity for all ages and body types.

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Disciplines include ballet, tap, jazz, modern, contemporary, dance for musical theatre, hip hop, African dance, and adapted dance for creative arts therapies. EDGE, VERGE, and EMERGE are FAA dance companies that practice year-round, enabling selected FAA students to perform in various locations throughout the region and compete at local competitions.

FAA's dance program allows students to enter at any level and/or style appropriate to both ability and age. Dance is introduced to young students through creative movement and combination classes. Young dancers are offered a variety of classes that provide a foundation of dance terminology and movements.



As dancers grow in their study, their skills are refined through performance qualities through stylized choreography. Many FAA dancers pursue higher education in dance and perform professionally.

The Fine Arts Association welcomes all dancers to a warm, safe, fun and nurturing environment.

Jessica says "I would come to Fine Arts every day if I could, and pick dance class over any other fun activity." She says she loves dance "because it makes my soul happy." Not only does FAA embrace young dancers, but also offers adult classes in ballet, hip hop, and tap.

FAA welcomes you to come in for a tour and try out classes. Contact 440-951-7500 x2 or visit www.fineartsassociation.org.

Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics under new ownership



Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics offers something for every age and skill level. They strive to train the total athlete in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Their 27,000 square-foot facility offers two large dance studios with viewing windows and custom-built professional floors; meeting the needs of every dancer.

Developing gymnasts, preschool to school age, have their own training space, catering to each athlete's needs with age-appropriate equipment including climbing rope!

For competitive gymnasts, they offer boys and girls competitive gymnastics and rhythmic gymnastics. Each team has a space designed

specifically for their training needs!

A custom-designed lobby offers open viewing for families to observe their athlete's progress, a snack area, and a pro shop. At every age, Lakeshore's quality facility, equipment and professional staff, provide their athletes with a holistic training experience.

New owner, Irene Graber is excited for the future and hires the most qualified staff, who enjoy working with children.

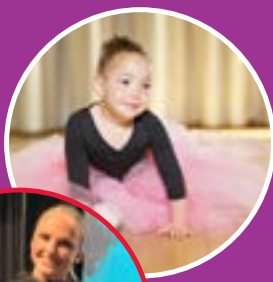
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Classes begin soon. Register online at LakeshoreGym.com.



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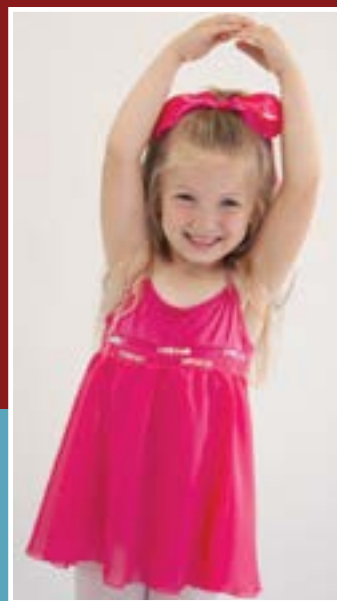


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Noreen is a member of Cecchetti Council of America, an organization dedicated to maintaining the standards and techniques of ballet training. It is a graded system whereby students progress from one level to the next through examination.

A variety of classes are offered beginning at age 2. The Terrific 2s program is an intro to dance with basic rhythms, movement and song. Students learn to follow instruction while interacting in a social situation with their peers. Preschool combo classes include ballet, tap and tumbling and focus on strength, coordination, rhythm, control and



self-esteem. Ballet & tap combo classes are offered to school age children for versatility. At this level, they learn terminology and a good basic foundation to lay the groundwork for a more mature interest in dance. Floor tumbling and acrobatics is a very popular discipline.

Noreen and Colleen are careful to select music, choreography and costuming that is age appropriate. They are proud to say they are members of Dance Masters of America – a prestigious organization that certifies teachers by exam to teach and provides continuing education programs.

They are located at 750 Beta Drive in Mayfield Village. For more information call 440-449-0240 or visit noreendancer.com.

Fairmount Center dance program promotes professional technique in a fun, supportive environment

For over 50 years, Fairmount Center for the Arts in Russell Township has brought high-quality dance instruction to northeast Ohio. Classes are taught by professional dancers and dance instructors who bring a wealth of experience to their noncompetitive, supportive environment.

Fairmount has been named “Best of the East” in dance instruction by Cleveland Magazine for six years running.

Whether you’re a beginner or advanced student, Fairmount offers a dance class for you! All dancers age 3 and older are encouraged to participate in their Winter Wonderland performances on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

Fairmount Dance School

Focused on classical technique, the Fairmount Dance School follows a ballet-focused, progressive curriculum developed in collaboration with Verb Ballets. Students are also encouraged to explore jazz and



contemporary dance. Classes begin at age 6.

Fairmount Recreational Dance

Get up and move in these fun-filled classes! Their popular Kinderdance and Itty Bitty Ballet classes introduce dance to children aged 2 to 5. Hip hop and tap classes are geared towards children ages 5 and older.

Adults can enjoy classes in ballet, tap, hip hop, line dancing, and Spanish dance.

Find out more and register at fairmountcenter.org or by calling 440-338-3171. Fall classes begin September 7, 2022.

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5 reasons why your child should (and can) learn how to play chess

By Jon Sieber, co-founder, Story Time Chess

Chess is one of the oldest and most popular games in history, with early forms of the game dating back to the 6th century CE. The game has certainly seen a revival since the pandemic began, as people around the globe have dusted off their chess boards and even binged one of the most-watched series ever inspired by the masterful game for much-needed entertainment.

Chess is also one of the most beneficial games you can teach a child, fostering critical developmental skills and instilling important lifelong lessons. If you've been thinking about getting in on the craze and introducing chess to your child (or even learning how to play together) here are five reasons why you should totally do it:

1. Chess exercises both sides of the brain. In a game of chess, the left analytical side of the brain looks for the next logical move, while the right creative side seeks out patterns and new possibilities. The game boosts both intelligence and creativity.

2. Chess gives kids an edge in the classroom. Playing chess is known to increase IQ, promote critical thinking, and teach core math and verbal skills. It also helps kids retain information, improve test scores, solve problems, remain calm under pressure, and perform well in school.

3. Chess helps kids speak the same language. The chess board is

64 squares of safe space that brings together kids of all backgrounds, interests, and languages. It's a common ground and even playing field. Through chess, kids also learn to explore the thoughts of the person sitting across from them, which helps develop important social skills and emotional intelligence.

4. Chess teaches sportsmanship. Win or lose, kids will learn it's fun to play the game of chess with a friend. In the game, they'll grow to understand the consequences of a bad move and how to embrace failure. But, at the end of every game, they always give a "good game" handshake. This teaches kids how to lose with dignity and win with humility.

5. Chess is the ultimate executive coach. Grit is a powerful driving force and predictor of success in the business world, and an important trait kids can learn by playing chess. The game teaches kids patience as they work through different scenarios, learn to plan, course correct and wait to see how things play out, instead of being tempted by easy, more immediately gratifying moves.

Plus, learning chess is more accessible and approachable than ever before. There are after-school programs, private tutors, online classes and now an innovative board game that uses proven silly, story-based curriculum to introduce chess to kids as young as three years old. "Story Time Chess: The Game" is available at storytimechess.com and on Amazon for \$39.99.

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100 years of discovery at Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Celebrate the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's centennial in their newest exhibit, 100 Years of Discovery: A Museum's Past, Present & Future. Through an interactive journey, you'll experience some of the most awe-inspiring moments in their history and get a preview of what the future will hold.

Walk in the shoes of the visionary Clevelanders who paved the way for the Museum's founding in 1920 and take the helm of a schooner on a 1923 expedition to the South Atlantic. Mush with Balto across an Alaskan snowscape, observe bald eagles through the eyes of a naturalist, and stand face to face with a dinosaur. Journey through the decades as the Museum digs deep into

Cleveland's ancient underwater past and takes important steps toward understanding human origins and health.

It's been a momentous century of science and nature, but the best is yet to come. Join them in charting the possibilities of the next 100 years and leave inspired by the future of scientific exploration. As they reinvent their visitor experience with you at its center, get an exciting sneak peek of your transformed Museum—coming in 2024.

Admission to 100 Years of Discovery is included with general admission to the Museum, and free for members.

Visit www.cmnh.org for more information.



Just For Laughs

A husband got his mother-in-law a cemetery plot for Christmas. It came with a coffin, tombstone, the works. Next Christmas comes by and the husband gets her nothing. When the mother-in-law asks, "Why didn't you get me a gift?" the husband says, "You haven't used the one I got you last year!"

On his first visit to the zoo, a little boy stared at the caged stork for a long time and asked his dad, "Why doesn't the stork recognize me?"

Alfie was listening to his sister practice her singing. "Sis," he said, "I wish you'd sing Christmas carols." "That's nice of you, Alfie," she replied, "but why?" Alfie replied, "Because then I'd only have to hear your voice once a year!"

It was a baby mosquito's first day to fly out from home. When the mosquito came back home later that day, the father mosquito asked, "How was your journey?" The baby mosquito replied, "It went great. Everyone was clapping for me!"

A girl asks her father, "Why does it rain? Is it God sweating or crying?" "No," says her father, "it rains to make the plants grow. Do you understand?" "Not exactly," says the girl. "Why does it rain on the sidewalk?"

A sandwich walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food in here."

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IngenuityFest 2022 is September 23–25

Ingenuity Cleveland is thrilled to gather and celebrate the past, present and future (from steam-powered to space-age!) with the return of their flagship event, alongside a wide community of artists, performers, entrepreneurs and YOU!

This year's theme, Expo: Ingenuity, draws on the best traditions of World's Fairs and (Inter)National Exhibitions, including the ability to highlight those scientific, technological and social innovations that have driven progress, igniting the creative spark by tracing a history of imagination through time and place, highlighting the ability of expositions to bring people together to uplift achievement and human ingenuity.

Attendees will wind their way through a newly expanded festival footprint at IngenuityLabs in the multi-level Hamilton Collaborative warehouse with 12 uniquely-themed villages and featured installations, each highlighting dozens of individual exhibits. This year's Fest will see the return of villages like Makers Mecca, showcasing everything from robotics, virtual reality, and 3-D printing technologies to tinkering and crafting, allowing the young and young-at-heart to get in touch with their inner DIY enthusiast and make hands-on creations.

New in 2022 is Inventor's Emporium, tapping deep into history and nostalgia of the Expo, mixed with art and whimsy, where attendees can find early arcade machines and zoetropes and step inside a giant Camera Obscura. Also, Mechanique Biotique, merging industry with sustainability, Ideation Station, where entrepreneurs and creatives can mingle with business leaders, and attend panel discussions and workshops, and Locomotion Central at the main crossroads of the festival,

with family-friendly activities, a Toddler Town, a sensory-friendly room, and a nursing room. Exhibitions range from large-scale flame effects to hands-on learning with NASA, Cleveland Public Library, Western Reserve Historical Society, Young Entrepreneurs Institute and more than a hundred individual artisans and exhibitors. Friday night, Sept. 23, the Speakers Stage in Ideation Station will host Pecha Kucha Cleveland's Volume 38 20x20 discussions.

At Expo: Ingenuity, six stages will bring you music in all styles from hip-hop, to folk, to honky-tonk delights. With the intimate feel and Victorian circus vibes of The Cabaret; the local and touring acts at Music Meadow; to bass beats and fast rhymes of The Dock Stage, plus, the ever popular upstairs bar and hang-out at the Crystal Palace Stage, audiences can appreciate performance at its best, including showcases from a variety of performance collectives like Beat Freak, Roots of American Music, Cleveland Comedy Festival and Temple of Passions. IngenuityFest tickets are on sale now at [IngenuityFest2022.eventbrite.com](https://www.ingenuityfest2022.eventbrite.com).

Tickets range from \$10 for a weekend pass to \$125 for an annual Agents of Ingenuity membership, which includes a festival VIP goodie bag and complimentary access to the VIP cocktail hour. Children under 12 are free! Ingenuity Cleveland strives for a limited waste event, and will provide composting, recycling and free water throughout the festival grounds.

Public health precautions for both events are developed in accordance with CDC recommendations and best practices and include sanitation stations and distancing of exhibits where possible. Masks encouraged.

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New Raspberry Rally™ Girl Scout Cookie joins lineup for 2023 season nationwide

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) announced that the new Raspberry Rally cookie will join its nationwide lineup for the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie season. The thin, crispy cookie is infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in a delicious chocolaty coating. Raspberry Rally gives devoted Girl Scout Cookie lovers yet another reason to be excited for the upcoming cookie season. This must-have new cookie will be the first in the Girl Scout Cookie lineup to be exclusively offered for online direct shipment only, enhancing girls' e-commerce sales and entrepreneurial skills. Raspberry Rally will be available nationally during the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie season. Girl Scouts in northeast Ohio and across the United States will offer the Raspberry Rally cookie next season alongside favorites like Thin Mints® and Samoas®, Adventurefuls™, and Tagalongs®.

Cookie season is an exciting

annual event for Girl Scouts across the nation. Proceeds raised from in-person and online cookie orders directly benefit local councils and troops. When Girl Scouts run their own cookie business, they are a part of the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world. Girl Scouts learn leadership, problem-solving, and community building through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, resulting in an invaluable experience that cultivates an innovative, entrepreneurial spirit.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program encourages girls to be risk takers, to think outside of the box, and to be confident in their own abilities. Whether they're working toward earning their Cookie Goal Setter badge as a Daisy or their My Cookie Business Resume badge as an Ambassador, Girl Scouts are learning qualities crucial for all forms of leadership and life-skills. The program embraces the understanding of the world of business,



money management, and entrepreneurship. Cookie Business badges range anywhere from goal setting to learning effective in-person and online sales pitches, using market research, creating business plans, and implementing digital marketing campaigns.

Available nationwide, every purchase of the online-exclusive Raspberry Rally cookie supports local Girl Scouts who are helping make our world a better place. Let's come

together to celebrate the young change-makers who are solving problems and learning new skills—one box of cookies at a time.

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio kicks off cookie season on January 1, 2023 in northeast Ohio. Visit www.girlscoutcookies.org to sign up to be notified as soon as Raspberry Rally and other Girl Scout Cookies are on sale. Find your adventure at Girl Scouts by joining or volunteering at www.gsneo.org/join.



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Taste of the Browns is back at FirstEnergy Stadium!

Join the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and the Cleveland Browns on Monday, September 12 as we tackle hunger in northeast Ohio for the 24th annual Taste of the Browns event! Mix and mingle with Cleveland Browns celebrities, sample dishes from our area's most exciting restaurants, enjoy live music, and bid on one-of-a-kind auction items! General admission tickets are \$200 and includes a souvenir wine glass, all food and beverages; and complimentary valet parking.

The safety of our guests is our top priority, and we will follow CDC-recommended safety precautions. All guests are required to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a negative test within 72 hours. Be sure to check back for any updates and we will continue to monitor the situation. Currently, we are limiting the capacity for the event to 800.

Learn more and purchase tickets at GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/Taste.

For the love of recovery & BBQ!

September is National Recovery Month

New Directions is pleased to announce its annual fundraiser Front Yard BBQ, Saturday, September 17, 2022, noon-4 pm. This fun, family-friendly event is organized in participation of National Recovery Month and will be held outdoors at New Directions located at 30800 Chagrin Blvd. in Cleveland.

New Directions is a nonprofit organization that provides trauma-informed, evidence-based services for adolescents, young adults, and their families struggling from substance use and mental health challenges. New Directions is the only residential, recovery housing and outpatient treatment program of its kind in northeast Ohio, providing treatment for more than 50,000 adolescents and their families since 1981. This past year, New Directions was honored to be ranked among the top addiction treatment centers in the United States and awarded the distinction as one of Ohio's "Top 3 Best Addiction Treatment Centers" by Newsweek and Statista.

New Directions' chief develop-

ment officer, James Wyman, states, "Our Education Program is a key component of our success and the revenue generated from New Directions' annual fundraiser helps make this possible. Each year, proceeds from New Directions' annual fundraiser directly support New Directions' Summer Education Program—and this year will be a very special celebration!"

New Directions alumni families & friends, long-time supporters, staff—past and present, and new friends will gather for an afternoon of fun, family-friendly outdoor barbecue picnic and activities on the campus of New Directions.

Because recovery benefits the entire community, all are welcome to join in for a fun outdoor barbecue courtesy of Heathland Hospitality Group, cornhole, games, contests, New Directions' super raffle, 50/50 raffle, prizes, and a few surprises!

For more information and registration information on the Front Yard BBQ, visit: newdirections.co/front-yard-bbq.

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While the market is open year round, Patterson's add their Family Fun Fest to the action for seven

weeks in September and October. This area costs \$6 per person Monday-Thursday (10 am-6 pm) and \$10 per person Friday-Sunday (10 am-5 pm). Seniors are \$6 every day. This gives families of children preschool through elementary ages a place to enjoy hiking, sliding, playing in straw, climbing and "driving" tractors, viewing the world from the top of their tree house, disappearing in the silo and, in general, enjoying the out-of-doors filled with fun. No reservations needed. Just come when you have a few hours to spend with your family outdoors.

For more info, visit pattersonfarm.com or call 440-729-1964.

Asian Lantern Festival extended at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo!

Tickets on sale now for the Zoo's popular after-hours event running through September 17

Asian Lantern Festival will feature both walk-through and drive-through experiences, large-scale illuminated lantern displays, live acrobatic performances and culturally-inspired cuisine.

The Zoo has been transformed with over 1,000 illuminated lanterns that will light up after dark. This year's event will include some of the largest displays yet, including a 100-foot-long, four-story-tall palace, sprawling Chinese gardens along Waterfowl Lake and a half-dozen giant walk-through lanterns that will surround guests with colorful flowers.

In addition to the full walk-through experience Thursdays through Sundays from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., a limited number of drive-through opportunities will be available on Wednesday nights for individuals and families who wish to experience this year's event from the comfort of their personal vehicles.



Tickets are on sale now and guests can reserve their spot and save by purchasing tickets in advance. The discounted cost for Zoo members is \$19 or a four-pack for \$57. Advance nonmember tickets are \$22 or a four-pack for \$66. Same day tickets can be purchased at the box office for \$25 or a four-pack for \$75. Drive-thru tickets are \$57 per vehicle for members and \$66 per vehicle for nonmembers. Children under 2 are admitted free. Advance tickets are available at FutureForWildlife.org/lanterns.



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Local pet-focused vendors will also be on location, and prizes will be raffled off throughout the event. Residents \$5/dog; \$7/dog nonresidents.

Taste of the Browns

Monday, September 12 • 6–9 pm

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Clean Water Festival

Saturday, Sept. 17 • 9 am–4 pm

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(See page 6 for details!)

Cleveland Pickle Fest

Sat., September 17 • noon–7 pm

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