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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

on the individual student's abilities. "As an example, for a student who currently has a B in chemistry and 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 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

week, as the learning plan depends wants to improve the grade to an A,

at least a bachelor's degree, and many



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.



# Clean Water Fest features a day of all things water!



Looking for an event that'll keep the kids fed, educated, AND entertained?

This trifecta can be found September 17, 2022 at Clean Water Fest at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District facility in Cuyahoga Heights. It's a free, day-long festival of all things water for kids and adults alike. So, what can you expect from this event?

- Learn about fighting water pollution with partners such as Drink Local Drink Tap and Cleveland Water Pollution Control.
- Explore the importance of managing stormwater and protecting our rivers with the Watershed Stewardship Center stream table.
- Become a chemist for the day

with the Great Lakes Science Center.

- Be amazed with the harrowing adventures of our "Mad Scientist!"
- Dozens of clean water partners will be exhibiting as well!
- Entertainment from vendor booths and interactives.
- Make your own rain stick with Anser Advisory.
- Once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet the face behind "@ NEORSD", the District's famous Twitter account during a live interview and Q&A session.
- Stay nourished with ice cream treats, popcorn, and food trucks!
- NEORSD trucks will be on site.
- Tour our state-of-the-art science lab.
- Tour one of the largest wastewater treatment plants of its kind.
- Bring a bike to get a pedaling tour of our Southerly Wastewater Treatment Center. Sign up online for a time slot.

For more information, visit them at cleanwaterfest.weebly.com.

# New Raspberry Rally Girl Scout Cookie joins lineup for 2023

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.

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.

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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# 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.

# United Way of Lake County to host free 100-year birthday bash

United Way of Lake County (UWLC) is hosting a free community event filled with free family fun in celebration of their 100-year birthday. The party is being held in conjunction with their campaign kickoff on Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 5:30 pm – 9 pm at Classic Park in Eastlake, home of the Lake County Captains. Gates will open at 5 pm.

The party is open to the public with advance registration at uwlc.org/birthday. Classic Park is located at 35300 Vine Street, Eastlake.

Guests will enjoy free cupcakes, free popcorn, and free ice cream. Additional free activities for the kids will include: a movie presentation of Disney's popular animated musical movie Encanto on the Jumbotron, face painters, balloon artists, a magician, craft tables, an agency fair with games, KidzZone Inflatables, and more. The venue's concession stand will also be open for the purchase of beverages and additional snacks.

The festivities further include a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are available online now at https://go. rallyup.com/50-50-raffle and will also be sold at the event. Participants do not need to be present to win. The winner will be selected and announced Friday, September 29.

A short UWLC video presentation is also planned, and UWLC's new president and CEO,

Dione DeMitro will be on hand to welcome guests and share a bit about her vision for UWLC moving forward.

"We are excited to bring together the community to celebrate the collective positive impact of our volunteers, donors and agencies and challenge ourselves to continue to do more to improve lives in Lake County," said DeMitro.

UWLC's campaign chair Jen Yorko, general manager of the Lake County Captains, will also be on hand to welcome guests to her home and talk about the role she will play leading this year's 2022-2023 campaign.

According to Yorko, "United Way of Lake County is a force in our community. The good they do and have done over the past one hundred years is immeasurable. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve our community as the 2022 campaign chair."

Upon United Way of Lake County's inception in 1922, the organization held its first fundraising drive and raised just enough to buy a car for the community's only visiting nurse. In 1958, United Way raised \$137,000 in support of eight nonprofits who served our community. Over the last 10 years, over one million services have been provided to Lake County's most vulnerable residents in partnership with the nearly 50 nonprofits UWLC



has helped support.

"When I think about the number of lives impacted by enabling that nurse to travel across town in 1922, I'm reminded of the tremendous value we bring to those in need right here in our local community of Lake County. The gifts we receive have allowed us to respond to the most pressing needs facing Lake County residents for the last 100 years, and I look forward to the impact we will continue to make as a result of this campaign," said DeMitro.

United Way of Lake County starts with a zero balance every year. They do not receive funds from any source outside those received locally from businesses and residents. Funds raised in Lake County stay in Lake County. Should you wish to make a "birthday gift" in support of their work, donations can be made online at uwlc.org/give, and checks, made payable to United Way of Lake County, can be mailed to United Way of Lake County, 9285 Progress Pkwy, Mentor, OH 44060.

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# Learn to Dance!

he 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 development 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

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# **DANCE With Us This Fall!**



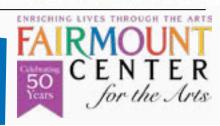
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Whether you're a beginner or advanced student, Fairmount offers a dance class for you! All dancers age 3 and older are encouraged to participate in their Winter Wonderland performances on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

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

Fairmount Recreational Dance Get up and move in these funfilled 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.

# Wildfire Dance Studio

Over 40 years of helping to make successful young adults

Wildfire Dance Studio has been impacting children through the art of dance for over 40 years! As a parent, you make choices about activities for your child – choices to make them stronger, to make them happier, to help them grow into successful young adults. It has been their mission to provide classes that do just that . . . and that has been the key to their success.

Wildfire Dance Studio opened their Lake County location in 2018, but the program has deep roots in the area. The dance program, which originated in Ashtabula County in 1980, had always had satellite locations in Geauga and Lake counties. The decision was made in 2018 to make it permanent and they opened their doors at 1657 Mentor Avenue in Painesville.

The studio owner, Scott DeCola, danced professionally and toured with Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, Joffrey Ballet II, Ohio Ballet and the Richmond Ballet. Following his performing career, he joined the staff of Wildfire Dance Studio in 2014 under the direction of Mary Murtha, who originated the program in 1980. DeCola had a lifelong dream to own his own studio and that dream became a reality in 2021 as he took over the well-established studio. Wildfire currently has two

locations and over 300 students, with instruction for children ages 3-18.

Many students who continued dance in college have been very successful due to the "team" culture of the curriculum. Wildfire offers classes in ballet, jazz, acrobatic arts and hip hop, but in addition to the styles most common to studios, they also have pom and combo classes. "Most dancers who attend universities with competitive dance teams will need to be fluent in pom and kick. Precision of movement is also key for collegiate styles. Two of our 2022 graduates just made their college teams and scored very high because of their diverse training and knowledge in many genres," said DeCola.

The Painesville location offers rec classes for ages 3-18. Children who enjoy many activities including sports can also enjoy dance with the once per week format. Curriculum is focused on creating an enjoyable experience for the students while improving coordination, rhythm, and agility. Dance can build self-esteem and confidence, especially if the classes are structured towards that goal.

Wildfire is also nationally recognized in competitive dance, winning the Studio of Excellence



Award twice in 2022. The high school division competes at studio competitions and also at The Dance Worlds in Orlando, Florida. The younger Starz teams, ages 5–12, are also challenged with more advanced choreography set for the stage. "If rec students find that dance is more than a secondary activity, we have the competitive option for them." said DeCola. "We have something for everyone who enjoys music and movement!"

Fall classes begin on September 6 and students may enroll through the months of September and October. If you are new to the studio and would like to try a free class, call 440-789-9541 for days and times by age.

# **MAKE US YOUR DANCE HOME!**

Rec Classes are offered for ages 3–18. Students may select from a variety of classes including ballet, hip hop, jazz, pom, and acrobatic arts. Classes are \$60/month (4 weekly classes) and run from September through May. Register today!

### **REC CLASSES 2022-23**

(Lake County studio schedule)

Day	Time	Class Description	Ages/Level
Monday	5:30-6:15	Pom/Jazz Combo	ages 7–11
Monday	6:15-7:00	Нір Нор	ages 7–11
Monday	7:00-7:45	Hip Hop	ages 12+
Monday	7:45-8:30	Contemporary	ages 12+
Tuesday	5:30-6:15	Preschool Jazz/Musical Theater	ages 3–5
Tuesday	6:15-7:00	Preschool Ballet	ages 4–6
Tuesday	7:00-7:45	Pom/Jazz Combo	ages 5–7
Tuesday	7:45-8:30	Нір Нор	ages 5–7
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### **TWO LOCATIONS!**

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### Dance for all at The Fine Arts Association

The Fine Arts Association (FAA) is an arts education and performance center located in Willoughby with the mission to create and discover beauty. Under the direction of Howard Washington, this arts oasis offers nearly 70 dance classes for ages three through adult from beginner through advanced levels.

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.



# Rabbit Run Community Arts Association classes start at age 3

Registration for fall dance classes is now open at Rabbit Run Community Arts Association in Madison. RRCAA is a comprehensive fine arts association offering instruction in the major disciplines of the fine and performing arts.

Dance classes are available for little ones starting at age three in creative movement, preballet and pretap. School-aged youth, whether just starting in dance or with some dance experience, may register for classes in ballet (including pointe), jazz/tap or hip hop.

Also available are Modern Dance, and Contemporary/Lyrical Dance.

For adults looking to get back into shape Adult Ballet Fitness or Beginning Tap may be just the thing.

Looking to learn basic ballroom steps for an upcoming wedding reception? Ballroom Basics is offered for all ages on Saturdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

All classes and lessons are currently in person.

For specific class information or to register visit www.rabbitrun.org or call RRCAA at 440-428-5913. RRCAA, 49 Park St., Madison, is a nonprofit organization that receives partial funding from the Ohio Arts Council.





# It won't happen to me

Is your family protected in the case of a freak accident?

Imagine a child and his friends playing with the family puppy in the backyard. Suddenly the dog bites one of his friends in the face causing permanent disfigurement. The owners of the puppy are legally liable for the loss, but the limits on their homeowners policy aren't enough to cover the damages.

Now imagine a family heading to its favorite restaurant for dinner on a rainy night. Slippery conditions cause the car to slide off the pavement onto the shoulder. The driver over-corrects, sending the family car straight into the path of an oncoming vehicle. The family's automobile liability coverage isn't enough to pay for the injuries to the other car's occupants.

Think it couldn't happen to you? The stark reality is that accidents such as this happen nearly every day. Fortunately, protection is available should the unthinkable occur with a personal umbrella policy.

While it's easy to assume that a personal umbrella policy is only for people with substantial assets, the truth is anyone is at risk of being held liable for an accident. Settlements of \$1 million or more have become commonplace and if you don't have umbrella coverage, you'll have to pay whatever costs exceed your primary insurance policy directly out of your own pocket. Where



will you find the money? Your children's college tuition savings? Your retirement savings? Your home?

A personal umbrella policy offers you an unbeatable layer of protection – you can select limits of \$1 million up to \$10 million in coverage – over the coverage limits you already have from your automobile, homeowners, or other personal insurance policies.

In the examples above, the personal umbrella policy would pay the difference between the primary policy coverage limits and damages amount, up to the limits of the personal umbrella policy.

While the odds are more likely you'll need the protection of a personal umbrella policy for liability from an accident, you'll also receive coverages not usually included in your basic policies such as libel, slander, false arrest, false imprisonment, wrongful eviction, violation of privacy rights, and wrongful detention. Many personal umbrella policies even pay your defense costs on losses where you're found not legally liable. This is additional coverage which could save you thousands of dollars in legal defense fees.

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# Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 11, 2022

Grandparents. Where would we be without them?

Traditionally observed on the first Sunday after Labor Day, National Grandparents Day is celebrated this year in the U.S. and Canada on Sunday, September 11, 2022.

In the U.S., Grandparents Day may be observed with happy family get-togethers, travel excursions that include Grandma and Grandpa, and even civic events that celebrate grandparents throughout an entire community.

#### **All about Grandparents Day**

Celebrating grandparents was a fairly new idea when West Virginian native, Marian McQuade, pressed the U.S. Senate to proclaim a special day for grandparents in 1978.

That same year, President Jimmy Carter signed the bill into law proclaiming special recognition for grandparents throughout the land.

As the popularity of Grandparents Day caught on, forget-me-nots were designated as the official flower of Grandparents Day.

Today, Grandparents Day re-

mains a great opportunity for family get-togethers — marked with greeting cards, flower bouquets, special Grandparents Day gifts, or for treating grandparents to a dinner out or homemade feast in their honor.

#### **Grandparents Day fun facts**

- In the U.S. and Canada, Grand-parents Day is celebrated in September on the first Sunday after Labor Day. Meanwhile, in the UK, it's the first Sunday in October. In Germany, Grandmothers Day is observed on the second Sunday in October. Dia del Abuelo, or Grandparents Day, is celebrated in Mexico every year on August 28.
- In the U.S., it's grandma and grandpa. In Latin America and Spain it's abuela and abuelo. In Italy, it's nonna and nonno, and in Germany oma and opa are the traditional names for a grandmother and grandfather.
- Famous people who have been raised by their grandparents include Oprah Winfrey, Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, actor Jack Nicholson, singer Willie Nelson,



funny lady Carol Burnett, and poet Maya Angelou.

• Grandparents are younger than ever today with a median age of 48. More than half the grandparents in the United States are baby boomers and about 10% have tattoos!

• Grandparents are wonderful caregivers (think about all the experience they have!) with more than two million grandparents in the U.S. acting as the head of household.

# **Grandparent rights in Ohio**

By Kurt Law

As a local attorney, people ask about this legal dilemma quite often. The reality is that under Ohio law there are grandparents rights but there are many other factors to determine what "rights' are available. This is hard for most to understand. The law does not give grandparents any automatic rights

to see their grandchildren. So, in almost every case, parents can keep children away from grandparents if they choose to. Normally, grandparents visit with their grandchildren by making arrangements with their son or videoughter.

daughter. Unlike many other states, Ohio actually recognizes grandparent rights to visit and care for their grandchildren through the Ohio Revised Code. Grandparents can motion the court for these rights. There are three statutorily protected instances in Ohio that has authorized grandparent companionship or visitation rights: (1) when married parents terminate their marriage or separate, (2) when a parent of a child is deceased, and (3) when the child is born to an unmarried woman. In such cases, a court may order reasonable visitation if it is in the best interest of the child.

However, before awarding grandparent visitation rights in Ohio, a court must consider all relevant factors, including all factors listed in the statute.

Grandparent visitation schedules usually provide less time than visitation schedules provided for a parent.

A typical grandparent visitation schedule may be one or two days per month and visitation during important and significant holidays.

Note: This article does NOT pro-

vide legal advice. Each scenario and facts may warrant a different outcome. Please contact legal counsel for your own matter. In addition, the Ohio Revised Code does not expressly provide for grand-parent visitation when a child is alleged or adjudicated by the juvenile court to be an abused, neglected, or dependent child. However, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services has adopted a rule that requires a public children services agency to arrange for such visitation in certain circumstances.

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### MOMMY CHRONICLES

# **Celebrating grandparents**

By Stacy Turner

ince 1978, Grandparents Day has been a recognized holiday in the US to take place on the Sunday after Labor Day. More than just a holiday invented to sell greeting cards, the day was set aside to honor grandparents and older folks who serve that role, and to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance the elder generation can offer. If you're lucky enough to have parents or others who play an active role in your kids' lives, you've got plenty of reasons to celebrate this special, lesser-known holiday.

My own children are blessed to have grandparents who truly delight in them. Pop Pop, as my kids called him, was always up to play a game, wear a silly hat, savor pretend treats at a tea party, or do whatever activity the girls could dream up. One of my favorite memories is him with them in their tiny plastic pool, taking turns watering and being watered with a kid-sized watering can. Grandma

is engaged in their lives, too, riding roller coasters with one of them at Six Flags without pressuring the other one who wasn't quite ready to put her life at risk, just yet. She encourages them when they try new sports or activities and cheers them on always, but especially when they face their fears. Despite her age, she's always up for FaceTime calls and texts the kids to check in when something big is going on in their lives. She leads by example that life is meant for living when she went zip-lining a few years ago to celebrate her 75th birthday.

Grandparents are much more than just their grandchild's biggest cheerleader. An Oxford study found that grandparents play a high-level role in the emotional and behavioral development of children. When grandparents are present, children have fewer emotional problems, and they are less likely to be involved in negative behavioral situations.

Grandparents give so much to their grandkids, why not help kids reciprocate? It can be as simple as you encouraging your kids to make



their grandparents a homemade card. Older kids can create a coupon book offering thoughtful services they can provide for or with their grandparents, like help with yardwork, reading together, or posing for silly pictures to fill grandma's phone or brag book.

If you're fortunate to have grandparents that live nearby, why not gather ingredients and let kids make a special family recipe with them. Enjoy a meal together at home or at their favorite restaurant. If they live out of town, send a care package of special treats. If your kids are blessed to know the unmerited love of a grandparent or an older person in their lives who fills that role, then let them know by celebrating this special day with them. No matter what you decide to do, if it's done with love, all the grandmas and Pop Pops out there will appreciate it.



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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.





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." "Thats 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 · Sept 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, 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.

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. 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 on the grounds.

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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!





Ohio Arts

# **Unique Events**

at the Lake County History Center!

**Night in the Museum** | Sept. 8 • 6:30–9 pm \$18 members, \$20 nonmembers, \$15 for 12 and under Meet and greet notable citizens of Lake County's past.

Walking Tour | Sept. 10 • 1 pm and 3 pm \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers

From the great to the odd, the funny to the sad, the tales are many about the people and places of Paineville's past.

**Brewing Up History** | September 14 • 6 pm \$40 members, \$45 nonmembers (includes dinner)

At Grand River Cellars. Katherine Kerestman "Creepy Cat" talks about her travels to Tennessee to find the Bell witches.

**Ladies and Gents Who Lunch | Sept. 15 • noon** \$17 members, \$20 nonmembers Local author Jennifer Boresz Engelking talks about her new book, "Lost Lake County."

**Haunted Lantern Tour** | Sept. 22 • 8 pm | \$25 pp Experience the Lake County History Center after dark. More tours in October and November.

Painesville Clambake | Sept. 24 · 4-8pm

½ chicken \$42, NY strip steak \$48, extra clams \$20. Clam chowder, cole slaw, ear of corn, roasted red skin potatoes, rolls & butter.

**Lushes with Brushes** | Sept. 29 • 5:30 pm \$30 members, \$35 nonmembers

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More information including prices can be found on lakehistorycenter.org or lakehistory.eventbrite.com, or call 440-639-2945

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# **Protecting and educating Lake County** residents and businesses

Learn about the divisions and services of the Lake County General Health District (LCGHD)

The Lake County Health District provides programs and services that benefit residents and business owners of Lake County. Its establishment in 1919 was a direct response to the influenza epidemic of 1918-1919. Since then, the Health District's mission has been to prevent disease, promote health, and protect the community. To fulfill their mission, the Health District established five divisions to serve as a shield around the community and to provide support to those marginalized and most at risk:

#### **Environmental health**

This impactful division at the Health District is responsible for over 15 programs and services that include monitoring bacteria levels in lake water and parks, food inspections, sewage treatment, solid waste management, mosquito control and more. Some services are at no cost to the public while other specialized services for businesses and homeowners may have a charge.

#### Population health & emergency planning

This division helps facilitate the ongoing surveillance of disease and other health concerns through collecting, investigating, and analyzing



various communicable diseases, providing supportive resources and care, and other measures. It most popularly provides potassium iodine (KI) tablets to residents and businesses within 10 miles of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant and also educates the community on various topics including the dangers of texting while driving, and provides lifesaving Naloxone (Narcan) to areas in Lake County most at risk of seeing overdoses.

#### **Community health services**

Community Health recognizes that there are more factors contributing to the overall health and safety of county residents than the prevention and management of communicable diseases alone. Among facilitating school nurse placement, immunization clinics, and tuberculosis (TB) testing, this division provides case management for kids with medical handicaps and car seats and cribs to income-eligible families—while quantities last.

#### Birth & death records

This division provides birth certificates for everyone born in the state of Ohio. Death certificates at the Health District, on the other hand, are only provided for those deaths that occurred within Lake County. Learn more information about this division at www.lcghd.org/birth-anddeath-records.

#### Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

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# What does the Resource Center do?

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

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age five (5). Food benefits are loaded onto a WIC Nutrition Card and can be used at local vendors. There are Lake-Geauga offices in Huntsburg, Middlefield, Madison, Painesville, and Wickliffe. Learn more about WIC services at www.lcghd.org/wic.

### Did you know?

Did you know the Lake County General Health District partners with and supports the Wickliffe Family Resource Center (WFRC)? The WFRC is operated by the Wickliffe City School District and helps connect people to health and medical resources, food, clothing, and toiletries, as well as employment and housing opportunities. This program has no residential requirements or guidelines for folks to use the services there. The WFRC has over 30 partners including Lifeline, Lake ADAMHS Board, Signature Health, Crossroads Health, and many other dedicated organizations across the county. For questions

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#### Staying connected with LCGHD

Opt in to receive the LCGHD newsletter by visiting www.lcghd. org/newsletter. To learn more about the services the Lake County General Health District offers and the services they support, visit www. lcghd.org or call the main number at 440-350-2543.



#### **Harvest Concert**

Saturday, September 10 • 11 am Wickliffe Public Library 1713 Lincoln Road, Wickliffe 440-944-6010 www.wickliffepl.org

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#### **Perry Fall Festival**

Sat., September 10 • 11 am–9 pm Lee Lydic Park 3954 Call Road, Perry Family fun for all. Festival kicks off with a kids fishing derby at 9 am. Featuring vendors, exhibitors, pony rides, hayrides, inflatables for the kids, activity area for kids, magician, face painter, youth talent show, cake decorating contest, live music, food trucks, beer tent, and fireworks at dusk.

#### **Hispanic Heritage Festival**

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#### **Grandparents Day Tea**

Sat., September 10 • noon Mentor Public Library Main Branch 8215 Mentor Avenue 440-255-8811

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#### **Taste of the Browns**

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#### IngenuityFest 2022

September 23–25, 2022 IngenuityLabs @ The Hamilton Collaborative 5401 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland www.ingenuitycleveland.com (See page 15 for details!)

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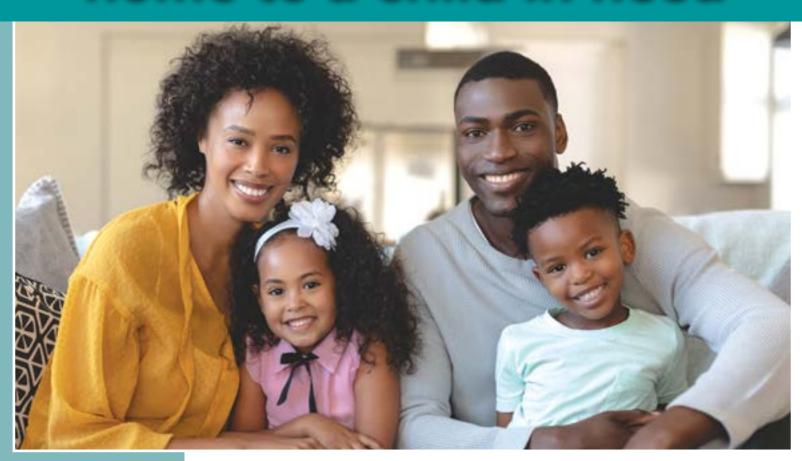
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