OCTA Fall Conference

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“Careers in My Community”
Mid-East Career and Technology Centers



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Careers in My Community- Goal

To provide a six week quality Career Exploration and Awareness to students in grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade in the fields of:
Agriculture, Construction, Healthcare, Manufacturing and Transportation.





Careers in My Community- Timeline

- Spring 2022: Secured the *Regional Partnership Grant* (ODEW) to develop a K-6 career curriculum supporting early career exploration.
- June-December 2022: Developed the curriculum with the partnership with MECTC, partner schools for a curriculum review, local businesses and a Steering Committee.
- January-May 2023: CiMC implemented in three pilot school districts.
- June-August 2023: Made necessary adjustments and planned for upcoming school year.
- August 2023 to May 2024: Added five elementary schools and continued to build community partnerships.
- June-August 2024: Made necessary adjustments and planned for upcoming school year.
- August 2024: Hired an additional Career Exploration Instructor, Jen Bernett.
- August 2024 to present: CiMC is now serving 10 elementary schools within one school year.
- Ongoing: Making adjustments as necessary and building partnerships.

Careers in My Community- Curriculum

- Career-based lessons focusing on:
  Agriculture, Construction, Healthcare, Manufacturing and Transportation.
- Every lesson has a hands-on career activity.
- English & Math standards are woven into lessons.
- When necessary lessons are grouped into grade level bands.
- Students from MECTC created some items for the CiMC elementary students to use.





Careers in My Community-Communication

- Communication is key!!
- An informational flyer about CiMC is given to the students and staff a week before the program begins.
- https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:4412939b-082b-474c-9285-d2891b9f425a
- Weekly emails to the district staff about what the career focus and what is taught in the classroom.
- Newsletter at the end of the program is given to each student and staff member.



Careers in My Community-Partnerships

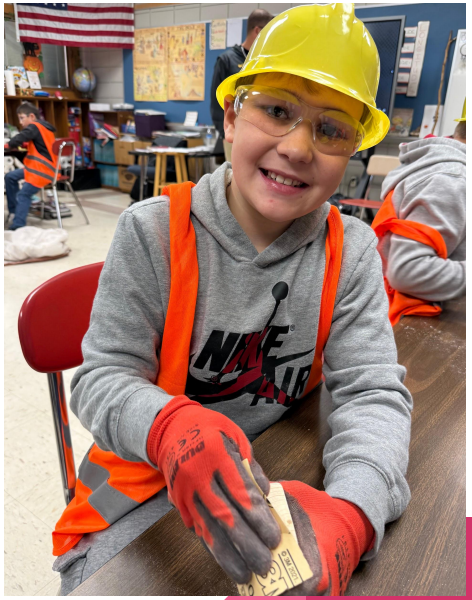
- AMG Vanadium
- AOP-20
- Dr. Brian Waggle, D.D.S.
- Dresden and Co.
- Genesis Healthcare System
- IBEW Local 1105
- Muskingum Valley ESC
- Ohio Natural Energy Institute
- Ohio Valley ESC
- OSU Extension-Muskingum County
- Perry County Water & Soil
- Shrivers Pharmacy
- THK Manufacturing





Careers in My Community- Partner School Districts

- Caldwell Exempted Village School District
- Cambridge City School District
- Crooksville Exempted Village School District
- East Guernsey Local School District
- East Muskingum Local School District
- Franklin Local School District
- Maysville Local School District
- Noble Local School District
- Northern Local School District
- Rolling Hills Local School District
- West Muskingum Local School District
- Zanesville City School District



Agriculture Week











Construction Week











Healthcare Week







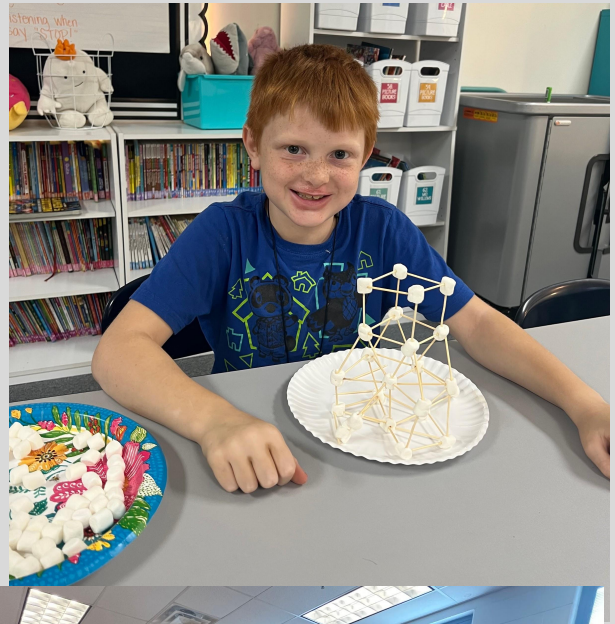




Manufacturing Week











Transportation Week





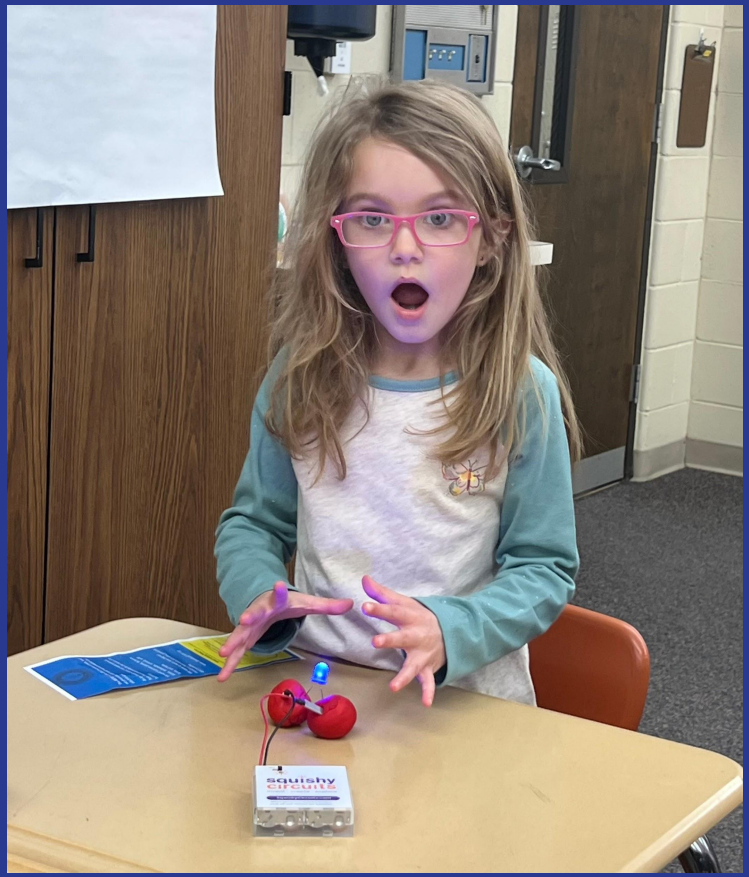






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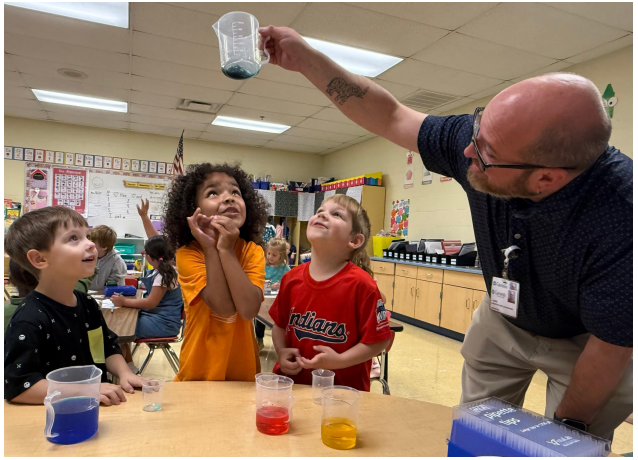


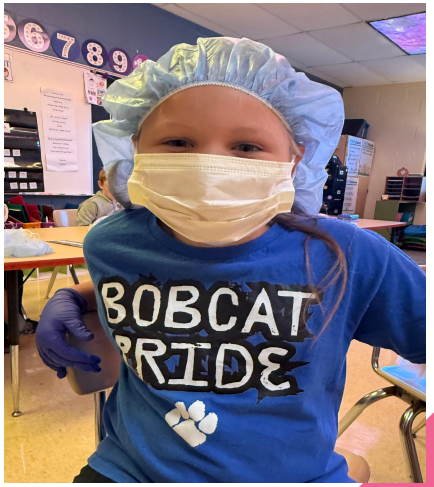
Careers in My Community Video

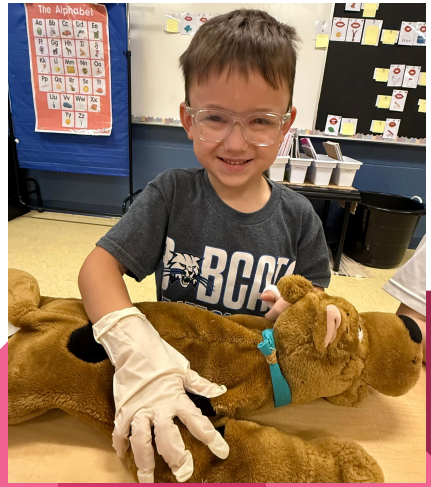


Questions/Open Forum









THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

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