Community Connectors Grant Awarded

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School and community partners for the grant include: East Palestine Middle School, Wellsville Jr/St High School, Employment Development Inc., YBI, Lions Club of Wellsville, Goodness Grows, Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and the CCESC. For more information about the program, contact Kromer or Bowald at: (330) 424-9591.

Photo Finish: CCESC Youth Summer Enrichment Programs

The CCESC offered two summer enrichment programs in June. At Minecraft Camp (top left photo), students completed activities on their own electronic devices. The Camp was held for three days.

At the Crestview Local Performing Arts Center, students practiced fine and performing arts. Theater students (top right) performed improvisational sketches. Visiting artists (bottom left) introduced students to different instrumental sounds. Students wait their turn to play a steel pan drum. (CCESC photos).

A Note from the County Superintendent

Dear Partners in Education,

Welcome back to a new school year! In this issue there are articles and pictures of students having fun, making new friends and learning—all at the same time.

Good things happen for our students when we work together. We want to extend our appreciation to several organizations, school districts, and educators. The Columbiana Community Foundation and Rulli Brothers provided financial resources. Crestview and Lisbon school districts generously offered facilities. In addition, many talented educators gave their time, energy, and talents to make each program a success.

This is a wonderful example of what can be achieved through collaboration.

Sincerely,
Anna Marie Vaughn
CCESC Superintendent

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The 2015 Columbiana County Summer Fine Arts Academy was held from June 15 – 19, 2015, at the Crestview Performing Arts Center. The Academy was designed to provide local students with opportunities to explore art, music, and dance and to lead them in presentations based on all areas of the fine arts. The lessons included instrumental and vocal music, theater, visual art, and dance.

“Not only does Minecraft give students the opportunity for creative expression, it provides a platform for collaboration and problem-solving,” said Katrina Moore, CCESC Consultant and Camp organizer. The Camp was open to students in grades K—8. More than 140 young people attended the Camp over the three days of scheduled activities. During Camp, students designed flags, built homes for people and their pets, created a World’s Fair exhibit, and directed a video commercial as part of their online exercises.

Students completed challenges and solved puzzles during the first CCESC Minecraft Camp on June 8, 10, and 11, at McKinley Elementary in Lisbon. Minecraft is a video game which allows players to construct electronic worlds and experience multiple adventures. The Camp combines students’ gaming skills, with educational exercises.

Each student brought his or her preferred mobile device to the Camp to complete the activities. Special thanks to Camp sponsor Ruhl Brothers for the Minecraft t-shirts! Also, thank you to the Lisbon School District for the venue and custodial support!”

Students attend Minecraft Camp on June 8, 2015, at McKinley Elementary. (Photo by K. Moore).

### Residents Explore Art, Music, and Dance at Summer Academy

The week-long Academy featured morning arts lessons instructed by local educators, with afternoon workshops led by guest artists from the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning in Cleveland. The Academy concluded with a performance for family and friends, which showcased the students’ talents for improvisational theater, vocal/instrumental duet and ensemble, and choreographed dance. Academy staff included Mayer, Eric Bable (Crestview), Amy Bordomanaro (Crown Theater), Barbara Marrama Schmidt (East Liverpool), Erich Offenburg (CCESC), Ryan Smith (Southern), and Danielle Dillon (CCESC).

A big thank you to the Columbiana Community Foundation and to the custodial and technology staff at Crestview Local for supporting the Fine Arts Academy!