

## Medina County Spelling Bee

The 2012 Junior High/Middle School and High School "All-Star" Bands performed in concert on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Highland High School Auditorium. Mr. Galen Karriker, Assistant Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at The University of Akron, was the guest conductor for the High School "All-Star" Band. The Junior High/Middle School "All-Star" Band guest conductor was Mr. Michael Foster, band director at Copley High School.

Music directors in Medina County Schools selected a total of 156 students (88 junior high/middle school students and 68 high school students) to participate in the ensembles based upon ability, interest, potential for growth, and instrumentation.

Special thanks to the band directors

### Brunswick City Schools

Melinda Kellerstrass

### Buckeye Local Schools

Greg King

Dena Timura

### Cloverleaf Local Schools

Andrew Winter

### Highland Local Schools

Jamie Holcomb

Edwards Marguette

### Wadsworth City Schools

Steve Hadgis

Dana Hire



## 2012 "All-Star" Bands

The 2012 Medina County Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Akron Beacon Journal, was held on Wednesday, February 1, at 7 p.m., at Medina High School Middle Stage Auditorium.



The competition featured 46 Medina County sixth through eighth grade students. The six trophies were awarded after the 11th round to the following:

- Kaci Dobbins, Cloverleaf Middle School
- Hannah Hasan, Edwards Middle School
- Daniel Johnson, Sacred Heart School
- Sunny Levine, Claggett Middle School
- Zach Porter, Wadsworth Middle School
- Chris Wright, Highland Middle School

These top six spellers advance to the Akron Beacon Journal Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held on Saturday, March 10, at 1 p.m., in the auditorium of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. The winner of that competition will move on to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

### Judges:

Michele Wargo, Geauga County ESC

Sherry King, Brunswick City Schools

Phyllis Brant, former advisor of St. Marks

### Pronouncer

Pat Straub, retired Cloverleaf Local teacher

## RoboFest - March 3, 2012

RoboFest registration is currently underway at [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net). Teams are encouraged to register early because space is limited. The official rules for each category have also been posted on the Robofest Website, so check it out and start working on your solutions!

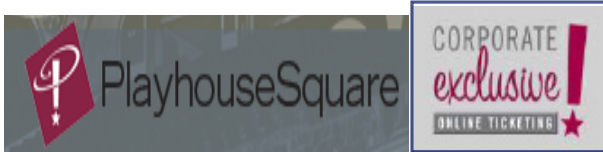
We are excited to see what creative and innovative solutions the students, grades 4 through 8, can bring to the competition this year. Remember that the tournament will be held on March 3, 2012 at the Medina County University Center.

Robofest is a competition of autonomous robots that encourages students to have fun while learning principles of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Students design, construct, and program robots to compete in the following categories of games, exhibition, and RoboFashion & Dance Show.



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## Medina County Leadership Academy 2012

The third session of the Medina Leadership Academy was held on Wednesday, February 15th, 2012. This series of breakfast workshops is designed to present practicing and emerging school leaders the most current, up-to-date practices in school leadership. This February session was titled, "Formative Assessment: Where it fits in a Balanced Assessment System and How to Grow it in Your Schools!" and was presented by Dr. Donna Snodgrass - Cleveland State University; Greater Cleveland Educational Development Center. Both formative and summative assessments are an integral part of the Ohio Principal and Teacher Evaluation Systems. Participants learned strategies in order to help their teachers:

- Understand how formative assessments fit into a balanced assessment system. Master and implement a wide variety of minute-to-minute student-involved classroom assessment techniques.
- Engage in authentic data-driven decision-making based on real time data.
- Employ classroom strategies that make students full partners in their own learning.

## 2012 Solo and Ensemble Festival

Over 200 Medina County students participated in the 2012 Medina County Schools' Solo and Ensemble Festival, which was held on Saturday, January 28, at Buckeye High School.



This event was sponsored by the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center and hosted by Buckeye Local Schools. Gregory King (band director at Buckeye High School) and Pamela Haberkorn (choir director at Buckeye High School) served as festival coordinators. Ohio Music Education Association qualified adjudicators gave performance ratings and verbal comments to students participating in the event. To see the results please copy and paste the following link into your browser: <http://medina-esc.org/vnews/display.v/ART/4f3d222e08fef>

Next year's Medina County Solo and Ensemble Festival is tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2013.