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# Continental Local Schools

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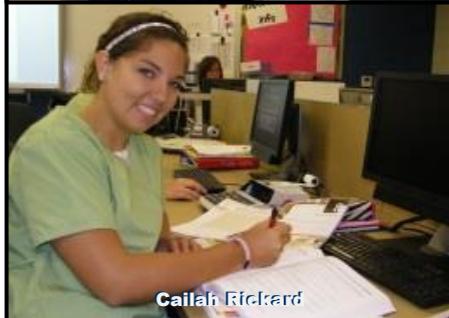
## Vantage Students to Compete Nationally in Business Professionals of America Contests



Amber Sloan



Dmitry Billingsley



Cailah Rickard

Vantage seniors Cailah Rickard and Amber Sloan, and junior Dmitry Billingsley recently participated in the state Business Professionals of America Contest in Indianapolis. As a result of each of their performances, they have qualified to compete in the national competition being held in Indianapolis May 1-4. Dmitry qualified for nationals in PC Servicing & Troubleshooting, Cailah qualified in Advanced Office Systems and Procedures, and Amber qualified in Advanced Word Processing.



Cailah, Dmitry, and Amber with their awards.

Business Professionals of America is a career and technical student organization for students that are pursuing careers in office administration, business management, information technology and other related career fields. The contests give students the opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have obtained through their training.

Congratulations and good luck at nationals!

## Achievement Tests Coming in April/May

April 30	Grades 5 & 8	Science
May 2	Grades 3-8	Reading
May 6	Grades 3-8	Math

### Happenings Around Continental Local Schools

4/1	Financial Awareness Day @ OG for Juniors	4/15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Gerding Farm
4/5 & 4/6	"Once Upon a Matress" – Spring Musical @ 7:30 pm	4/17	Make-Up Day #1
4/10	JH Quiz Bowl Tournament	4/18-4/21	Spring Break – No School
4/10	K-3 Spring Music Program in HS Aud. @ 1:30 & 7:30 pm	4/25	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Midterm
		5/3	Prom

## New Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Ensures a Better Start

At Continental Schools, we want every girl and boy to enjoy school from the first day they enter Kindergarten. Coming to Kindergarten with certain skills already in place makes learning easier for your child. For example, children who have been read to, and children who can draw some basic letters, have an easier time learning to read. That's important, because reading lays the foundation for learning throughout their school years.

This fall, we will begin to have a better way of determining what our Kindergarteners know and can do when they enter the classroom, so their teachers can find out if they need certain help to get off to a good start.

Our teachers will use the new Kindergarten Readiness Assessment to get a snapshot of every child's knowledge and skills in six areas: social skills, math, science, social studies, language and literacy, and physical well-being and motor development. Teachers will then know what kind of help your child needs to be successful in Kindergarten.

### How the assessment works

The teacher will assess every child in the class. Sometimes the teacher will work with your child alone. Sometimes he or she will observe your child during everyday classroom activities.

In some cases, the teacher will ask your child to answer questions that have only one correct answer. For example, the teacher will read your child a very short story and ask simple questions about the story. At other times, the teacher will look at how well your child can complete an activity, such as sorting shapes.

The results of your child's assessments will not show on his or her report card. No score can keep your child from continuing in Kindergarten. The results simply help the teacher work with your child better.

Supporting your child in school as he or she takes the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, and helping with your child's learning at home, will help us make sure your child has a bright future in school.

## Students Celebrate "Random Acts of Kindness Month"

Students have been participating in "Random Acts of Kindness Month" at the elementary during the month of March. Students pictured are celebrating, "Be a Superhero and Stand Up for Kindness." Pictured left to right are Jackson Bidlack, Chloe Knott, Kennedy Hiltner, Brady Thomsen, Macy Collier, Addyson Armeay, Sage Kaye, and Jazlyn Bishop.



## "That Goat Has Got to Go!"

Students in Mrs. Krutsch's Class recently performed the play, "That Goat Has Got to Go" to parents and grandparents. Below is a picture of those students involved.



## HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT



### Do You Know How to Spot Risky Behaviors?

Hidden In Plain Sight is an interactive presentation targeted towards parents and community members as well as professionals and employers in education, law enforcement, and safety. The presentation includes information on current trends, how to recognize ordinary household items being used in unordinary ways, and tips for how to talk to teenagers about alcohol, drugs, and other potentially risky behaviors.

When: Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm

Where: Putnam County Educational Service Center  
124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, OH 45875

Cost: FREE

Questions: Call Beth Tobe or Mike Klear at  
(419) 523-5951

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## Putnam County HS Quiz Bowl Tournament Results

School	Overall Record	Point Differential	Place
Columbus Grove	4-4		5th
Continental	6-2	+16	3rd
Fort Jennings	3-5		6th
Kalida	6-2	+27	2nd
Leipsic	0-8		9th
Miller City	2-6	-6	7th
Ottawa-Glandorf	7-1		1st
Ottoville	2-6	-13	8th
Pandora-Gilboa	6-2	+ 14	4th

## Help for Your Struggling Math Student

Does your child dislike math? Sometimes students just decide that they're not good at numbers. But your child's math performance *can* be turned around. If you and your child's teacher are working together and your child knows this, he or she will work harder to learn.

Here are a few tips that will help you with your part:

**Never say "I wasn't good at math either."** Be careful not to relay your dislike of math to your child. Be positive about the teacher and what your child is learning. With a can-do attitude and relationship between you and the teacher, your child can truly improve.

**Ask your child's teacher to send home a completed copy of each day's math problems and a blank copy of the same problems.** At home, have your student try to do the blank assignment without help, then check the answers against the completed problems. Your student

can peek if he gets stuck. And as a parent, you can see what your child is doing each day.

**Be wise about tutoring.** The best tutor is the classroom teacher. The teacher already knows your child's strengths and weaknesses, and just a few minutes one-on-one with your child can be really beneficial. Continental math teachers are willing to spend extra time helping our students.

**Learn with your child.** If you have forgotten many of your math skills, commit yourself to learning with your child. Get online together to find math videos at websites such as <http://www.khanacademy.org>. If you approach it the right way, you can both get a new lease on your "math lives."

In the meantime, our math teachers will be doing everything they can to help your child. We truly want your son or daughter to succeed!