



2011-2012

Student Activities Catalog



www.berrienresa.org

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

Berrien Regional Education Service Agency is proud to announce the 2011-2012 Student Activities Catalog for Berrien County students.

School staff members are encouraged to use this guide as a resource when planning their curricular calendars! Each activity is sponsored by Berrien RESA and is designed to meet the State of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations.

Berrien RESA also offers a number of professional development opportunities for school personnel.

REGISTER TODAY!

Registration deadlines vary. Be sure to call the event contact to register your students and answer any questions you may have.

Please visit
www.berrienresa.org
to learn more!

Arts

John Henry

John Henry is a well-known figure of American folklore. The production uses storytelling, drama, and music to bring the story of an American legend to life. The show reinforces and supports Michigan's Elementary Music Curriculum. Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331
elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org
Location: Mendel Center
Date: November 7, 2011

Nashville Songwriting Workshop

A unique opportunity to attend a songwriting workshop hosted by four Grammy award winning songwriters and recording artists! Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331
elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org
Location: TBD
Date: November 19, 2011

Michigan Opera Theatre Tour of Schools (Traveling Show)

Students will have an opportunity to experience the Opera without leaving their school. The show reinforces and supports Michigan's Elementary Music Curriculum and offers students an opportunity to hear and see a professional opera company. Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331
elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org
Location: School districts in Berrien County.
Date: January 23-25, 2012

"I Have a Dream" The Life and Times of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This is a compelling dramatization of the life and times of one of the most influential and charismatic leaders in America. Students will be inspired by the story of this great leader's struggle and his dream of lifting "our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood". Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331
elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org
Location: School districts in Berrien County.
Date: February 2, 2012

Krasl Elementary Art Show

This student art exhibit is a partnership between The Box Factory for the Arts, Krasl Art Center and Berrien RESA. It fulfills the elementary visual art requirement for the arts curriculum. Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331
elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org
Location: The Box Factory for the Arts
Date: February 25 - March 11, 2012

Blast from the Past: Pipe, Strings and Drums

A costumed introduction to music and life in the medieval/renaissance/baroque times returns to Berrien County. Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331
elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org
Location: Throughout Berrien County
Date: March 8, 15, & 29, 2012

Krasl Secondary Art Show

This student art exhibit is a partnership between The Box Factory for the Arts, Krasl Art Center and Berrien RESA. It fulfills the middle/high school visual art requirement for the arts curriculum. Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331
elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org
Location: The Box Factory for the Arts
Date: March 22 - April 8, 2012

Four Score and Seven Years Ago

Two men may be of different races and on different sides of the Civil War, but they have much to teach each other about bravery and loyalty in this exciting and suspenseful musical. Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331
elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org
Location: Mendel Center
Date: March 15, 2012

SMSO Young People's Concert

The Young People's Concert is an annual event brought to you by the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra and the Citadel Band Center. It fulfills the elementary music standards and supports elementary music curriculum. Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331
elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org
Location: Mendel Center
Date: March 23, 2012

CANCELLED

English Language Arts/Social Studies

Cloverleaf Spelling Bee

The Cloverleaf Spelling Bee is a partnership between the Herald-Palladium and Berrien RESA. It fulfills the elementary and middle school content expectations.

Contact: Tonya Snyder
269-471-7725 ext. 1360
tonya.snyder@berrienresa.org

Location: Mendel Center
Date: February 6, 2012

Rotary Essay Contest

This collaboration between Berrien RESA and various Berrien County Rotary Clubs is designed to encourage student participation in an essay writing contest. One senior student from each high school in Berrien County will be selected to write an essay about a given topic derived from Grade Level Content Expectations in Social Studies.

Contact: Tonya Snyder
269-471-7725 ext. 1360
tonya.snyder@berrienresa.org

Location: Berrien RESA
Date: February 15, 2012

Rotary Essay Contest Reception

Contact: Tonya Snyder
269-471-7725 ext. 1360
tonya.snyder@berrienresa.org

Location: Berrien RESA
Date: April 23, 2012

8th Grade Hispanic Day

This event will provide presentations from inspirational Hispanic speakers, but also focus on interactive activities, networking and teambuilding for essential student involvement.

Contact: Nicole Lind
269-471-7725 ext. 1274
nicole.lind@berrienresa.org

Location & Date: TBD(April or May 2012)

Science/Math

Middle/High School Science Olympiad

This event is open to 6-12th grade students from all districts in Berrien County. Competitive science events in a college setting provide students with motivation to participate in science, create a "hands-on" science mind set and also develop a comfort with the college

campus environment.
Contact: Tonya Snyder
269-471-7725 ext. 1360
tonya.snyder@berrienresa.org
Location: Lake Michigan College,
Napier Campus
Date: March 5, 2012

Elementary Science Olympiad

This event is open to students in grades 2-5 from all districts in our service area. Fun science events in a college setting provide students with motivation to participate in science, create a "science is fun" mind set and also develop a comfort with the college campus environment.

Contact: Tonya Snyder
269-471-7725 ext. 1360
tonya.snyder@berrienresa.org
Location: Lake Michigan College,
Napier Campus
Date: March 6, 2012

International Science and Engineering Fair

This event is open to high school students who conduct research either as a team or individually and prepare a "science board" display. Local professors, teachers, engineers and business people serve as judges for the projects.

Contact: Tonya Snyder
269-471-7725 ext. 1360
tonya.snyder@berrienresa.org

Location: Berrien RESA
Date: March 26-27, 2012



Dr. Kevin M. Ivers
Superintendent
Berrien RESA
269-471-7725 ext. 1150
kevin.ivers@berrienresa.org

Berrien RESA Board of Education:

Sharon Kalling, President
Cathy Bair, Vice President
Tom Fanning, Secretary
Linda Holt, Treasurer
J. Allene Smith, Trustee

Berrien RESA complies with all federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination, and with all requirements and regulations of the United States Department of Education and the Michigan State Department of Education.

Spotlight: *ICE AGE IMPERIALS*



Ice Age Imperials

Location: The Heritage Museum at the Priscilla U. Byrns Center, 601 Main Street, St. Joseph

Date: Opening September 9, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Contact: 269-983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

A new and exciting exhibit is coming to The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center that will engage both children and adults in the early natural and human history of this region.

Ice Age Imperials will address an era nearly 12,000 years ago when mastodons and mammoths roamed Michigan, when six-foot tall beavers swam in our lakes, and packs of fearsome dire wolves and sabertooth cats hunted the musk oxen that grazed in our woodlands. Full-scale animals will appear in authentically reproduced dioramas and natural settings of the period. They will be accompanied by real fossils dating back thousands of years, fossil casts, and illustrations that will vividly bring this story to life.

Constitution Day

Content Focus: Social Studies

Students will learn about the Bill of Rights and then create their own bill of rights for their classroom.

Contact: Josh Bridges
269-471-7725 ext. 1101

josh.bridges@berrienresa.org

Location: via videoconference

Grades: 4-5

Date: September 16, 2011

Monster Mayhem

Content Focus: English Language Arts, Math and Art

Two classrooms will be paired-up and each class will create a monster. The class will then write a description of their monster and send the description to their partner class via email. Each class will recreate the other class' monster by following the emailed directions. Both classes will meet via video conference to compare the original monsters with the recreated monsters. This project will enable students to improve their descriptive writing skills and their ability to follow directions.

Contact: Josh Bridges
269-471-7725 ext. 1101

josh.bridges@berrienresa.org

Location: via videoconference

Grades: PreK-8

Date: October 26-27, 2011

Mrs. Claus

Content Focus: English Language Arts and Careers

Mrs. Claus reads "How Santa Got His Job," tells some jokes and answers questions from the Pre, K, or 1st grade students. This program demonstrates different types of careers and is literature based.

Contact: Josh Bridges
269-471-7725 ext. 1101

josh.bridges@berrienresa.org

Location: via videoconference

Grades: PreK- 1

Date: December 20-22, 2011

Lest We Forget

Content Focus: Social Studies

This series gives students the opportunity to interview veterans from the United States military. Veterans discuss aspects of war, service to

country, and answer questions from students.

Contact: Josh Bridges
269-471-7725 ext. 1101

josh.bridges@berrienresa.org

Location: via videoconference

Grades: 9-12

Date: Multiple dates throughout the year including Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day

Read Around the Planet

Content Focus: English Language Arts

Students celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by sharing reading activities via video-conference.

Contact: Josh Bridges
269-471-7725 ext. 1101

josh.bridges@berrienresa.org

Location: via videoconference

Grades: PreK-12

Date: February 22- March 7, 2012

Students in Berrien County can also connect to zoos, museums, scientists, experts and authors through videoconferences throughout the school year. Visit <http://www.berrienresa.org> to learn more.

Career Development

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Banquet

The CTE Awardste Banquet is a celebration of the achievements of top CTE students in each CTE program in Berrien County.

Contact: Mona Hunter
269-471-7725 ext. 1320

mona.hunter@berrienresa.org

Location: Mendel Center

Date: May 3, 2012

Edward Lowe Foundation Young Entrepreneur's Day

Young Entrepreneur's Day (YED) is an annual celebration of student creativity, inventiveness, and an assessment of their progress and achievements. The event is held in the springs of each year and is a partnership between Berrien RESA, Van Buren ISD, Lake Michigan College and the Edward Lowe Foundation. Over 350 high school students from Berrien and Van Buren Counties present their business plans to a panel of area professionals, have their portfolios reviewed and attend a variety of

seminars and workshops, including non-traditional opportunities.

Contact: Buzz Calvert
269-471-7725 ext. 1318

buzz.calvert@berrienresa.org

Location: Mendel Center

Date: May 8, 2012

Early Childhood

Community playgroups are available for young children throughout the year. The Parents as Teachers (PAT) program is an international early childhood parent education and family support program serving families throughout pregnancy until age 5. There are many Early Childhood events scheduled including Books on the Bluff, Read by the River and two county-wide playgroups for young children to enjoy. For more information, please visit our website www.berrienresa.org.

Health

All-Tri Youth Triathlon

Students aged 8-12 in the tri-county area are invited to participate in this swimming, biking and running activity. This event is aligned with the Wellness Policy and elementary Health and Physical Education Grade Level Content Expectations.

Contact: Liz Andrews
269-471-7725 ext. 1331

elizabeth.andrews@berrienresa.org

Location: Bridgman High School

Date: May 27, 2012

For more information
about our programs and services,

please visit

www.berrienresa.org