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## Assessment Corner

### Reminder!

#### Ohio Rules Book

The Ohio Rules Book is located in Schoolnet under the Assessment portal. In addition, to locate the "new" 2018 Rules Book via ODE's site, please click here:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Testing-Forms-Rules-and-Committees/Ohio%E2%80%99s-State-Tests-Rules-Book>



### Assessments Starting

#### WEBXAM Post-Test for Semester Courses Only

Grades CTE 9-12

October 1- December 14, 2019

#### Ohio State Test ELA (Third Grade Reading Guarantee)

Grade 3 Only

October 29 - November 2, 2018

#### NWEA Tests

Grades 1-10

November 26 - December 14, 2018

#### Block HS Pro-Core Social Studies, Math, Science Post-Test

Grades 9-12

November 26 - 30, 2018

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## Educator's Corner



### October and November 2018 PD Sessions

[Click Here](#) to view the Office of Professional Development's Calendar.

### November 6, 2018 Professional Development Day

Please obtain permission from your principal before you register.

- Sessions include the following topics:
- Blended Learning
- Getting Started with McGraw Hill Digital Resources (High School Science and Social Studies)
- Plan, Read, Implement and Write the Argumentative Essay (High School ELA)
- Understanding and Preparing for the OST in Math (Grades 4 and 5)
- Social Studies for Grades 4 and 5
- Reading A-Z in Grades 4-12

\*\*You may elect to attend either morning, afternoon or all day with building administrator's consent.

[Click Here](#) for session descriptions.

[Click Here](#) to register.

Questions? Email [Elizabeth Nelson Creel](#) or [Kirsten Mahovich](#)

## Mandatory

- November 15 and 16, 2018 - PLC Coaching Academy
- November 15, 2018 - Planning Center Instructional Aide Professional Development

## Upcoming opportunities for select audiences - Attendance strongly recommended

### Senate Coach Professional Development Training

- November 13, 2018; Time: 8 am - 5 pm, [Click here](#) to register

### PreK-Grade 3

- November 6, 2018 - The Early Childhood Department's Early Learning Conference

### Guidance Counselor

- November 9, 2018 - Location TBD

## Introduction to Family Engagement Course

In this free online Harvard University course, you will learn what family engagement is and why it matters to the success of students and schools. You will explore the research linking family engagement to better educational outcomes and speak directly with researchers, educators, students, and families about promising practices in the field. The course is taught by Dr. Karen Mapp, senior lecturer on education at Harvard University and author of "Powerful Partnerships - A Teacher's Guide to Engaging Families for Student Success."

[Click Here](#) for details.

## Bridges to the World

The program will train a cohort of educators in middle and high school classrooms to become confident instructors in global education. This professional development program will combine workshops, well-vetted curricula, and speaker events. The initiative will offer educational resources and professional development opportunities for teachers in the realms of world affairs, geopolitical issues, and U.S. foreign policy.

[Click Here](#) for details.



### Beyond Turn and Talk: Creating Discourse

#### What is meaningful discourse?

Discourse in mathematics classrooms has been at the forefront of mathematics reform for years. Ohio's Learning Standards for math place an emphasis on a wide range of complex language tasks that include argument-based reasoning and authentic academic discourse. Discourse has become a crucial component to teaching and learning. Classroom talk can reveal misunderstandings, support learning, deepen meaning, encourage language development and assist with the development of social skills.

[Click Here](#) for article from NCTM.



### TESOL Endorsement & M.Ed in TESOL

Start meeting the challenges of teaching students whose first language is not English. Earn your endorsement as an undergraduate student, specialize your master's degree, or add the credential to an existing Ohio license.

[Click Here](#) for details

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## Ohio's Evidence-Based Clearinghouse

Ohio's Evidence-Based Clearinghouse is intended to empower Ohio's districts with the knowledge, tools and resources that will help them identify, select and implement evidence-based strategies for improving student success. Ohio's Evidence-Based Clearinghouse will connect practitioners to evidence-based strategies that have already been reviewed by existing clearinghouses, including Blueprints for a Health Youth, CrimeSolutions, Evidence for ESSA, Top Tier Evidence and the What Works Clearinghouse.

The evidence-based strategies included in Ohio's Evidence-Based Clearinghouse are not an exhaustive list of evidence-based strategies; the Clearinghouse will continue to grow to meet practitioners' needs. A team of subject matter experts and researchers will continue to curate evidence-based strategies with a focus on quality and relevance to Ohio's specific priorities and needs.

[Click Here](#) for details.



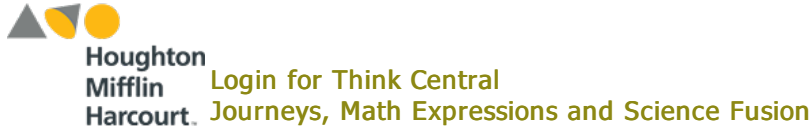
Flocabulary is now available through Clever! Starting on Wednesday, October 31, teachers and students can log into their Clever portal to access Flocabulary. No need to remember usernames and passwords - Clever instant log in makes it possible to sign in with one click! Your classes and students will automatically roster, and any existing classes will be saved as long as you are registered at the correct school.

Please reach out to Marcus Thompson ([Marcus.Thompson@clevelandmetroschools.org](mailto:Marcus.Thompson@clevelandmetroschools.org)) or Valerie Moniz ([valerie.moniz@flocabulary.com](mailto:valerie.moniz@flocabulary.com)) with any questions.

### Getting Started with Studies Weekly

So you've received your Studies Weekly blue box and you're thinking, "Now what?" Receiving a whole new curriculum can be intimidating and nerve-racking at first. Learning how to use this new material may be the cherry on top of your stressful back-to-school prep, but no need to fear! We are here to make your life easier when it comes to getting started with Studies Weekly.

[Click Here](#) for the Getting Started Video.



### Teacher Login Directions:

After logging in, you will reach the Office 365 home page, at the top left hand corner of this page you will see an icon that looks like 3 rows of small squares. Click on that icon and then select, the blue link that says "all apps". The list will then expand and you should see an icon for "Think Central". Select Think Central.

### Student Login Directions:

Students will log into Think Central through the Think Central icon on the desk or by visiting <https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com>. Students sign in with their district username and password.

[Click Here](#) for directions for accessing student usernames and passwords.



### Login for McGraw Hill and History Alive!

#### Teacher Login Directions:

After logging in, you will reach the Office 365 home page, at the top left hand corner of this page you will see an icon that looks like 3 rows of small squares. Click on that icon and then select, the blue link that says "all apps". The list will then expand and you should see an icon for "Clever". Select "Clever" and use the "Active Directory link to sign in. Once you are logged into Clever, you will access to McGraw Hill or TCI (History Alive!) resources.

#### Student Login Directions:

Students will log into McGraw and History Alive through Clever. The Clever link is found either on the student desktop or through the Clever [link](#) found on the student page.

[Click Here](#) for directions for accessing student usernames and passwords.

## SpringBoard

### Directions for creating a SpringBoard Digital Account

Copy and paste the following into your web browser:

<https://clevelandmetropolitanoh.springboardonline.org>

Click on New to SpringBoard?

Enter the Access Code: **JDKBMO**

Answer the questions to complete the registration

[Click Here](#) for directions to create an online class.

[Click Here](#) for directions for student self registration.



### Youth Entrepreneurship Education Road Trip

This interactive professional development session focuses on a scheduled day trip to both WRHS sites, Hale Farm & Village and the Cleveland History Center, where teachers experience all three programs that make up the YEE continuum. Road trips serve as team-building experiences for participants, further cementing the YEE experience into a school's culture.

[Click Here](#) for Dates and Details.

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## 2019 Youth MOVement Contest

Win \$5000 towards a school wellness program of your choice: Physical Education equipment, playground equipment, health education materials, salad bar supplies, healthy field trip experience, etc.- any program to help kids get fit!



**What is the Youth MOVement Contest?** A fun motivational contest to help combat youth obesity by encouraging Northeast Ohio school-age children to be more active.

[Click Here](#) for details.

## Elks Most Valuable Scholarship

The 2019 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. High school graduates are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify. The 2019 MVS application will be available on <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>. **The deadline for applications is November 15, 2018.**

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2019 competition. Male and female students compete separately. Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 2019 500 national winners in late April 2019. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks

associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.) The 20 top finalists will participate in an all-expenses paid Leadership Weekend in Chicago during which they'll interview with the national judges. These 20 finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000.

Questions? Email [Scholarship@elks.org](mailto:Scholarship@elks.org) or call 773/755-4732.

Dianne Good, Scholarship Chairman

[Djg840@aol.com](mailto:Djg840@aol.com)

## Fall Graduation

When: Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Where: East Professional Center

[Click Here](#) for more information.

## HBCU Fair

### November 16, 2018 at East Professional Center

This opportunity is for 11th and 12th grade CMSD students. While this fair will focus on HBCU's, it is still a great opportunity for all CMSD 11th and 12th grade students to experience a college fair. Parents of said students are encouraged to attend at the same time or with their schools, but are not required to. This is not open to the public like the fair at Warrensville, but we are looking to engage students and families. Students should register for the fair. After they register, they will get a unique code to waive the Common Black College Application fee.

Questions? Contact [Anthony Battaglia](#)

## Ohio STEM Learning Network 2019 Design Challenge on Food Security

All Ohio K-12 students are invited to participate in the OSLN Design Challenge. This year, we are partnering with [Ohio Soybean Farmers](#) and [Ohio Corn and Wheat](#), to ask students to: Work as a team to imagine, design and prototype a solution to increase food security in your life, community, or world. Improving local access to food will prepare us for the greater challenge of feeding 9 billion people by 2050. School teams will present their solutions at a school-wide showcase, and the best solutions will be invited to present at the statewide showcase in May. For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/2wpP6da>



## Entrepreneurial Spirit Start Here!

Now in its sixth year, Youth Entrepreneurship Education (YEE) at the WesternReserve Historical Society has cultivated the entrepreneurial spirit in over 25,300 Cleveland Metropolitan School District students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

YEE field experiences unpack Ohio's Learning Standards in English Language Arts, Economics, Financial Literacy, and Social Studies. They also provide you with classroom curricula, including student handbooks, for pre and post field experiences.

All field experiences are no cost and include free transportation.

### 4th grade: Roots of Entrepreneurship in Northeast Ohio

Location: Hale Farm & Village

### 5th grade: Setting the World in Motion

Location: Cleveland History Center

### 6th Grade: REvolution\*

Location: Cleveland History Center

Interested in scheduling an experience?

[Click Here](#) to Schedule

Or Contact Alayna "Laney" Moreman, Entrepreneurship Education Manager [amoreman@wrhs.org](mailto:amoreman@wrhs.org) | 216.571.5722 x 1506

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## SpringBoard

### Revision Assistant

**What is Turnitin Revision Assistant:**

In partnership with Turnitin, SpringBoard has developed a new online tool that redefines automated essay feedback in a way that puts students first. Revision Assistant creates prompt-specific, automated feedback for student writing linked directly to SpringBoard Embedded Assessments. Revision Assistant is trained to assess the objectives of SB performance-based Embedded Assessments in context rather than assessing using a generic model of "good writing."

**How can I use Revision Assistant in my classroom?**

Revision Assistant is NOT an "essay grader," and this technology should not take the place of the thoughtful and important work of a teacher. Revision Assistant does not provide students with a score. Rather, the ability of a student to submit multiple drafts of an essay and receive feedback allows a teacher to:

- Gain insight to student progress over time
- Use feedback in student writing conferences
- Identify trends in student writing to inform instruction

[Click Here](#) for video overview.

[Click Here](#) for Revision Assistant User Guide

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### Social Emotional Learning Corner



#### How Restorative Justice Helps Students Learn

Restorative justice allows everyone affected by a harm to return to a calm state that is optimal for learning.

Restorative justice (RJ) offers healthy alternatives to the traditional disciplinary approach of rules and the consequences of breaking those rules. RJ practices such as peer conflict resolution circles, reflection sheets that guide conversations with a teacher or administrator, and mediated student-student or student-adult

conversations are practices that allow students and communities to feel safe and successful together.

[Click Here](#) for the article.

#### Attention High School Teachers

Are you looking for content based lessons to use during your class meetings?

If so, [Click Here](#) for an extensive list of lessons that build SEL skills like self-awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making while teaching the academic content standards. These lessons were created by CMSD teachers.

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### TDES (Teacher Development Evaluation System)

TDES is the Teacher Development and Evaluation System for the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools. Based on the Charlotte Danielson Framework for Professional Practice, TDES has transformed an outdated employee evaluation checklist into a comprehensive system based on self-reflection, observation, feedback and a plan for growth.

The TDES portal is opened! To access the portal go to the CMSD TDES Homepage then to the Great Teachers & Great Leaders portal found on the right side of the homepage. You will use your CMSD login to enter the portal. There is a new user interface but the process remains the same. Please remember to use Chrome.

The FAO is due November 16, 2018.

Follow the [link](#) for this week's update which includes the TDES calendar and training dates.

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