

# Juvenile Detention Center

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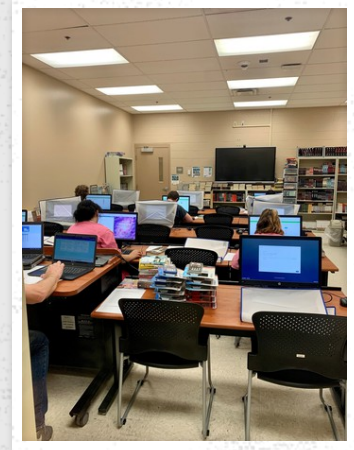
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We Hope You Are Able to Enjoy This  
Upcoming Independence Day Weekend!



## Summer School

Our kids attend school year-round (you can see a few in this classroom). We are able to provide online opportunities for each student through Title I funding that must be used for Mathematics and Language Arts.



Summer school has been under way here since May 31 and will run through August 5. Our education staff, Medina City Schools teachers Wendy Chasar and Jim Thomas, are once again at the helm this summer. The school day runs from 8:00-12:00 each day. Eligible students have the opportunity to recover high school credits they may be lacking, through online Apex Learning courses. Apex is a mastery-based program, which means that students can work at their own pace and have the opportunity to earn more credit than they would in a traditional summer school program.

Additionally, students are able to brush up on their Mathematics and Language Arts skills using IXL Learning online. This application tests students' baseline knowledge and generates recommendations of skills for students to work through to build a better foundation in these subject areas. Depending on length of stay, students can earn credit in both of these subjects.

Some of our students come in and are already participating in summer school outside of the detention center. We are able to allow these students to continue this work either online or paper and pencil based. We appreciate all the schools in Medina County who work with us throughout the entire year to continue the current educational processes for each student.

## Integrity

All of our residents received the following lesson to take home with them upon their release.

*Four college friends had a very important exam coming up Monday morning. They planned that they would spend the weekend studying together. Friday, however, they changed their plans upon hearing of a weekend-long concert out of town. They drove several hours to the concert and had a great weekend partying. They enjoyed good music and food, and made new friends. It was a GREAT weekend!*



*Sunday night they piled into their car and headed back to college. They were so tired from the hard partying, however; that they had to pull over to sleep for just a couple of hours so that they could still make it back in time for the exam even though they had not studied at all.*

*They slept longer than expected and woke up Monday morning at just about the time their exam was starting at school, and they were still three hours away! The friends decided that*

*they would get back to their rooms and spend the rest of the day studying. They would tell their professor that they had gone out of town for the funeral of a friend, and were not able to make it back in time for the exam due to a flat tire and no spare in the trunk. Surely, he would understand and allow them to take the exam on Tuesday!*

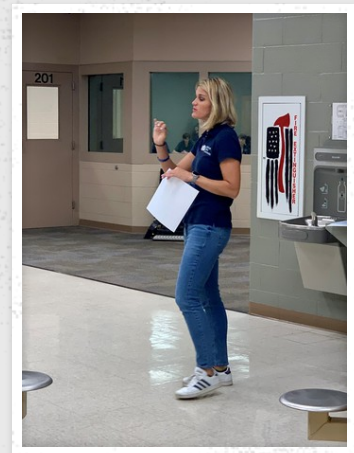
*Tuesday morning the four went to class and told the professor the sad tale of the untimely death of their friend and the unfortunate flat tire, asking if they could please still take the exam. The professor agreed that the funeral and flat tire were, indeed, valid reasons to have missed the exam. He excused himself to retrieve the tests. He then took each of the four and put them in separate rooms, telling them to let him know when they were finished. When the students opened their exams, there was only one question...*

***"Which tire was flat?"***

## **Problem Solving**

Pamela Crombie from Jobs for Ohio's Graduates presented to our kids this month on the topic of problem-solving. Pamela always has an interactive approach when teaching, and gets our kids to participate in each lesson she covers. Previously, she has covered Adversity/Resiliency, Social/Emotional needs, and Ethical Conduct and Decision Making. Thank you, Pamela!

([www.jogworks.org](http://www.jogworks.org))



## **A Promising Future**

I spoke at a dinner recently where I shared a story of a young man who has been with us for several months (he has been mentioned in a previous newsletter - we will call him "Noah") and how much progress he has made. A couple of weeks after this dinner, I received a phone call from a local business owner, David Murrell, telling me he was interested in seeing if Noah might be interested in working for him. David owns YES Electric, Inc. After working through some legal matters we were able to have David meet with Noah and interview him. Noah is due to be released from our custody soon and now has a good paying job waiting for him to become an apprentice commercial electrician! Mr. Murrell has already returned and has begun teaching Noah some of the basics of the electrical trade ([www.yeselectricinc.com](http://www.yeselectricinc.com)).

*You might also be interested to know about a very cool and meaningful nonprofit Murrell started. It is called By Your Side*

Now ([www.byyoursidenow.com](http://www.byyoursidenow.com)) and helps sick children.

- Superintendent Stollar

## **Rise and Grind Coffee Shop and Bakery**

The next time you are in the Wadsworth area, stop in Rise and Grind (120 High Street) and pick up some of our blank greeting cards! Just as in our other locations these cards are for sale by donation only, with all proceeds going to fund further therapeutic art for our kids.

Congratulations to Sean and Stephanie Miller who are the new owners of Rise and Grind! They also own Coffee in the Valley (Valley City, OH).

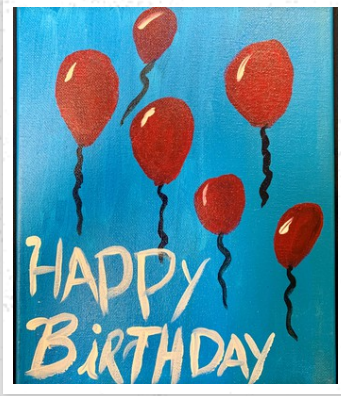
( [www.riseandgrindwadsworth.com](http://www.riseandgrindwadsworth.com) )



## Art

We welcome back artist Cheri Smith for a couple of visits with our kids. Cheri is a good friend of our detention center and owns two art studios called Brush Tips. One is located in Wadsworth, OH, and the other is in Tarpon Springs, FL (where she resides). Cheri is visiting Ohio for a short while and wanted to come in to create some art with our kids. She said she was "excited to come in!" when provided with the opportunity, and we are excited to have her with us! *(Below are some 8"x10" canvasses they painted.)*

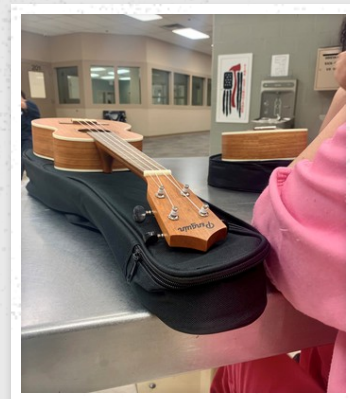
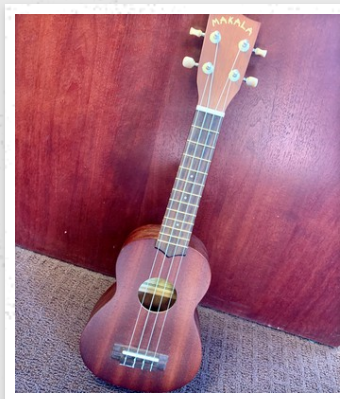
*Thank you to Access the Arts for facilitating this!*



## The Ukulele

We welcome Rolanda Pizano back for the summer, teaching our kids how to play the ukulele. Well known as a Hawaiian instrument, Rolando taught how the ukulele actually has its roots in Portugal but that the Hawaiian people are who brought it its notoriety in the late 1800s. Our kids have been learning the song "Riptide" by artist Vance Joy.

We thank Access the Arts for funding this! ([www.accessthearts.net](http://www.accessthearts.net))



*"A two-year old is kind of like having a blender, except you don't have a top for it".*

- Jerry Seinfeld



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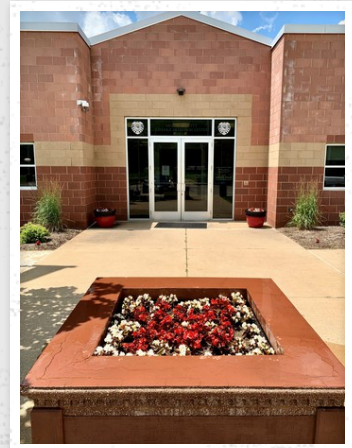
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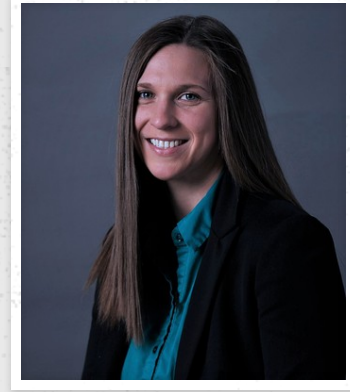




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