

# Gift Rap

## J. A. Garfield Local Kicks Off Destination Imagination Season!

Destination Imagination is off to a great start at James A. Garfield this year! Students, teachers, team managers, and parent volunteers are actively pursuing success at the upcoming Regional Tournament in March at Aurora High School!

Teams are competing in Destination Imagination from the intermediate, middle, and high schools this year. Team managers Ellen Rybak and Lori Alexander are working hard; students Emily

Rybak, Megan Hadzinsky, Emma Wolff, Kelly Lingro, Jessica Lyons, Mariah Armstrong, Jacqueline Tabor, Stephanie Alexander, Devon Wright, Kennedy Porter, Britney Collins, Alicia Alexander, Corey Wood, Brent Heyd, and Cody Petrie are having fun and creating masterpieces in a variety of long-term and short-term team challenges.

The Regional Destination Tournament will be held on March 1, 2008 at Aurora High School. To volunteer at the regional tournament, or for more information about the Destination Imagination Program, contact Mr. Hatcher at the elementary school.



## James A. Garfield Welcomes New Career Speakers

From music publishing to county government to national and local security and human resources, the seventh through twelfth graders at J. A. Garfield heard it all on November 7, 2007, directly from the source.

Benjamin Payne, a local popular musician, brought copies of his first CD to share with students as he dis-

cussed the world of music composition, performance, and publishing.

Portage County Commissioner Chris Smeiles entertained students with stories about city and local government progress, and Ken Lombardo from SAC Consulting, a security firm, shared sage advice with students as they listened

actively to the three men discuss ups and downs in their careers, career training, and personal interests.

Mrs. Winters and Mr. Hatcher continue to plan new seminars for identified gifted students this year, including Dr. Delisle, Professor of Gifted Education, from Kent State University, who will be visiting in January.

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### JAMES A. GARFIELD LOCAL GIFTED PROGRAM GOALS

- Enrich and enhance the curriculum at all levels for identified gifted students
- Develop and expand gifted services to meet the needs of students at all grade levels
- Create and implement staff development activities that will provide teachers with strategies to assist them in the identification and differentiation of services for gifted students
- Provide classroom and gifted teachers with materials and resources to provide for the needs of gifted students
- Develop services to meet the social, emotional, physical, and academic needs of gifted students

## What Are My Career Options?

Ever wonder if you could have a career in an area which interests you, or what training is required for that career?

Check out some options in this month's issue. We'll include more next month!

### **Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources**

*Technical, Community, or Junior College Required:*

Farmer, Farm Manager

Forestry Worker

Lumber Production Worker

*College, University, or Graduate School Required:*

Agricultural Engineer

Agricultural Scientist

Biological Scientist

Farm/Home Management Advisor

Fish and Game Warden

### **Government**

*Technical, Community, or Junior College Required:*

Construction/Building Inspector

Nuclear Quality Control Inspector

Police Officer

Quality Control Inspector

*College, University, or Graduate School Required:*

Accountant

Auditor

City Manager

Court Administrator

Economist

Federal Law Enforcement Agent

General Manager

Inspector and Compliance Officer

Lawyer

Management Analyst

Park Ranger

Public Administrator

Real Estate Appraiser

Statistician

Urban and Regional Planner

### **Business, Management, and Administration**

*Technical, Community, or Junior College Required:*

Administrative Support Supervisor

Credit Manager

Court Reporter

Medical Transcriptionist

Paralegal

Purchasing Agent

*College, University, or Graduate School Required:*

Accountant

Auditor

Financial Manager

General Manager and Top Executive

Human Resources Manager

Market Research Analyst

Medical and Health Services Manager

### **Architecture and Construction**

*Technical, Community, or Jun-*

*ior College Required:*

Construction and Building Inspector

Cost Estimator

Drafter

Energy Conservation and Use Technician

Glazier

*College, University, or Graduate School Required:*

Architect

Civil Engineer

Cost Estimator

### **Arts, Audio/Visual Technology and Communication**

*Technical, Community, or Junior College Required:*

Commercial Artist

Dancer/Choreographer

Graphic Designer

Musician and Composer

Photographer

Radio/TV Announcer and Newscaster

Software Designer

Website Designer

*College, University, or Graduate School Required:*

Archivist and Curator

Art Director

Cinematographer

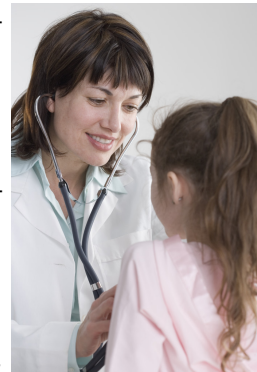
Commercial Artist

Designer

Industrial Designer

Journalist

Technical Writer



## J. A. Garfield Students: Portage County Leadership Seminar A Success!

On Friday, November 9, 2007, students from James A. Garfield participated in the annual Portage County Middle School Leadership Seminar at Maplewood Career Center, sponsored by the Portage County Educational Service Center and facilitated by the Ohio Leadership Institute.

Students Dakota Berg, Robert Bright, Austin Click, Kevin Coleman, Molly Everett, Katelynn Kaiser, Kelli Mulhern, Jessie O'Bryan, Kevin Pitsinger, and Bethaney Pope participated

in a variety of engaging activities designed to build teamwork, cooperation, and leadership skills.

Activities included team cheers, getting to know you games, "Introducing Me," the interactive game "Ships and Sailors," and an afternoon of Olympic-style "Greek games" where students were required to work together to solve challenges and earn team points. Throughout

the day, students were encouraged to reflect on the impact of leadership skills on various activities.



Students from various Portage County high schools trained as counselors and led the Seminar with the assistance of Ohio Leadership Institute founder, John Lester. The counselors included J. A. Garfield's own Scott Smith, a sophomore at J. A. Garfield High School.

## Upcoming Portage County Gifted Events

The Portage County Educational Service Center and the J. A. Garfield Local Schools have many events coming soon for gifted students and parents! For more information, contact Mrs. Winters or Mr. Hatcher.

### Thursday, January 31, 2008 Games Night!

Join students, parents, and teach-

ers from across the county as we gather at Maplewood Career Center to explore a variety of fun and educational games for all ages...by playing them! Games start at 6:00 and end at 8.

### Wednesday, February 13, 2008 Portage County Quiz Bowl Tournament

Come and cheer on the J. A.

Garfield Local teams, coached by Mr. Hatcher!

### Wednesday, February 20, 2008 Portage County Math 24 Tournament

Fun and competition for grades 4-8, join teams from across the county and learn exactly what equals 24! The tournament starts at 8 at Maplewood.

## College Planning Web Resources

### Acceleration

*A Nation Deceived: How Schools Hold Back America's Brightest Students*

[Http://nationdeceived.org](http://nationdeceived.org)

### Career Interests

*Career Development Manual*

[Http://www.cdm.uwaterloo.ca](http://www.cdm.uwaterloo.ca)

*What Can I Do With a Major in...*

[Http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors](http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors)

### College Finding/Planning Internet Sites

*The Admissions Office*

[Http://www.theadmissionsoffice.com](http://www.theadmissionsoffice.com)

*Campus Tours (virtual tour guide)*

[Http://www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)

*The National Association for College Admission Counseling*

[Http://www.nacancnet.org](http://www.nacancnet.org)

*Essay Wizard*

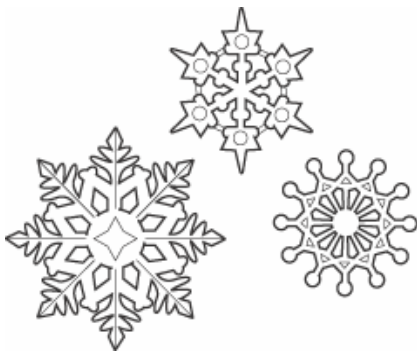
[Http://www.essaywizard.net](http://www.essaywizard.net)

**James A. Garfield  
Local Schools**

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**Thinking Challenge**

**A Raise in Salary**

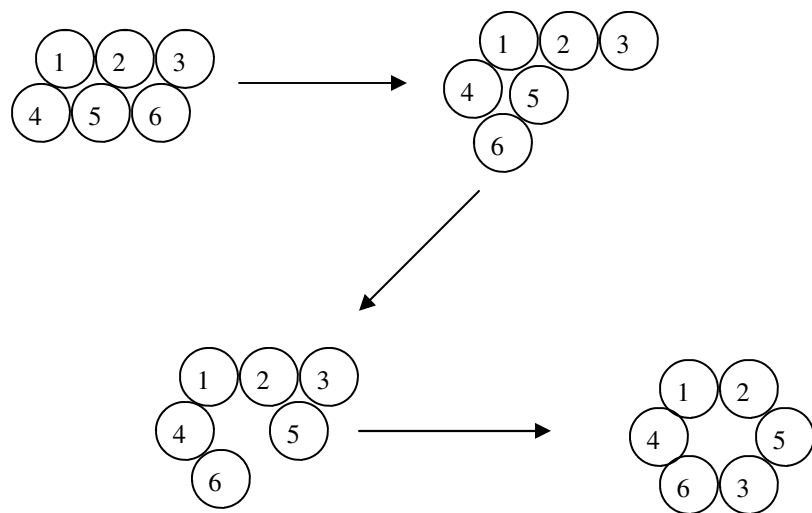
A company is preparing two plans of yearly salary advancement for its employees.

Plan A: The initial salary is \$100, to be raised \$20 each year.

Plan B: The initial salary is \$100, to be increased \$5 every half year.

In either case, the salary is calculated every half year. If you worked for the company, which plan would you prefer?

**Thinking Challenge Answers  
from September/October**



**We're on the Web!**

**http://  
www.garfield.sp  
arcc.org/  
HighSchool/  
gifted2.cfm**