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Berks County Students Will Showcase Computer Savvy at BCIU's Annual Computer Fairs

Winners Will Advance to Statewide Competition at Dickinson College in May

READING, PA – Berks County students in grades 6-12 will be able to showcase their computer design skills and computer science savvy at this year's middle school and high school computer fair regional competitions in February at the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU).

Middle school students (grades 6-8) will compete on Friday, February 6, while their high school counterparts (grades 9-12) will demonstrate their expertise on Friday, February 27. Both events take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the BCIU's River's Chase building, 1111 Commons Blvd., Reading, PA 19605.

Students from dozens of Berks public and private schools will participate in this year's event, the fifth held in Berks County. Representatives from area businesses, such as FirstEnergy, as well as from colleges and universities, will serve as judges.

Trophies in each of several categories will be awarded to those students who place first, second, and third. First-place winners in each category will advance to the state competition May 19 (high school) and May 20 (middle school) at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA.

The categories for the middle school fair are:

- Computer Fair Logo
- Desktop Publishing
- Digital Movie
- Graphic Design
- Multimedia Presentations
- Web Page Design

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Categories for the high school fair are:

- Animation
- Computer Fair Logo
- Curriculum-Based Web Page Design
- Digital Movie
- Graphic Design
- Information-Based Web Page Design
- Multimedia Presentations
- Programming
- Text-Based Desktop Publishing

Any student currently enrolled in grades 6-12 in a Berks County public or private school, or in a state-approved home-school program within the county, may participate.

For more information, visit www.berksiu.org/computerfairs. Or contact Marcelle McGhee, educational technology specialist, at the BCIU: 610-987-8379 or marmcg@berksiu.org.

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