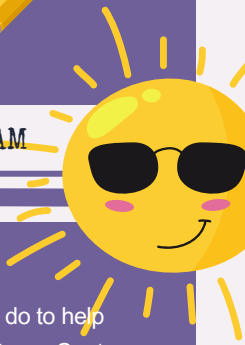


# THE PARENT MENTOR

# MINUTE

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## THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR TIPS FOR SUMMER ORGANIZATION

We made it to the end of the year! We have enjoyed working beside you to help your student. As summer begins, and we are sorting through all the end-of-year paperwork, we encourage you to gather all your student's information and organize it into a binder. [Here](#) is the website we used at Lorain County ESC's Parent Night to guide some of you through that organization process. Speaking of Parent Night, due to the positive response that we received, we will be holding two Parent Nights next school year - one in the fall and one in the spring. We will let you know as soon as we have those dates set.

We will be out of the office during the summer, but if you need help during that time, please contact Sandy Brickner at the Ohio Coalition for support. 419-595-2248 / [SandyB@ocecd.org](mailto:SandyB@ocecd.org)

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to working with you in the fall.

## LEARNERS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

### Day By Day Ohio

The calendar offers opportunities for parents and caregivers to work at home with their children, go to the library, and to engage in a variety of learning styles through reading, singing, playing, and creative activities.

[Access Day by Day Ohio here.](#)



## PRESCHOOL

We are often asked what parents can do to help their children get ready to read. The Crane Center for Early Childhood shared [this](#) great resource on tips for families to help build early reading skills. Check it out and add reading to your list of summer activities!

## ELEMENTARY

Summer means sleeping in and low expectations. But did you know that you could be working on some of those soft skills that everyone needs? The website [Sunshine & Hurricanes](#) offers some insights on chores for your kids of all ages. Summer is a great time to work on the skills your kids need to be independent adults. Some of our kids may need some support at first, but with time will gain confidence as they build their skills!


## HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION AGE 14+

We highly encourage you to review your student's independent living skills this summer. PEATC.org has an [Independent Living Life Skills Checklist Booklet](#) for you to go through with your student. This helpful booklet can help you work on some of these skills over the summer AND you can use this information to help with their transition goals in Section 7 of their IEP.

## IEP TIP CORNER

You may have heard us talk about "One Page Profiles." We wanted to share a [link](#) with more of an explanation of what they are and how useful they are at any age/stage and in all settings. This page provides you with what you need to get started. If you would like to get started with your own student's One Page Profile and need an easy template to use, please reach out to us!



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## ADAPTIVE FOOTBALL CAMP

FUN AND INCLUSIVE CAMP FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES!



Week One  
JULY 12  
06:00-7:30  
PM

Week Two  
JULY 19  
06:00-  
07:30PM

Week Three  
JULY 26  
06:00-  
07:30PM

### Activities

- ✓ Catching
- ✓ Throwing
- ✓ Competitions
- ✓ Football drills

Location to be announced



Register Now

[Elyriaminipioneers.com](http://Elyriaminipioneers.com)

This is a fabulous opportunity in Elyria this summer. \$20 gets your child fun on a Friday night, a T-shirt, and a chance to play football in a safe and adaptive manner. Register at [Elyriaminipioneers.com](http://Elyriaminipioneers.com).

## MOMENTUM REFRESH

We are so excited to share the Momentum Refresh personal care vehicle (a wheelchair-accessible family restroom with an adult changing table and hoist) will be in our area at two local events.

DATE: May 30th -June 1st  
LOCATION: Sandusky at Ohio Bike Week

DATE: June 14th-June 16th  
LOCATION: Vermilion Fish Festival

We've also listed other community events in Ohio where the facility will be available. [Access their calendar of events here.](#)

## PLAY AT THE PLAYGROUND CONNECTING FOR KIDS

Come connect with other Connecting for Kids (CFK) families at this informal summer outing. This program is open to all families, and siblings are welcome. Stay for as little or as long as you like —a Family Resource Specialist will be there to answer questions and help make connections.

DATE: June 1st

TIME: 10:30 am-12:30 pm

LOCATION: Cascade Park 170 Cascade St, Elyria, OH 44035

[Register here.](#)

### LOCAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

PET PALS ADAPTED STORYTIME- NORTH RIDGEVILLE

A pet-themed story time with licensed therapy dogs for children with varying learning styles and abilities. While content is geared for ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome.

DATE: June 18th

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: North Ridgeville Public Library - 5700 Bainbridge Rd

[Register here.](#)

FORT BUILDING FUN ADAPTED STORY TIME- NORTH RIDGEVILLE

Create a blanket fort while enjoying story time for children with varying learning styles and abilities. While content is geared toward ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome.

DATE: August 20th

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: North Ridgeville Public Library - 5700 Bainbridge Rd

[Register here.](#)

