

REGIONAL EVENTS

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Derby Downs 5K Run/Walk: The inaugural Derby Downs 5K Run/Walk at 9: a.m., Sunday, July 21, will kick off a weeklong festival of activities as Akron welcomes more than 400 Soap Box Derby champions and their families from around the world to compete in the 76th FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby. Following the 5K race, the Derby Downs Track will be open to the public from

11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for fun runs down the hill in adult-sized Soap Box Derby cars provided by the Derby organization. Pre-registration for the run and walk is \$25. For information, visit aasbd.org. ∞

Peninsula Python Day: The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will host Python Day on Saturday, July 20. Meet live pythons at the Boston Township Hall, check out the library

for a snake program, and visit stores for more python activities. Stop by the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum to learn the real story of the Peninsula Python. Ride the CVSR and hear fantastic tales of Cryptozoological Creatures said to roam throughout the Cuyahoga Valley and Northeast Ohio. The Python Parade will be held at 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit explorepeninsula.com. ∞

BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HTS. SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT ELEVATES DUTY TO A "GLOBAL SOCIETY" ABOVE DUTY TO AMERICA!

OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CURRENT MISSION STATEMENT IS: "to inspire and prepare students...to be effective as well as ethical contributors *to our global society*."

OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT SHOULD BE: "to inspire and prepare students...to be effective as well as ethical contributors *to the United States of America* and to be *competitive within a global market*." (or words to that effect)

The Board is reviewing its mission statement now. Tell the Board that teaching duty to AMERICA should be included within the Board's mission statement. Contact Board President, David Tryon: (440-526-5355 / tryond@bbhcsd.org). The next school board meeting is Monday, June 24, 7:00 pm at the Education Center.

Our schools should not make it their mission to instill within children a sense of duty to a "global society" unless they make it their mission to *also* instill a sense of duty to our great nation. Yes, we can and should prepare children to compete globally. But we can do that without having a mission statement that makes a duty to a so-called "global society" preeminent. The current mission statement elevates duty to a global society above duty to country because it focuses on only one duty (the duty to be an effective and ethical contributor to a global society) and makes no mention of the greater duty (the duty to our country). American public schools funded by American tax dollars should put America first!

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