



# Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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# Be Mine



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## We Are Hosting

Looking for a great opportunity for your child to see some competitive gymnastics? The weekend of February 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> OGI will be hosting Men's & Women's Competitive Gymnastics Competitions in Cleveland, Ohio.

Join us as we host the  
Third Annual 2011 AAU Winter National Championships!

## Open Gym Pizza & Movie

Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

"Wall-E"

What a great way to get your child out of the cold and into some healthy and fun activity! It's also a great opportunity for parents Valentines Date Night!  
Turn this coupon in for \$3.00 off each child.

## Calendar

### February '11

- 2-6 USAG Winter Cup @ Las Vegas, NV
- 13 AAU NEOGL Meet at Chalk Box @ Ashtabula, OH
- 18-20 AAU Winter Nationals @ Cleveland, OH
- 27-28 USAG Boys Invitational TBA

### March '11

- 5-6 Tyson American Cup @ Jacksonville, FL
- 12-13 USAG Girls Milky Way Invitational at Emeth @ Middlefield, OH
- 20 NEOGL Meet at Johnson's @ Valley View, OH
- 26-27 USAG Level 6, 9, & 10 State Championships at the Ultimate Sports Center @ Columbus, OH
- 20-21 USAG Boys State Championships @ Lancaster High School
- 26-28 USAG levels 6, 9, & 10 State Championships

### April '11

- 1 - 3 USAG Girls L4 & L5 State Championship in Cleveland, OH
- 8-10 USAG Girls Level 7 & 8 State Championships @ Bowling Green University
- 15 - 17 USAG Boys Region 5 Championships in Columbus, OH
- 15 - 17 NCAA Men's National Championships in Columbus, OH
- 15 - 17 NCAA Women's National Championships in Cleveland, OH
- 22 - 28 GYM CLOSED - Spring Break

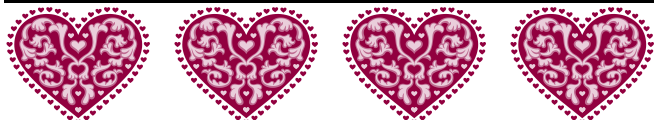
## National Gymnastics Skills Test Program

### Certificate & Trophy Recipients

<i>Niccolette Cheff</i>	<i>Noah Christoff</i>
<i>Sydney Cox</i>	<i>Ella Hare</i>
<i>Jenna Hartman</i>	<i>Emily Knight</i>
<i>Hannah Lawrence</i>	
<i>Nylah Mahdee</i>	<i>Alexia Stoy</i>

# February Birthdays

Alyssa Alberti	Rebecca Baugher	Kara Lynn Benyo	Jocelyn Birmingham
Lisa Casey	Rebecca Castillo	Sofia Castronova	Kameron Childers
Ashley Chmelik	Leah Cline	Connor Cochran	Sydney Cox
Kathleen Faloon	Jamie Feren	Alayna Flavian	Morgan Foley
Brianna Gallagher	Taylor Grant	Alyssa Greece	Summer Hall
Ashtyn Hanousak	Carlie Harmon	Hailey Hartman	Jordan Hemlick
Lorieona Jannone	Kelli Kover	Cadence Krpicak	Alyssa Lynch
Emma Marciano	Gemma Mariani	Elenie McNally	Gianna Merlo
Katie O'Brien	Kristen Saner	Kaylee Scarnati	Alexa Simeonsson
Megan Stewart	Cassie Tonus	Madelyn Tonus	Trinity Wendt
Paige Windt			



## Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our February Athlete of the Month is Isabella Martinez. Isabella, who will be 5 in March, is the daughter of Bethany and Juan Martinez. Isabella currently resides in Austintown where she attends Ursuline Preschool. Isabella is the big sister to younger brother Enrique and soon to be twin brother and sister, who are expected to arrive early this spring. Although she originally hoped to name them Dora and Diego, she is now set on Gianna and Cruz!

Isabella has been involved with OGI since February 2008, where she began as a Toddling Turtle. Isabella is currently a Tumbling Tiger in our Jungle Gym program, where her instructors are Miss. Alex and Miss Leah. Isabella's favorite event is the Tumble Tracks where she enjoys jumping into the blocks (a.k.a. the in-ground foam pit)! Isabella's gymnastics goals include being on the team and winning lots of trophies and medals! Miss Alex says that Isabella is a great listener and an absolute pleasure to teach!

When Isabella is not in the gym, she enjoys riding horses and watching her favorite television show "Olivia". She also really enjoys going on vacation to Mexico to visit her friends.

When Isabella grows up she would like to become a Preschool Teacher.

One thing that most people don't know about Isabella is that she is bilingual!

Felicitations Isabella Martinez!

## Congratulations

### NEOGL All Around Champions

Alexa Simeonsson    Alisa Telega

## Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our February Staff Spotlight is Juliann Hickman.

Juli, who joined the Team OGI staff in the fall of 2010, is a Niles native. She recently moved to her dream home in Lordstown, with her husband of 8 years Wayne, and their two children: Madilyn who is 5 and Colton who just turned 2!

Juli is a Niles High School graduate who went on to earn her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Youngstown State University in 2001.

In 1998 Juli was hired at the Youngstown Air Reserve Base, where she continued to work until 2007. Although she loved her job as an Administrative Assistant, Juli made the tough decision to become a stay at home mom and take care of her family.

In addition to being a great asset to Team OGI, Juli is also a coach for the Niles freshman cheerleading squad! Juli was quite the accomplished cheerleader and she looks forward to sharing her knowledge and experiences with all the girls she coaches! When Juli isn't coaching, she spends her free time judging for a variety of different cheerleading companies such as ECA, CTA, Americheer, and US Spirit. She has been an accredited judge for almost 15 years!

When asked what her greatest accomplishments in life are, Juli doesn't hesitate to say her family! She also takes great pride in her education!

Juli's primary goal in life is to raise two healthy, happy, and productive people, while still maintaining a sense of self. As for her, Juli wants to stay active, keep coaching, and be happy. She looks forward to getting the most out of life's experiences!

One thing that you might not know about Juli is that she considers the friendships that she has made in her life to be one of the biggest parts of what makes her who she is! She is proud to say that she has a great group of girlfriends who have been a special part of her life for over 20 years. Fellow BFF April is also on staff here at Team OGI!

Congratulations Juli!

Welcome to the Team OGI Staff!





## Accomplishments

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. would like to welcome the new members to our Team OGI Seasonal Gymnastics Competitive Team!

*Gavin Batdorf*

*Kamiron Childers*

*Adreawna Dixon*

*Gloria Hartzel*

*Madison Ritter*

*Zachary Schick*

*Paige Weiland*

### ARE YOU READY FOR CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS?

It's that time again! Cheerleading tryouts are just around the corner and OGI wants to help get you ready. Most schools will be holding their cheerleading tryouts in March and April, so if you want to give your cheerleader an advantage over the competition, now is the time to start. The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. has a variety of classes to prepare you for 2011 tryouts!

- ♥ Just Back Handsprings Class
- ♥ Private Lessons
- ♥ Trampoline & Tumbling Class
- ♥ Open Gym
- ♥ Red, White, Blue Squad Cheer Classes
- ♥ Tryout Clinic

Stop by the front office today to find how you can give your child the edge over the competition!



## Winter Weather Policies

*Weather emergency closings are very rare. Typically we will close whenever Austintown Township Schools close. We have, in the past, been able to safely open later in the day once the roads have been cleared. We will attempt to remain open whenever possible. If in doubt, call and we will either have a message on the answering machine (330-652-4386) or we will personally tell you what we will be doing with regards to the weather emergency. The major indicator here is safety: if you feel unsure about heading out in bad weather, simply call in for an excused absence.*

*Weather emergencies may be made up at Open Gym Times and require pre-registry.*

### *A Few "Jungle Gym" Reminders*

- ♥ Talking to your child over the wall during class should be avoided. It can be very disruptive to your child's learning as well as other students in the class.
- ♥ Please encourage your child to get permission before leaving class for any reason. If your children are getting a drink they should do so in the waiting room. Drinks and snacks should not be given over the wall.
- ♥ If you are participating in a parent/child class, we ask that you either remove your shoes or bring a pair that was not recently worn outside. Since our students are either in socks or barefoot, we want to keep the gym area as dry as possible.
- ♥ Food and drinks are not permitted in the gym. We also want to keep the wall free from drinks and snacks, as we don't want them to spill inside the Jungle Gym area.



# Students Say...



Team OGI students tell us their New Year's Resolutions!

*My New Year's Resolution is to exercise with my mom and dad everyday!*

-Elyssa M. ~ Girls Novice, Age 7

*This is the year that I am going to do my back handspring on the floor by myself!*

-Macey F. ~ Just BackHandsprings, Age 9

*My resolution is to be healthier all around, get more exercise, and eat better!*

- Emily M. ~ Girls Novice, Age 12

## Can You Solve The Valentine's Day Crossword?

TEARH        
9 4 8

CNAYD        
7

WESRFLO            
1 10 12

LEOV      
2 3

DACRS        
11 6

DUPIC        
5

1 2 3 4 5 6 5 7

8 9 10 11 5 12

