

# BUCKEYE Macintosh GROUP LLC

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## **Monday, April 28** **MacSpeech Dictate**

**General Q&A from 6:15 –**  
**Bring your questions,**  
**new-found suggestions**

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**AT THE MUSEUM OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,**  
1315 Kinnear Road, south side of the road, easy to find -  
EAST of North Star or WEST of Kenny and Olentangy River Roads and Rt. 315.

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**This month we feature a demonstration of the all-new *MacSpeech Dictate*.** It's been written from the ground up for the Mac to be the **premier speech recognition program**. Travis Risner will put it through its paces for us.

Final Answer - chance to win a worthy prize in the "rename Tidbits section" contest. Check the site content and bring your name suggestion to the meeting... <http://www.buckeyemac.org>

Note: There's **no meeting next month, May**, due to our 4rth-Monday schedule conflicting with Memorial Day.



### **Reheating Toast**

Last month's Roxio Toast demonstration is available at the the new [reviews link](#) on the BMG web site:

<http://www.buckeyemac.org/rsvIEWS.html>

### **EDU Discount On MacBooks, iMac for All**

Students, teachers and staff can save \$100 on MacBook systems from the Apple Educational sales division.

<http://www.dealsontheweb.com/deal/67734>

### **iMac 2ghz Intel core duo 20" aluminum LCD**

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### **"Missing Manuals"**

**PhotoShop Elements 6** – The new pub explains how to use the new features in the latest version of the Adobe non-pro oriented image editing application. Publisher O'Reilly also has **Office2008 for Macintosh**, including lesser known features that can improve user productivity.

<http://www.macobserver.com/article/2008/03/26.2.shtml>

### **Our Master Belz Wows 'em**

**Student's environmental prowess inspires winning film** (By Meryl Willams, in the Weekly, spotted for us by Malcolm)

Matthew Belz, a sixth-grader at Hastings Middle School in UpperArlington, and with his parents a BMG member, won the national **Igniting Creative Energy Challenge** at the middle school level for his **four-minute documentary, *One Kid's Dream***.

Matthew's prizes include a hosted trip to Hawaii to learn about the local environment, and also a June trip to Washington, D.C.

In Washington, winners of the contest will participate in the Energy Efficiency Forum to share their ideas from the contest with government and energy leaders.

One kid's dream is now onscreen -- and ready to change attitudes about the environment.

"He identified an opportunity that could be done differently. He got involved, and tried to implement change. That's what stands out. Not too many kids are like that." said Mark Zappe, branch manager of Johnson Controls, the company that sponsored the **national contest**.

Johnson Controls creates automotive (cont. p.2)

interiors and building products to optimize energy use. The company also makes batteries for energy-efficient vehicles such as hybrid cars.

The contest asked students across the United States and Canada to demonstrate how a difference can be made to better the environment.

**Belz's documentary talks about the polystyrene trays used by the school every day for lunch; the trays are made from petroleum, a nonrenewable resource. The documentary explores possible alternatives to the material and ultimately suggests using safer disposable trays made from sugar cane.**

**"That video is phenomenal,"** said Gloria Heydlauff, Upper Arlington school board vice president. **It's very organized, and it wasn't a class assignment. He did it on his own."**

Heydlauff passed along the application for the contest to Jennie Walter, an eighth-grade science teacher at Hastings. Walter was Matthew's sponsor for the contest.

"He wanted to do it, and he just went ahead and did it," Walter said. **"To condense what you want to say in four minutes is a real feat."**

The award was a complete surprise for Matthew, who had just been honored at the March 10 board meeting for winning the eTech Ohio award for his video. He was not aware at that time that he had won an even more prestigious award for the same film.

"Even your teachers didn't know," Jeanette Belz told her son after the presentation.

Hastings Principal Beverly von Zielonka opened the presentation with remarks about the successes of the school, and said, 'One of our peers took an idea and nurtured it and created something truly

magnificent. He accepted the challenge to make a difference in the area of energy conservation."

"We're very proud of him," said Robert Belz, Matthew's father. "The schools have been very supportive."

**Matthew took classes in video-making at the Apple store and used a version of iMovie to make his documentary.**

"I put my knowledge of recycling together to make a movie," he said. "So many people supported me here and back at Wickliffe."

Deb Flynn spoke about Matthew from her experiences as his third-grade teacher.

**"He started in third grade, pulling paper out of the wastebasket and putting it in the recycling bin,"** said Flynn. **"He organized kids that wanted to pick up trash at Wickliffe. I am so proud of you,** said Flynn. When you launch a movie career, you're going to remember me, right?"

Matthew said said the presentation had caught him off guard -- "although my mom did hint that I should wear something nice that day," he said.

## BMG CALENDAR

**April Meeting**  
**Monday, 28th**  
**Dictate**  
**6:15 General Q&A**  
**7:00 Program**  
**Next - June 23**

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