

# MURCHISON

## COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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### *First Saturday works!*

We are proud to share this letter received from a First Saturday parent:

I am writing to express my praise for the First Saturday Math Programs that you have sponsored over the years....

I have two sons; ages 13 and 10, both have participated in the program over the past several years. I have also taken the test myself while sitting next to them. Both children have done very well. My older son specifically credited his success to the First Saturday Program and said because the questions on the practice test were so similar to the questions on the actual test, he felt quite relaxed and comfortable with the material. He passed both the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade proficiency tests with no problem. My younger son who took the 4<sup>th</sup> grade proficiency test this year did

not pass the practice proficiency at his school in the fall of 2003. I began taking him to the First Saturday Program and when we were unable to attend, downloaded the tests and answers from the internet site. He took every practice test and passed this spring [March 2004] with an advanced proficient rating in Math.

The staff at each site is so nice and the staff at the Murchison Center is so helpful and so very pleasant to work with. I truly believe that education is the key to success for not only my own children but also for the kids that I work with. Thank you for sponsoring this program and for your dedication to improving the lives of all of Toledo's children.

### First Saturday begins October 2

The following locations will act as host sites. For information call: 419.242.3466

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| ▪ Bethlehem Baptist Church      | ▪ Mt Zion Baptist Church    | ▪ True Church of God               |
| ▪ End Time Christian Fellowship | ▪ Mott Library              | ▪ United Missionary Baptist Church |
| ▪ Glendale Presbyterian         | ▪ North End Church of God   | ▪ Warren AME Church                |
| ▪ Kent Library                  | ▪ Salem Lutheran Church     | ▪ U Toledo Rocket Hall             |
|                                 | ▪ St. Lucas Lutheran Church |                                    |

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“ Our mission is to educate and support our community using cyberpower for social and economic development. ”

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CYBERPOWER: COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND ORGANIZING USING COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET.

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# Our Mission is Possible!

Why should people, we're talking 'bout real everyday kind of people, be interested in computers and the Internet? The answer to this question is critical – we have to be interested *because our future depends on it!*

Technology is constantly changing. Before the automobile it was about how far you could walk or ride a horse. Now it's about slowing down to avoid a speeding ticket. The automobile changed the meaning physical space. We could say technology changes the way we live, it redefines the possibilities of social life.

The new technologies are called **ICT** – *information* and *communication technology*. **ICT** has changed the meaning of time and space.

In the mainstream it is clear – big money was in auto and oil, and now it's in **ICT**, from General Motors to Microsoft. The new global economy is based on **ICT**. If that wasn't clear it will be when you think of the bill collector on the other end of the phone speaking to you from Bombay India.

We need **ICT** in the grassroots:

1. The mainstream is reorganizing around **ICT** and if we're late taking it up this new technology we will be frozen out of education, employment, and the dynamics of modern social life.
2. Cyberspace can be a free territory to negate the legacy of slavery. It all depends on our ability to imagine and implement a virtual experience based on freedom.
3. Black unity with **ICT** is the fastest and cheapest way to educate and mobilize. The grass roots used to be limited to passing out leaflets on street corners.
4. The only level playing field for a poor Black person to compete against the rich and powerful is with a computer and an Internet connection.

The Murchison Center is a community lab for the use of **ICT**. Why? Our future depends on it, and this mission is possible.

# Linux and Open Source arrive

## Imagine

- a world where all the computer software is free!
- a world where you never have to worry about computer viruses!
- a world where your old computer can perform as well as a new one! ↗



Murchison Center staff and students meet with the Toledo Area Linux Users Group

If you are waiting for all of these things to be available in the future we have news for you today.

## THE FUTURE IS HERE AND ITS NAME IS: **LINUX**

There is a revolution occurring throughout the world that is threatening to knock Microsoft from the top of the mountain. Hundreds of countries throughout Africa, Asia, and Europe have adopted a whole new set of software tools to allow them to communicate more effectively, at less cost, and more quickly. Always wishing to be on the cutting edge of the newest technology the Murchison Community Center is presently

working to move a number of its computers to operate under the new Linux software. Over the next several weeks the Murchison staff will be working with the support of the Toledo Area Linux Users Group ([www.talug.org](http://www.talug.org)) to convert two machines over to Linux systems. Upon completion of this pilot project we will begin a training program to instruct other people how to use the software. Stay tuned.

## Getting to the Murchison Community Center is easy

	<p>We are located at <b>1616 Lawrence Avenue, Toledo</b></p> <p>TARTA Routes to us: #2 Monroe Street #5 Dorr Street #30 Lincoln/Oakwood</p> <p>Transportation scholarships available for seniors and unemployed. 419.242.3466</p>
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# Toledo HipHop in effect!

A new website - ToledoHipHop.org - will be a portal to hip hop in cyberspace. A main feature will be a directory of Toledo artists - from writing lyrics to spittin on the mic to spoken words to singing, from drawing to painting to computer graphics, from breakin to dancing to theater, and from djing to producing to a live band to beatboxing. If you've got an MP3, a CD, a document, a picture, a portfolio or a video of your work - we can put it on the Internet.

We will also be building a multi-media history of hip hop in Toledo - from the pages of high school black books and the walls behind Cooks, to Lodena's and La Garza up to the club nights, studios and graf expos of today. This is the time to break out old pictures, fliers, tapes, stories and whatever else to help document our history.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME CAUSE EVERYONE HAS BEEN A PART OF IT!**

Help is needed on every aspect of the project. Submit your information to be included in the local directory of hip hop cultural producers, email [brian@toledohiphop.org](mailto:brian@toledohiphop.org) or call the Murchison Community Center at 419-242-3466. Peace, [www.toledohiphop.org](http://www.toledohiphop.org)

Have you seen your church website?  
✓ out [www.cyber-church.us](http://www.cyber-church.us)

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We are proud to offer free computer classes to the community. We are able to do so because of our volunteer teachers and generous supporters. We invite you to consider assisting us in meeting our goal of computer literacy for our entire community. Make your contribution today. We will accept your time and money. Dollar contributions are tax deductible.

Call: 419.242.3466 or

Visit us in cyberspace:

[www.murchisoncenter.org](http://www.murchisoncenter.org)