



## **Belmont Technical College Hosts Children's Holiday Party**

*Belmont Technical College hosted their 37th Annual Children's Holiday Party for several hundred local area pre-school children.*

**St. Clairsville, OH (November 22, 2010)** - For the 37<sup>th</sup> year Belmont Technical College (BTC) was host to several hundred pre-school children from Belmont, Harrison and Monroe counties during their annual Children's Holiday Party. The event was held Friday, November 19, in BTC's Horizon Hall.

In its inception, the holiday party was formed as a way to provide the children of Belmont, Harrison and Monroe counties with gifts and treats from the students, staff and faculty at BTC. Since then, the party has grown from 150 children to over 500 this year.

"The Children's party is a Belmont tradition of outreach to the local community," said Erin Neely, Coordinator of Development. "I am always pleased with the response that we get from our sponsors, parents and participating schools."

The theme of this year's holiday event was "Reading Wonderland". The children had visits with Santa's elves and some favorite cartoon and movie characters such as: Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph, Thanksgiving Day Turkey, Shrek, Aladdin, and many others. The main event was a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. David Kaplan, magician, provided the entertainment.

Each child received a hard-cover book that was paid for in part by Kroger, Keebler and BTC. The books are purchased through Discovery Toys and the sponsorships are secured by Sherri Kellas, Discovery Toys representative, who volunteers her assistance for the holiday party.

"The College is always very appreciative of our sponsors' support," said Neely.

BTC's Holiday party was made possible with the assistance of the following sponsor's: Kroger, Keebler Company, St. Clairsville Noon Rotary, Bethesda Belmont Morristown Rotary, Design & Image Studios, Tri-State Printing Co., Comdoc, MedExpress Urgent Care, Vocelli Pizza and Discovery Toys.



Pictured: A young boy watches while Magician David Kaplan "The Great Kaplan" displays a juggling act at the BTC Holiday Party.