

# *ESC News*

## *February 2006*

### *A few pictures from our Holiday Party - Harry's Steakhouse - Independence*



**Building News** - Cedarwood Landing is just about complete, just a few final details need to be made. Benches and new trash containers are in place outside in anticipation of Spring to enjoy the sunshine on our breaks.

**5700 W. Canal** - is complete and LNOCA has moved into their new space. Our conference room in that building is available for use. Although it is still the same size, it can hold about 70 participants at meetings and workshops. Laptops and projectors will need to be supplied by groups scheduling the room. Please contact Leanne, Cindy or Nina to schedule a meeting.

**Conference Center (7700 Wall Street)** - Construction has begun on the conference center. Choices in décor and content are being made at this time. It is hoped that the center will be finished by September, 2006. The center will provide space for 200-250 people for trainings, meetings or events.

**Christmas Donation** – This year in lieu of a gift exchange, the employees of the ESC office decided to make a donation to the Susan B. Komen Foundation. A donation of \$380 was sent to the foundation.

**New Tenants** – The North Coast Educational Media Center has moved into Suite 235. Welcome to Liz Nace, Director; Ann Wagnitz, Assistant Director; Roni Staimpel, Office Manager and Tina Paulson, Assistant. Their new phone number is 216.642.8523 and fax is 216.642.8525. Please make a note of these numbers.

**Welcome to** – Alice Kenny, our new teacher for children with Hearing Impairments. She will serve several west side districts.

### **Dates to remember**

#### **February**

***American Heart Month***

***Feb. 6 - ESC Interoffice Staff Meeting***

***Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day***

***Feb. 16 – Rose Mary Center  
Open House***

***Feb. 20 - President's Day  
office closed***

#### **March**

***American Red Cross Month***

***National Nutrition Month***

***March 17 - St. Patrick's Day***

***March 20 - First Day of Spring***



### ***A New Arrival***

Paula Jones adopted a baby boy around Christmas, Lorenzo was just 4 days old

***January/February/March Birthdays*** – There were no birthdays in our office for January, but February has quite a few: Leanne Long and Nina Stein (8<sup>th</sup>), Paula Jones (18<sup>th</sup>), Paula Kucinic (20<sup>th</sup>), Pat Prunty (21<sup>st</sup>), Denise DiMatteo (23<sup>rd</sup>). There are no birthdays in March.

***Governing Board Changes*** – As mentioned in our last issue we have a change in our Governing Board. Mr. Don Ferfolia is now our Board President, Mrs. Carol Fortlage is Vice President, and members include Mr. Anton Hocevar, Mr. Frank Mahnic, Jr., and Mr. Tony Miceli.

***All Staff Meeting*** – Our last All Staff Meeting was held on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The topic “*Stress is a Gift*” spoke on how we all need to have some stress in our lives. Stress may be an adventure; it heightens awareness – helps us reach priorities; and it can develop and strengthen our resilience. Dr. Eastridge also spoke about where the ESC is headed and what it will become. He envisions a campus where people will feel welcomed and will come together for meetings and learning experiences.

***Dr. Zelman visits the ESC*** – On January 27<sup>th</sup> Dr. Zelman met with the County Superintendent’s to discuss the recent happenings regarding education in the state. She was accompanied by Deputy Superintendent, Bob Bowers.



*Dr. Bob Bowers, Dr. Susan Zelman,  
Mr. Bill Zelei and Ms. Martha Motsco*



*Dr. Eastridge and Dr. Zelman*

***By the way, we found we could fit 50 people into the upstairs conference room.***

***From the Rose-Mary Center*** – An Open House is scheduled for Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. at their new location at the OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH 44113. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Kathy Fordos 216.621.3451 or [kathyfordos@aol.com](mailto:kathyfordos@aol.com).

***From the North Coast Academy*** - North Coast Academy is evaluating the possibility of offering night school to students who need a class for graduation. If we have enough interest, it will begin in March 2 days/week running thru early May.

### ***Sympathy***

Sincere sympathy to Kim Omaregie, secretary from North Coast Academy, who lost one of her new twin baby boys recently.

Also, our sincere sympathy to Lisa Adler - her Grandmother passed away in December - she was 93.

***Website*** – The Website should be up and running soon – please review it as we still have more to add and your comments/suggestions are appreciated. Cut and paste this in your browser:

<http://www.cuyahogacountyesc.org>

**Gifted Workshops – Equations Game – February 2, 2006** at Columbus Intermediate School in Bedford. Ten school districts were represented by students in grades four through eight. There were three divisions of play (Grade 4 - Division A, Grades 5-6 - Division B, and Grades 7 -8 - Division C). Students had been working at the skills involved with mathematics and the strategies of the game since mid-September. The winning teams were - Division A - Rocky River, Division B - Westlake and Division C - Mayfield. The Champion District was Rocky River.

On Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Arts** program at the Beck Center for the Arts for 130 students from the various districts in the gifted consortium. The students will participate in workshops including dance, cartoon drawing, improvisation, voice, and other theatrical experiences.

**“Free” Teacher Informational Workshops**

**Raise Math Test Scores Using A-Math Building Blocks and Foundations**

Thursday, February 23, 2006 - for Curriculum Directors and Principals.

**Making Algorithms Accessible To All Children** - Wednesday, March 8, 2006 –presented by Houghton Mifflin and the ESC – for Curriculum Directors, Principals and Teachers – Grades K-8.

To sign up for any of these workshops, please contact Nina Stein @ 216.901.4201 or e-mail [nina.stein@lnoca.org](mailto:nina.stein@lnoca.org).

**ReadySet Ohio and Qwizdom** – Wednesday, March 29, 2006 - a standards based curriculum designed to reduce teacher workload – for Curriculum Directors, Principals and Teachers – Grades 3-8. No reservation is necessary. For more information call Gretchen Thompson @ 216.256.8567.

**Facilitative Leadership Training - North Coast Quality Collaborative**

On March 2, 3, and 10, 2006, the North Coast Quality Collaborative is sponsoring a training program here at the ESC. The training will be led by Dick Clapp, owner of NEOLA. To register, please contact Nina Stein @ 216.901.4201 or [nina.stein@lnoca.org](mailto:nina.stein@lnoca.org).

**Save the Date** – August 7 & 8, 2006 – Administrative Retreat – Quail Hollow Resort.

**Future Issues** - If anyone has anything that they would like to submit for future issues of ESC News, please submit them to Nina Stein for publication. We are always looking for news to share about our center.

**“A Sense of Values”**

“During my second year of nursing school our professor gave us a pop quiz. I breezed through the questions until I read the last one. “ What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?”

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times, but how would I know her name?

I handed in the paper, leaving the last question blank. Before the class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our grade.

“Absolutely,” the professor said. “In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello.”

I’ve never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.”

Joann Jones, “Guideposts”

***Recognize the power of a team;  
No one succeeds alone.***

***Some wacky holidays this month:***

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Carrot Cake Day*
- No Talk Day*
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Chocolate Fondue Day*
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Compliments Day*
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Clean out your Computer Day*
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Make a Friend Day*
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Do a Grouch a Favor Day*
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Random Act of Kindness Day*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Teddy Bear Day*
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Obnoxious Day*
- 27<sup>th</sup> - No Brainer Day*
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Public Sleeping Day*

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