

ESC News

June 1, 2006

Dates to remember:

June 14th – Deadline for purchase orders for 2005-2006 school year.

June 22nd - Deadline for all travel and expense requests for 2005-2006 school year.

Anything received after that date will be charged to 2006-2007 expense.

Insurance Information Meetings:

Meetings are scheduled for information on employee benefit changes for next year.

Monday, June 12th 1:00 in the CSESC conference room (1st floor).
3:30 PEP – Midtown Center – 3134 Euclid Avenue

Wednesday, June 14th 3:30 PEP – Midtown Center – 3134 Euclid Avenue
6:00 p.m. in the CSESC conference room (1st floor).

Consult the web site for further information.

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Congratulations and Goodbye to:

Dr. Kate Foley - she is going to Lakewood City Schools to be Director of Student Services

Sandra McCullough - she will be the new Coordinator of Student Services for Garfield Heights City Schools

We wish them well in their new endeavors.

Use the ESC Website for Your Convenience!

The new and permanent WEBSITE address is www.esc-cc.org

Previous website addresses have been redirected (www.cuyahogacountyesc.org)

(www.cuyahogacountyesc.com) and (www.cuyahoga.k12.oh.us)

ESC staff email addresses will change from the LNOCA.org email to esc-cc.org.

Since March the website has become a valuable tool used by the public, staff, and other districts to see the types of services the ESC offers. People visit the site over 1200 times per day (and growing) to find out about professional development and inservices scheduled. Job openings can be posted easily and special announcements can be posted on the first page within minutes. Check often for announcements and job postings. Contact Leanne Long to get your information posted!

Employee forms, salary schedule, and calendar are current and posted. These can easily be downloaded and printed. We continue to direct staff to the website to get mileage, professional trip, leave forms, etc. Let your staff know of this valuable resource. Plans are in the works to get manuals uploaded and other information useful to ESC employees. Your ideas and input are welcome!

Professional Development Opportunities

Standard & Poors – June 14, 2006 (9 am OR 2 pm) @ ESC

Study Island – June 15, 2006 (9-10 OR 12-1) @ ESC

Local AIMSweb Manager Training – June 20 & 21, 2006 (All Day) @ LNOCA Training Center

Local AIMSweb Manager Training – August 9 & 10, 2006 (All Day) @ LNOCA Training Center

Pro Ohio - August 3, 2006 (2 – 5 p.m.) @ ESC

Scholars Academy – August 7 & 8 @ Quail Hollow Resort

Quizdom Seminar – August 30, 2006 @ ESC – FREE remote systems trial basis for 6 months

Pathwise – Sept. 18 & 19 (All Day) or October 26 & 27, 2006 (All Day) @ ESC

Check out our website for more information regarding these Professional Development Offerings.
Registration is required.

ESC Awarded Teaching American History Grant!

The U.S. Department of Education awarded the Education Service Center of Cuyahoga County - in collaboration with seven other service centers representing 103 Ohio school districts - nearly \$2 million to improve the teaching of American history.

In all, the federal Teaching American History program will award 124 new grants worth \$118.2 million to school districts in 38 states.

The Ohio consortium, in conjunction with Cleveland State University and Ideastream, are developing a history curriculum that brings music and voices to the class room. Much of the money will also be used to train history teachers in content and instructional skills.

Construction – Professional Development Center

Everything is on schedule for a September 1st opening.

Meetings have already been scheduled.

Call Nina Stein (216.901.4201) to schedule a meeting.

Caterers are being interviewed to assist us in our new center.



Main Entrance



North Entrance



Interior

Graduation Ceremonies

The *Rose-Mary Center* will graduate 4 students this year. We extend our congratulations to those students, families and staff. The graduation and recognition ceremony is June 8 at 1:30 p.m.

The 2006 graduation and awards ceremony for graduates and continuing students of the *North Coast Academy Education Resource Center* was held on May 31 with refreshments following. Congratulations to the approximate 40 students meeting requirements!

June, July & August Birthdays

June 8th – Daisy Griggs

June 17th – Mavis Dauenhauer

June 30th – Shirley Zavatsky

July 4th – Pat Rehm

July 12th – Denise Scarpucci

Aug. 5th – Jennifer Felker

Aug. 12th – Sandy McCullough

Aug. 16th – Patrick Eustace

Aug. 27th – Mary McFeely

Aug. 30th – Dr. Eastridge

Happy Birthday to All!!!
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Vacations (Office Staff)

Nina has the vacation schedule. Please make sure you let us know when you will be taking vacation. Our current list consists of:

Nina – June 11-15
Cindy – July 3-7
Dr. Eastridge – July 17-21
Steve – part time during July
Jennifer – part time during July

Remember to check meeting maker for current updates.

All Staff Meeting

Our meeting was held on Thursday, June 1, 2006. We celebrated the “end of the year” with pizza, salad and ice cream. The Professional Development Center was discussed, a slide show of pictures showed the progress of the center. The discussion centered on the 6 P’s – People, Product, Price, Place, Promotion, and Process. We discussed the type of center it will be, who our customers will be, scheduling priorities, room rates (lower because they do not include catering) and what type of person we expect to be responsible for scheduling and promoting the center.

A video was shown with instructions to count the number of times a basketball changed hands. By concentrating on the passing of the basketball, some of us missed a gorilla entering the picture. This was to demonstrate that we must go slow, that we are a work in progress and it is easy to lose sight of our larger goals and mission when we just focus on the details. We must look at everything to get the big picture and look at a partnership with the greater education community.

EPOPO News

On June 19th, in Columbus, Cindy Goga, ESC Administrative Assistant will be installed as the President of the Educational Office Professionals of Ohio, at the annual spring conference. This elected position holds honor and prestige among school office employees throughout the state. Her theme for 2006-07 is “EPOPO – You are a Key Piece of the Puzzle”.

Leanne & Cindy Plan Trip

July 18th & 19th are the dates of the National Association of Educational Professionals in Dallas, TX. Leanne and Cindy will be attend.

Governing Board Donates Money for Courtyard Equipment at Rose-Mary Center



Lisa Adler, Special Education Supervisor, wishes to thank the Governing Board for making it possible for them to purchase some equipment for their courtyard. They have also ordered an adapted picnic table.

Annual Scholars Academy, August 7 & 8, 2006 Quail Hollow Resort

Don't forget to get your reservations in for our academy to Nina Stein as soon as possible. Check out our website for further information. If you need any reservation forms, please contact Jennifer Felker and she will be happy to get the requested information to you.

Ideas for Getting Organized

If you need ideas to help you organize your life, office, desk, or just good ol' time, this site is a great place to visit. Well-organized and loaded with practical ideas, LifeOrganizers will give you a head start on cleaning up your office and preparing for the next school year. <http://www.lifeorganizers.com>

Project Jumpstart

The Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County has collaborated this past year with two of the districts we serve on a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. **Project Jumpstart: Fueling Student Achievement with EPAS** has involved approximately 1800 students and over 150 teachers. The goals of the project are to improve student learning, raise student achievement, and to increase interest/application to colleges and universities. This was a year of gathering baseline data from students, parents and teachers through the use of surveys and assessments. Students in grade 8 (EXPLORE), grade 10 (PLAN) and grade 11 (ACT) were assessed this school year. Professional development opportunities were developed from the results of these tests. **Project Jumpstart** will continue again next year as the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation has agreed to fund the grant request again. Students in grades 8, 10 and 11 will be assessed this year. Some linkage will be analyzed for those students in grade 11 as they will be exposed to some changes in curriculum and teaching strategies as indicated by the results in the assessments given to them while in the 10th grade (PLAN). We will keep posting information on the progress of this project.

ESC Staff Evaluations

We are redoing the ESC evaluations for internal staff and our outside teachers/administrators. Job descriptions for the ESC staff are due to Jennifer by June 22nd.

December Holiday Party

Start thinking of a place for our Holiday Party. It will be held off site in December. If you have any suggestions, please let us know your thoughts on this.

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.

Have a safe and happy summer!

See you in the fall!