



# Spring News 2007

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### ESC Flood News

On June 22, 2006 the ESC had a flood that damaged our first floor. In September, we were able to return to our refurbished offices and have settled in quite nicely. A “Survivor’s Dinner” was held at our new Professional Development Center for all tenants in our building in appreciation of their patience with all of the inconveniences.



Steve Rogaski, Annette Hayes,  
Rena Wertheim, Jennifer Felker



Guests from APSI, Dalad Group  
and Kevin Staller



Mr. & Mrs. Ferfolia  
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### Professional Development Center

Our Center opened in September and we are currently booking the 3 rooms for meetings. Marigold Catering was awarded the contract to facilitate the building. Our event coordinator, Christi Woolard, will be happy to assist you in your event planning. Christi can be reached at 216.642.7556. Also, check out the web site for a better look at our facility and the services available. [www.escpdc.com](http://www.escpdc.com)

*An Open House is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7:30 p.m.*

Come and join us for a festive tour and open house. Enjoy fabulous international food stations provided by the outstanding chefs at Marigold Catering. RSVP by May 8<sup>th</sup> to 216.642.7556 or [esccc@marigoldcatering.com](mailto:esccc@marigoldcatering.com)



### Annual Holiday Party

The ESC combined with CSESC, School Improvement, Praxis and North Coast Educational Media Center had a holiday party at Mavis Winkles in December. Everyone seemed to have a grand time and the turnout was fantastic. As usual we had our “traditional” white elephant exchange – a lot of the gifts looked a little familiar.



### Northeast Regional School Improvement News!

During the past year, the Regional School Improvement Team (RSIT) members have been busy bringing their extensive experience and demonstrated school improvement knowledge in Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, Leadership and School Climate to Northeast districts. In addition, many of the RSIT members provided ongoing technical assistance and support to districts in Data Analysis; Research-Based Best Practices; Focused Planning; Plan Implementation; Resource Management; and High Quality Professional Development. Regionally, the team pooled resources and supported a variety of district initiatives including Downey Walk-Through Training; Demystifying Differentiation Instruction; Understanding and Using Value-Added Analysis; Max Teaching, Regional Updates and supported nearly 100 State Institute for Reading Instruction (SIRI) workshops.

### Birthdays

Jim Luteran – Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Stephanie Cutlip – Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Roni Staimpel – Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>  
Rena Wertheim – Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Annette Hayes – Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Rogaski – May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wayne Gibson – May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Michele Newton – May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Cindy Goga – May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Daisy Griggs – June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Joe Madak – June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mavis Dauenhauer – June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Shirley Zavatsky – June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Pat Rehm – July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jennifer Felker – Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mary McFeely – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Harry Eastridge – Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>

### Events for May

Better Hearing & Speech Month  
Get Caught Reading Month  
Healthy Vision Month  
National Physical fitness & Sports Month  
Young Achievers Month  
May 1st – School Principals Day  
May 3 – Raspberry Turnover Day  
May 5 – Cinco de Mayo  
May 6-12 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 8 – No Socks Day  
May 8 – National Teacher Day  
May 11 – Eat What You Want Day  
May 13 – Mother's Day  
May 20-26 – Nat'l Educational Bosses' Week  
May 24 – National Escargot Day  
May 28 – Memorial Day  
May 30 – Water a Flower Day

In September, Bonnie Bertschinger joined our staff as an Administrative Assistant.

In March, Dr. Joe Madak joined the ESC as the Director of Regional Services. Dr. Madak will be working with our outstanding staff and school districts to improve on the effectiveness and efficiency providing service to school districts through our Regional School Improvement, CSESC, Literacy and Early Childhood. Dr Madak has been a teacher, served at all levels of public school administration which include twenty one years as a Superintendent of Schools. He most recently served as Interim Superintendent of Schools in Mansfield, Ohio, a school district entering Corrective Action while in Fiscal Watch.

### **We welcome our new employees for 2006-2007**

**Jeanne Kline** has joined the Treasurer's office as a Fiscal Specialist in charge of Grants. She was Assistant to the Treasurer at Norwalk City Schools for 17 years, and Assistant Treasurer at Groveport Madison Local Schools for three years. She has two adult sons that live in Columbus.

**Dave Lupe** – Special Education Supervisor & Supervisor of School Improvement Coaches

New Teachers of Visually Impaired include **Amy Yoho** and **Cristina DiLullo**. Our new teachers of the Hearing Impaired are **Megan Modney, Sara Legarth and Diane Teater**, audiologist.

Our Gifted Consortium now includes **Beth Hager** - her assignment includes Bedford and Warrensville Heights.

**Jim Luteran**, a new staff member, will be running technology workshops in the Professional Development Center. Workshops on Smartboard, digital cameras, and digital microscope will be available throughout the year. Summer workshops will include "A trip to the Zoo With Your New Digital Camera". You can earn one graduate credit, receive a digital camera and instruction, and visit to the zoo to get some behind the scene pictures. A Teacher Technology Workshop will also be offered for one graduate credit that will cover, podcasting, iTunes, and Smartboard. For more information go to [http://www.esc-cc.org/events\\_workshops.asp](http://www.esc-cc.org/events_workshops.asp) for a listing of all workshops.

Jim is also program manager for "**The Sounds of History**". This professional development project will enable teachers to improve their teaching by engaging the grand narrative of American history, by listening to, and not just looking at, the American past. *Sounds* will engage teachers and their students in a rich multimedia experience, where teachers will become experts at using sound in the classroom. There are 75 teachers participating in the "Sounds" project.

### **Gifted Consortium News**

We have had several activities for students and teachers during this school year. We began the year with **Orienteering Workshops** for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders in the Strongsville Metroparks. This is an annual event and a fun day for the students to find their way in the woods to contact points and various activities.

**Town Hall Series** began in September with the first speaker Tim Russert. Other speakers have been award winning journalist, Frank Deford, economic expert, Michael Porter, Scott Cowen, current President of Tulane University, The Capitol Steps, a political satire group, Kyle Maynard, a most amazing athlete that was born with a condition known as congenital amputation, and Julie Gerberding, MD, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



In September **Michael Clay Thompson** presented a menu of options from Grammar, Vocabulary, Poetics and Socratic Questioning.

**Ed Zaccaro** presented a workshop on mathematics in October. A parent workshop was held on the evening prior to the workshop.

Our High School Arts Workshop – **Peaceful Solutions** at the Beck Center in November. The students attending came from 12 districts. The purpose of the workshop was to provide high school students an opportunity to experience communication through artistic expression from various arts and/or cultural perspectives. Some of the art forms were, mime, improvisation, watercolor, clay, drama/writing, percussion and songwriting. At the end of the day, the students were given an opportunity to present the products of their work from the morning session.



On December 6<sup>th</sup> a student academic program was held at our Professional Development Center. **Equations** had over 160 students from 9 districts

### Events for June

Child Awareness Month

National Safety Month

National Professional Wellness Month

Sports American Kids Month

Student Safety Month

June 14 – Flag Day

June 17 – Father’s Day

June 19 – Juneteenth (see article)

June 24 – America’s Kids Day

participating. Certificates were given to all participants and trophies and medals were given to the winning schools and students.

An “*Explore the Arts*” workshop for our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students was held at the Beck Center in Lakewood. This workshop was originally scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> but was postponed because of the major snow storm that occurred on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was held in March and students from 8 districts participated in the full day workshop. The purpose of this workshop was to provide an opportunity for arts motivated students to explore a variety of cultural arts experiences in an actual arts setting and to meet peers with similar interest in the arts.

Our annual *STRESS Handle it! Workshop* was held in March at St. Joseph Bysantine Catholic Church in Brecksville. This workshop is created by students for students. Attendance was around 200 students from 9 districts. The students attended 4 different sessions with great ideas on how to relieve their stress. The workshop was sponsored by the Health Advisory Committee of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and various member sponsors.



In May, we will have our *Teacher’s Luncheon*. This is an annual event for our Intervention Specialists that do such wonderful work with students in various school districts. There will be a presentation on “*If I Only Had a Brain 2*”. Bonnie Frye will present a follow up to last year’s event.

Also in May, we will be having an eighth grade *GPS Workshop* at the Strongsville Mill Run Metro Reservation. For more information, contact your Gifted Supervisor.

### Workshop Listings - Check out our website [www.esc-cc.org](http://www.esc-cc.org)

for a complete listing and information on the many workshops we are offering. These include *Digital Cameras, Smartboards, Digital Microscopes, Palm Pilots, Inspiration, Power Point, Fly Pen* as well as *Legal Issues & Risk Management in Education Employee Discipline Techniques in Education, Child Abuse Recognition and Prevention, Pathwise trainings, Flexible Technology Series 2007* and *MUCH MORE*. We seem to add more each day so check often.

### Praxis III

Welcome **Michele Shrefler** to the ESC and the Praxis III Center. Her job is assistant Praxis III Coordinator. She is currently a Praxis III assessor and Pathwise mentor trainer as well. Michele has held several Pathwise trainings for the ESC this year.

### From Daisy Griggs:

The news from the Praxis III Center is that after ten years of Praxis III Coordination, I am stepping down so that I can spend time with my grandchildren, volunteer at my Church, travel and write family history!

I have worked at the Educational Service Center for seven years????! Time went fast. I will really miss all the good people here. I wish everyone well and feel great to have had the privilege of working here. My tenure at the Educational Service Center has brought my total years in education up to 40. I am eternally grateful for all the opportunities during my career, including the ESC!

Michele Shrefler has been working with me for the past seven years as an assessor and joined me as assistant Praxis III coordinator here at the ESC last year. I have enjoyed working with her, as she is a very hard worker and understands the job. She has truly gone that extra mile, which was much needed to turn around over nine hundred assessments of entry year teachers this year, for their professional teacher’s licensure. I am wishing her well, and hopefully, she will be the new Praxis III regional coordinator.

### Pathwise Trainings

Michele Shrefler reports that the ESC has sponsored six Pathwise trainings during the 2006-2007 school year to support entry year teachers and their districts through the training of their mentors. This two day training focuses on the four domains and nineteen criteria of Pathwise and the Praxis III performance-based assessment. Participants learn how to observe and provide constructive, formative feedback to entry year teachers in preparation for the Praxis III assessment. This training also focuses on establishing a common language among beginning and veteran teachers to discuss and reflect on best teaching practices to effectively meet the needs of all students. The ESC will continue to sponsor Pathwise trainings during the 2007-2008 school year and further information regarding these trainings can be found on the ESC website.

“In spite of the cost of living, it is still

popular” – Kathleen Norris

“Hard work never killed anyone, but why

take a chance” – Edgar Bergen

### Oxymorons

Act Naturally

Found missing

Good Grief

Silent Scream

Taped Live

Small Crowd

Sweet Sorrow

**North Coast Academy** held its first American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday March 16, 2007. Twenty one students participated in donating blood as part of their community service efforts. A total of 22 pints of blood were collected (one staff donated). Three more blood drives are scheduled for the 2007-2008 school year. Other community service efforts North Coast Academy students have participated in include being peer models for the Cleveland Clinic's Autism Program, making holiday wreaths for patients of the Cleveland Dialysis Center, and donated time to sort and pack groceries at the Interact Hunger Center and the Cleveland Food Bank.

**Scholars Academy Announced**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Scholars Academy will take place on August 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. Jim Eck, Senior Director, Mid continental Research for Education **MCREL** will present **“Leadership that Works, From Research to Results”** on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and **“Balanced Leadership”** on Friday August 10<sup>th</sup>. Overnight accommodations will be available. Cost for the conference will be \$80 for the first full day and \$40 for day two (or \$120 for the entire conference). For more information, please contact Jennifer Felker – 216.901.4222 or [Jennifer.felker@esc-cc.org](mailto:Jennifer.felker@esc-cc.org) Registration information is on our website.

**North Coast Educational Media Center**

This school year the NCEMC is contracted with 137 buildings in 50 districts. We are ready for the 07-08 school year offering more varied subjects in our services. Our new contract can be found at our webpage [www.ncemc.org](http://www.ncemc.org). We have staff development materials as well as Fish!, Cheese (Who Moved my Cheese?) and a Pickle! (Give'm the Pickle) If your not sure if our services can be of benefit to you or your department, stop by and see us, suite 235.



**Educational Office Professionals of Ohio** will be having their annual conference in Columbus on June 18-19, 2007. The theme of the conference will be “Finding Joy in the Job”. This conference is open to all educational office professionals. If you would like more information, please contact Cindy Goga, President of EOPO, at 216.901.4206 or [cindy.goga@esc-cc.org](mailto:cindy.goga@esc-cc.org).



**2005** marks the 140th year anniversary of Juneteenth. All across the United States, and beyond, celebrations will commemorate this historical event of 1865 in Galveston, Texas. There, on June 19th, when word of the emancipation proclamation finally reached the enslaved, a new and uncertain way of life began. In the 140 years since, African Americans have elevated this celebration, publicly and privately to one of the most important of the year.

Beyond freedom for one's self, Juneteenth celebrates freedom for all, worldwide. Juneteenth promotes unity and builds self-esteem through reflection, education, and through acknowledgement of achievements. Today, people of all races, nationalities and ethnicities join together to support and participate in Juneteenth celebrations - a true testament to humanity.

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