



FAST FORWARD SUCCESS CENTER

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FAST FORWARD STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER UPDATE

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Student Success Center

The FAST Forward Student Success Center is the centerpiece for one of three Fairfield County Educational Service Center led Straight A Fund grants, FAST Forward. FAST stands for Fairfield Advancing Students and Teachers. The FAST Forward grant brought over \$8,000,000 to Fairfield County focusing on Design Challenges, Transdisciplinary Problem Based Learning, Blended Learning, Ohio Instructional Leadership, FAST Forward Students Success Center and Prep for Success.

The FAST Forward Student Success Center is a partnership including the following districts in Fairfield County: Amanda Clearcreek Local Schools, Berne Union Local Schools, Bloom Carroll Local Schools, Fairfield Union Local Schools, Lancaster City Schools, Liberty Union-Thurston Local Schools, Pickerington Local Schools, Walnut Township Local Schools, Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools and the Fairfield County Educational Service Center.

The Success Center will be constructed on the current site of the Fairfield Career Center located at 3985 Coonpath Road in Greenfield Township. The partnership between the Fairfield County ESC and Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools is as a result of

the initial plan to purchase a retired Lancaster City Schools elementary school was unable to occur. The career center has been working closely with Marie Ward and Teresa Thomas to finalize the shared use agreement between the two agencies.

The Success Center will primarily serve students in grades 9-12 from districts in Fairfield County that are seeking an alternative to the traditional educational environment. The Success Center will be centered on blended learning opportunities through the use of Florida Virtual School courses (purchased through the FAST Forward Grant) while also incorporating transdisciplinary problem based learning (TPBL). The Success Center will be using competency-based education to have students' progress through coursework at their own pace and based on demonstration of mastery of the content.

The groundbreaking ceremony is anticipated to be held in mid to late December, 2015. The ESC will be sending invitations to attend the groundbreaking once the date has been set. For more information, please contact Will Kirby at wkirby@fairfieldesc.org.



Employee Spotlight: Janet Adcock

Meet Janet Adcock, Secretary for Learning Steps Preschool & Receptionist at the Fairfield County ESC.

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Upcoming Professional Development

Check out professional development opportunities provided by the Fairfield County ESC and our partners.

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Upcoming Professional Development



December:

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| <p>1 & 2: Blended Learning Workshop
Location: Liberty Center
(8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)</p> <p>3: Initial CPI Training
Location: Liberty Center
(7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)</p> <p>8: Alternate Assessment – Initial
Location: Room 134
(8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)</p> <p>9: All County Principal Meeting
Location: Room 134
(8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)</p> <p>10: Alternate Assessment – Refresher
Session 1: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p> | <p>Session 2: 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location: 134 (AM); 127 (PM)</p> <p>10: CPR
Location: 134
(12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)</p> <p>11: Tech in the Classroom (Pre-K)
Location: 134
(12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)</p> <p>17: All County Counselor Meeting
Location: 134
(12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</p> | <p>18: All County Curriculum Meeting
Location: 127
(8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)</p> <p>29: Mental Health First Aid
Register: mpool@ohiopps.org</p> |
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PDEXPRESS LOGIN SUPPORT

You can log into PDEExpress at:
pdexpress.faircoesc.org.

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Employee Spotlight: Janet Adcock

Janet Adcock recently joined the Fairfield County ESC Central Office staff as the Secretary for Learning Steps Preschool and the Receptionist for the central office. Janet is new to the central office but is not new to the ESC. Janet previously served as a paraprofessional at Fairfield Union High School in the ED classroom for 14 years.

Janet resides with her husband of 25 years, Chad, her daughter Alexis who is 21 years old and her black pug, Winnie, in Lancaster. Janet is very excited for her new position at the ESC central office and learning all the new information to be successful.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I like to read and exercise. My favorite book is *Follow the River*."

What is your personal mantra or motto?

The "Golden Rule"

What's something that most coworkers don't know about you?

"I am the scorekeeper for the Logan Girls Basketball team."

The Fairfield County ESC welcomes Janet to the central office staff and be sure to congratulate her on her new position!



Reminders & Updates

Central Office Staff

Sign up for text alerts by texting @fcescOFF to 81010 to get up-to-date information regarding closings/delays at the central office.

All County Band Performance

The All County Band Performance will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Fairfield Union High School at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.00.

Flexible Spending Account

All staff members must submit completed FSA forms to Caprice Dicken by December 1 (regardless of participation). (cdicken@fairfielddesc.org)

Insurance Committee

The ESC insurance committee will be meeting on December 15 at 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Toy Drive

The ESC will be collecting items through 12/15/15 for the annual Toy Drive. Contact Bobbi Williams with any questions (bwilliams@fairfielddesc.org).

Communications Team

Are you interested in joining the Communications team? If so, please contact Will Kirby at wkirby@fairfielddesc.org. Participants will help create the topics to be covered in future issues of *The Scoop*.

Central Office Holiday Break

The ESC Central Office will be closed December 24 – January 3 for the holiday break.

Central Office Staff Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.



Fairfield County ESC Food Drive

The Fairfield County ESC collected food and other items for a local food pantry. The items collected by the ESC were organized by Bobbi Williams and delivered to Community Action in Lancaster on Main Street.

This and That

All County Choir

The Fairfield County ESC provides coordination services to the Fairfield County music teachers (band and choir). The All County Choir concert took place on Monday, November 23, 2015 at Liberty Union High School. The concert featured students from Amanda Clearcreek, Berne Union, Fairfield Union, Lancaster City, Liberty Union and Millersport. Congratulations to all the middle and high school students for putting on a great performance for the 347 attendees.



Fairfield County College and Career Application Campaign

November of each year marks College and Career Application Month for high school students throughout Ohio. This year, the Fairfield County ESC supported schools in Fairfield County to organize and execute the events at local high schools. The school counselors will be reflecting on the 2015 activities and begin planning for the 2016 campaign at the upcoming school counselors meeting. Linda Knicely has worked with counselors throughout the county to help make the events meaningful for students.

Why I teach! Video Contest

Teachers that would like to showcase why you are passionate about teaching and learning can now enter to win a video contest illustrating "Why I Teach!"

The competition is open to all educators grades PK – 12 in public schools. The contest requires a 2-3 minute video about why you are passionate about teaching.

Submissions will be evaluated based on quality, content, overall message and creativity.

Teachers can win one of the following prizes:

- 1st Place: \$1,000
- 2nd Place: \$750
- 3rd Place: \$500
- 4th Place: \$250

Entries must be submitted by January 19, 2016. Send your YouTube link or questions to barlagk@ohio.edu. This contest is sponsored by Ohio University's The Gladys W. & David H. Patton College of Education.

Good Luck!



Public Education Video Contest

Create a 2-3 minute video about why you are passionate about teaching.

This competition is open to all P-12 educators in the public education system. Videos will be judged on quality, content, overall message, and creativity.

PRIZES

Teachers (as individuals or as teams) are eligible to win the following prizes:

- 1st place will receive a total of: \$1,000
- 2nd place will receive a total of: \$750
- 3rd place will receive a total of: \$500
- 4th place will receive a total of: \$250

Entry deadline is January 19, 2016. Send your YouTube link to barlagk@ohio.edu.

Contact Kim Barlag for more information at barlagk@ohio.edu.

In Upcoming Issues....

- **SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**
The Fairfield County ESC superintendent will provide a brief message about the work that the Fairfield County ESC is doing throughout the county to support students and districts.
- **FISCAL FLASH**
This section of the newsletter will focus on items submitted by the Treasurer's office to keep Fairfield County ESC employees up-to-date on existing and new items.
- **BOARD BITS**
This section will focus on updating employees about the actions taken by the Fairfield County ESC Governing Board. Items may include new employees, resignations/retirements and policy changes.
- **CLASSROOM CLOSEUP**
This section will highlight the work of ESC classrooms throughout the county. If you want to be featured in the January, 2016 *The Scoop*, please contact Will Kirby at wkirby@fairfielddesc.org. The section may include pictures, video and a write up about the amazing work the ESC teachers are doing throughout Fairfield County.
- **TECH TALK**
This section will focus on communicating items related to software, hardware and devices from the technology department.
- **HEALTH BREAK**
This section will focus on providing employees with additional information related to the Fairfield County ESC Wellness Program.