



The Scoop



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Fairfield County ESC’s Math Matters Grant Brings Jiji to Nine Districts in Central Ohio

Through a Straight A Grant awarded to Fairfield County ESC, nine school districts in Central Ohio are using ST Math, a game based, virtual manipulative approach to math concepts that initially uses no abstract symbols (+) or words.

Thanks to a Straight A Grant awarded to Fairfield County ESC, students in 9 districts in and near Fairfield County are reaping the benefits of using a unique approach to math practice. ST Math is a series of online math programs primarily for grades K to 6 but it includes programming for 7th grade to high school. They are also piloting a Pre-K version in the Educational Service Center’s preschools in Fairfield County and in Pickerington Local Schools preschool classes.

The program’s distinguishing selling point centers on the “ST” in its name, an abbreviation for the “spatial temporal” reasoning that the program uses to teach math concepts. All lessons are first taught visually, without the use of language, numbers or symbols. The program later adds language, numbers and symbols when students’ conceptual understanding is cemented and transition to more abstract conceptualization is appropriate.

The Fairfield County ESC’s partnership with Lancaster City Schools, Liberty Union-Thurston Local Schools, Walnut Township

Local Schools, Pickerington Local Schools, Columbus City Schools, Gahanna-Jefferson City Schools, Hilliard City Schools, Worthington City Schools and Hamilton Local Schools has impacted 26,531 students through the end of the 2014-2015 school year and is on pace to have nearly 28,000 students actively using ST Math by the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

To date, Amanda Clearcreek Local Schools, Pickerington Local Schools and the Fairfield County ESC have either added or expanded the use of ST Math through local funds. The Fairfield County ESC and Pickerington Local Schools are piloting the pre-school ST Math program for Mind Research. As of July 2015, over 90 buildings have implemented ST Math either directly or indirectly through the Math Matters Straight A Grant and nearly 1,300 teachers have received professional development on how to implement ST Math as a part of their classroom instruction.

ST Math Syllabus Progress as compared to STAR Math gains indicates a positive correlation showing that the higher the percentage of syllabus progress, the higher the gains are on STAR Math. The Fairfield County ESC will be working with partner districts throughout the rest of the 2015-2016 school year to link ST Math progress to outcomes on statewide assessments. Find the full article from *Inside OESCA* attached to *The Scoop* message.

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April:

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| <p>19: School Counselor Network
Location: 134
(12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</p> <p>22: Transition Specialist Network¹
Location: SST11
(2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)</p> <p>22: Early Childhood Outcome Summit¹
Location: ESC of Central Ohio
(9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)</p> <p>26: Autism/Jon Peterson Scholarship
Location: Liberty Center
(10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)</p> | <p>5: ESC Central Office Staff Meeting
Location: 134
(8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)</p> <p>11: Principal Network
Location: 134
(8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)</p> <p>13: Psychologist Network¹
Location: OCALI (SST11)
(8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)</p> <p>17: ST Math Game-A-Thon
Location: Liberty Center
(8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</p> | <p>14: Curriculum Network
Location: 127
(8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)</p> |
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PDEXPRESS LOGIN SUPPORT

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

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¹Register on STARS

Employee Spotlight: Michele Matchett

Michele Matchett is the attendance officer for the Fairfield County ESC and provides services to districts throughout Fairfield County focusing on student attendance issues. Michele graduated from Lancaster High School and earned her Bachelor of Arts from Ohio University where she graduated with honors in political science. After Ohio University, Michele attended Capital Law School where she earned her paralegal certificate.

Michele and her husband, Scott, live in Lancaster with their two children, Mia and Evan. The Matchett family enjoys the company of many animals including a dog, cat and backyard chickens. Mia and Evan play sports year round where Michele has the opportunity to coach her daughter's youth volleyball team and her husband coaches their son's baseball and daughters basketball teams.

What is your favorite movie and/or book?

Michele enjoys reading any books by James Patterson and Janet Evanovich. She is not much for movies but is a self-identified Netflix junkie.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In Michele's spare time, she enjoys running and engaging in cross fit. The family really enjoys camping and hanging out with the kids which includes watching them at their many sporting events. Michele's personal mantra is a saying coined by Johnny Cash, "Life is rough so you gotta be tough."

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

Michele loves to cook but can't bake which she feels is unfortunate because she loves cupcakes. She really enjoys playing sports and having participated in a 24 hour running relay and competed in a cross fit competition at the Arnold. Michele is also always trying to learn new things.

Michele shares, "My favorite part of my job is hearing that kids have turned their behaviors around and are doing well in school. My very favorite are when seniors graduate and involvement helped make this happen."



Reminders & Updates

End of Year – Inventory Lists

Be sure to complete the end of year inventory lists for the fiscal office.

FCESC Board of Education Meeting

The ESC Governing Board will meet on May 3, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in 127.

FCESC Central Office Staff Meeting

The next FCESC Central Office Staff Meeting will be held on May 5, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in room 134. If you have topics/suggestions for items on the agenda, please contact Bobbi Williams at bwilliams@fairfielddesc.org or Marie Ward at mward@fairfielddesc.org.

License & Permit Renewals

Last Date to Turn in LPDC Papers – June 1
Next LPDC Meeting: May 4
Renew license/permits before leaving for summer break
Renew FBI before you leave for summer.

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*.

Special Education Supervisors

Special Education Supervisor meetings occur each week in room 127 at the FCESC from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.



KIDS SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM (See Attached Information)



WHOLE IN ONE

The only Ohio golf camp specially designed for kids in grades K-6 who have been diagnosed with autism!

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For our inaugural year, all campers will attend **WHOLE IN ONE** for free.

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go.osu.edu/wholeinone

<p>Week 1 June 20 - 24 grades K-2 9 a.m.–noon grades 3-6 1–4 p.m.</p>	<p>Week 2 June 27 - July 1 grades K-2 9 a.m.–noon grades 3-6 1–4 p.m.</p>
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Elizabeth Burgoon Receives Award for Individual Achievement at the Celebration of Possibilities Banquet

Elizabeth Burgoon was the 2016 recipient of the Deanna Kirwin Award for Individual Achievement at the Celebration of Possibilities Annual Banquet hosted by the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities on March 31, 2016.

Elizabeth attended the transition classroom at Bloom Carroll High School where her academics and job training at various community sites prepared her for success beyond high school. She participated in the employability preparation program through Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools and was accepted into the Project Search Program at Fairfield Medical Center. Upon graduation, Elizabeth was hired to work in the dietary department at FMC.

Elizabeth is well known for being passionate about working with patients and children which is leading her towards achieving her dream of earning an early childhood aide certificate.

Congratulations Elizabeth.

Sources:

The Fairfield County Medical Center Monitor Centennial (March, 2015)

Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities Guide (March, 2016)

Tech Talk



Website changes underway

We are working on several projects to improve the faircoesc.org website. Before the next school year is underway, we plan to have a new page for the Straight A Grant Fund, new Make a Payment option, and major changes to About, Governing Board, Careers, Substitutes, and News pages.

Recent changes to the website include improvements to the Search feature on the home page, images on the home page scroll every 5 seconds on all browsers, and emails received from the website now contain more descriptive information. Also, you can now update your own Intranet password via Edit My Profile option on the new Global Bar and you can also log off the Intranet if you choose via the Log Out option.



Reminder to return equipment at the end of the school year

As we look toward the end of the school year, just a friendly reminder to return your equipment to the Educational Service Center at 955 Liberty Drive before you head out for the summer. Equipment includes laptops, iPads, and Chrome Books. The equipment will be cleaned up (reimaged), applications reinstalled, and your documents reloaded. Your equipment will then be returned to you when the new school year begins. If you have a desktop, let us know and we will either pick it up at your location or simply update it onsite.



From Your Treasurer:

We hate to see anyone leave the FCESC, however it is the time of year when some of you may be moving on to other positions. As soon as you make this important decision, please submit your signed resignation to the superintendent for presentation to the governing board. If you are finishing out the school year and starting your new employment with the next school year, your resignation date can simply read: *Effective at the end of my current contract year.* In order to be accepted by the governing board, you must resign prior to July 10, preceding the new school year.



FISCAL FOCUS: Breaking Up is Hard to Do

From Your Insurance Committee:

If you are resigning, please contact Caprice Dicken, Payroll Services, to verify when your insurance coverage ends, because it varies based on your contract type.

A note on Wellness: If you have not yet completed your 15 points, please log on to the ALERE website and take a look at the many options for completing your Wellness Challenge and earning your \$50 gift card. Time is running out!

<https://jeffersonhealthplan.alerehealth.com/mve/login>

