



Fairfield County ESC Says Goodbye to Vicki Hartley



The Fairfield County ESC will be a very different place after staff returns from the holiday break on January 2, 2018. Vicki Hartley will be celebrating her final day of working in education on December 21. Vicki joined the ESC team in August, 2014 and has been an asset to districts and staff for the three and a half years she has been at the ESC.

Vicki began her career in education teaching high school English and communications before directing the Colburn Art Gallery at Kenyon College for a few years. She then moved to Florida, Wisconsin and Minnesota where she taught at the secondary and post-secondary levels. Since returning to Ohio, her educational experiences have all been in administration. She served as the Director of Pupil Services in Delaware City Schools, Pre-School Coordinator for Delaware/Union ESC before becoming a principal in Worthington City Schools. Prior to coming to the Fairfield County ESC, Vicki was the coordinator of Academic Achievement and Professional Development in Worthington City Schools. Vicki has served in public education for 29.5 years in Ohio with many more years of service in other states, corporate training and being the school liaison for Delaware County Juvenile Court.

After retirement, Vicki plans to travel quite a bit. She will be taking trips to Mexico in February, Washington D.C. and Baltimore, MD in April and Scotland in June. She is also looking forward to joining her son's family trip to Disney World at the end of May. Once school starts in August, Vicki will be caring for her granddaughter, Piper, the half day she is not in pre-school.

When asked what she will miss most about working at the Fairfield County ESC she says, "Of course I'll miss the dedicated classroom and related staff that does so much for the students the ESC serves; but selfishly, I'll miss the great staff in the ESC offices who "get it done" for all those serving our kids. They've been incredibly supportive through the stressful and successful times and have tolerated my wicked sense of humor as well as my need for them to "make it pretty" before I send it out. What a positive way to end my career!" Vicki also shares that she will not miss hitting snooze on the alarm at least three times every morning before getting up and getting ready for work.

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Upcoming Professional Development:

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 <u>ESC – Pre-School PD Day</u> <i>Liberty Center 8:00 – 4:00</i>	5	6 <u>Superintendent Meeting</u> <i>8:30 – 10:30</i> <u>Using SETT Framework</u> <i>9:00 – 3:00 (Register on STARS)</i>	7 <u>Standards Based Planning Grades 1-5</u> <i>9:00 – 12:00 (Register on STARS)</i>	8 <u>OIP Network</u> <i>9:00 – 11:30 (Register on STARS)</i> <u>Overview of UDL</u> <i>1:00 – 3:30 (Register on STARS)</i>
11	12 <u>Alternate Assessment Refresher</u> <i>9:00 – 12:00 (Register on STARS)</i> <u>Webinar: Using Practice Profiles to Monitor UDL Implementation</u> <i>3:30 – 4:30 (Register at www.sst11.org)</i>	13 <u>Alternate Assessment Initial</u> <i>9:00 – 4:00 (Register on STARS)</i> <u>Webinar: ST Math – Helping Struggling Students</u> <i>6:30 p.m. (Register at stmath.com)</i>	14	15 <u>Curriculum Meeting</u> <i>Marie Scramblers 8:30 – 11:00</i>
18	19 <u>Emerging Special Education Leaders Academy</u> <i>9:00 – 12:00 (Register on STARS)</i>	20 <u>Superintendent Meeting</u> <i>8:30 – 10:30</i>	21	22 ESC CLOSED – HOLIDAY BREAK

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The three things that Vicki plans to do after retiring that working has prevented her from doing are staying up until the wee hours to finish a great book without dreading the morning, vacationing when school is in session and the crowds are smaller, and simply enjoying children for the unique individuals they are without that nagging feeling that she should be doing more. For the holidays, Vicki and her family will be following their family tradition of having Christmas dinner at Bucca di Beppo and go to a movie. She will also be moving from Lancaster to Lewis Center where she has an apartment in her son and daughter-in-law's house to be able to spend lots of time with her granddaughters, Wynnie and Piper.

Vicki's parting wisdom for her friends and colleagues:

"My favorite saying has always been, **the purpose of life is a life of purpose**. As long as you keep your purpose before you, you'll be able to make those hard decisions that come with the job. My own kids would tell you, though, that my favorite saying is, **fortunately, my self-esteem doesn't depend on your opinion of me**. I guess that helps, too."

The Fairfield County ESC is losing an extraordinary professional with an immense amount of skills and knowledge that has truly changed the landscape of educational services the Fairfield County ESC offers to those students we serve and our partner districts. She will be truly missed and her influence will forever live in those that she mentored and touched in her amazing career in education. A retirement party is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Village Wines and Bistro in Canal Winchester to celebrate Vicki's career and her next adventure in life.



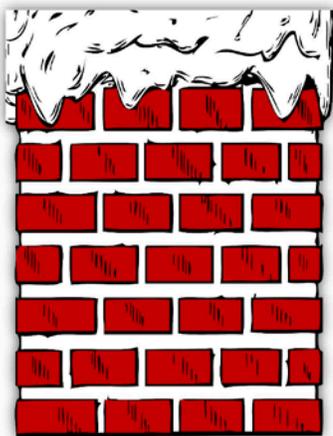
FOOD DRIVE RESULTS



Thank you for your contributions!

TOY DRIVE

Help us fill the Chimney!



*This year we will work to fill the faux chimney here in the office. If you would like to donate, please refer to the email Bobbi Williams sent out previously on what gifts are needed. If there are any questions please contact either Bobbi Williams, Tara Comer, or Courtney Stebelton.



The ESC County classroom at Liberty Union High School had a wonderful outing to Applebee's on November 21, 2017. The class practiced their money and budgeting skills, while looking over the menu, prior to attending lunch out. Once at the restaurant, they used their social skills to order their food and interact with their peers and school staff. Each student ordered something special and there was not much food left on the table at the end of our meal!

Special Thank you to Applebee's of Lancaster for hosting us and the Lancaster Public Transit for transporting the class and staff!



AmeriCorps Mentors Gather!

AmeriCorps Mentors gathered together for the first time in November to discuss numerous topics. They first introduced themselves and talked about their placement within the Districts. Many Mentors were able to talk about the progress they felt they were making with their students. They then contributed to a JUSTICE talking conversation over an article on "What it means to serve". The mentors were also able to create a Professional Development Plan with the help of AmeriCorps Coordinator Darrick Jackson.

We are still recruiting! For more information please contact Darrick here at the ESC 740-653-3193 or at dajackson@fairfielddesc.org



Momentum Award Recognition:

The Momentum Award is presented by the State Board of Education and recognizes school for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year. Schools must earn straight A's on all Value-Added measures on the report card. The school or district must have at least two Value-Added subgroups of students, which includes gifted, lowest 20% in achievement, and students with disabilities.



Congratulations to the following schools:

School	District
Amanda-Clearcreek Elementary School	Amanda-Clearcreek Local
Toll Gate Middle School	Pickerington Local
Tallmadge Elementary School	Lancaster City
Fairfield Union Rushville Middle School	Fairfield Union Local
Diley Middle School	Pickerington Local

Congratulations to the following district:

Amanda-Clearcreek Local

Classroom Close-up: Kind Acts at Prep for Success

Students at Prep for Success have been focusing on kindness and responsibility this school year. As part of the implementation of Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS), the staff has promoted opportunities for the Prep students to participate in positive peer-building activities and volunteer opportunities while at school.



(Pic 1 & 2) Our students displayed kindness by volunteering during the Forest Rose Preschool's Halloween party by teaming up and playing games and entertaining the students who attend Forest Rose.



(Pic 3 & 4) Additionally, a team of Prep middle school students are responsible for taking down the American Flag every day. Part of this process is ensuring that it is folded and stored appropriately and according to protocols.

December 4-8 is designated as "Kindness Week" at Prep. Each day, we will ask staff and students to wear certain colors to represent ideas of kindness. Additionally, both classrooms will decorate their doors with a kindness slogan or quote.



Fiscal Flash: A Message from the Treasurer



-Calendar year 2018 Open Enrollment, for health insurance and FSA's, ends December 15, 2017 at 4 p.m. The open enrollment email was sent to your Fairfieldesc.org email on November 7th. If you need forms or have questions please email payroll@fairfieldesc.org.

-Requests for reimbursements for your calendar year 2017 Flexible Spending Account (FSA), both Health Care and Dependent Care, must be submitted by March 15, 2018. Expenditures must have been made during the 2017 calendar year. You are required to re-enroll (see Open Enrollment above) each calendar year in order to participate in the 2018 plan year.

- W-2's - Check your mailing address and legal name on your 12/5 direct deposit notice. All changes must be communicated to payroll@fairfieldesc.org no later than December 8th so that it appears on your 2017 W2 correctly.

-Resident City Taxes - Effective 1/1/2018, we will begin withholding additional city income tax, if applicable, for the city you live in. A detailed email was sent to you on 12/4/2017. Please contact your Treasurer, Laura Cassell, at lcassell@fairfieldesc.org if you have any questions about your personal situation.



ESC Birthdays:

Colette Moon-December 1
 Mabry Morrow-December 1
 Jodie Poor-December 2
 Darrick Jackson-December 4
 Lori McNaughton-December 6
 Michelle Huff-December 6
 Billie Sutton-December 7
 Deidra Long-December 7
 Jennifer Ludwig-December 7
 Misty Wilson-December 8
 Julie Frick-December 9
 Elizabeth Hall-December 11
 Jami Reed-December 14
 Julie Prater-December 18
 Dawn Jackson-December 23
 Matt Hammond-December 24
 Lorraine Rogers-December 25
 Jodi Lucas-December 26
 Angela Griesemer-December 28
 Hannah Morris-December 28
 Courtney Woollard-December 30
 Megan Roach-December 31

This and That....

Central Office Staff

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

Office Closed December 22-January 1

Improve Your Student Loan Situation!

Fairfield County ESC continues to partner with ISLoan Solutions, a student loan advisory company, to help improve your student loan situation and achieve overall financial well-being. They educate team members and provide options, including loan forgiveness and refinancing, that may help lower, or even eliminate, your payment. Those who have hired ISLoan Solutions are saving up to 87% on their monthly student loan payments and are projected to receive an average of \$68,146 in tax-free loan forgiveness.

Click this link: <https://fairfieldcountyesc.myisls.com/register> and enter Registration Code: **FCESC1** and learn more.

Some of you may be able to lower your payment through Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF*). For those of you who won't benefit from PSLF, refinancing may work for you.

If PSLF makes sense, you will be able to:

- Immediately lower your monthly student loan payment
- Reduce your student loan obligation
- Significantly lower your cost to earn additional degrees
- Receive a personalized 10-year loan forgiveness plan outlining your projected tax free savings

After registering and answering a few simple questions, if PSLF does not make sense, you will be directed to their refinancing option. Do not refinance your loans until you find out if PSLF makes sense for you FIRST. Doing so will make you ineligible for future student loan forgiveness.

For those of you who registered with ISLoan Solutions in the past and were told you would not benefit from PSLF, login to your MyISLS portal, and you will be directed to the refinancing option.

There is no fee for consulting ISLoan Solutions unless/until you decide to hire them. After consulting with them and providing your student loan information, you will receive information regarding loan forgiveness programs that may be of benefit to you, along with a customized loan forgiveness plan outlining your loan forgiveness potential. You may choose to pursue the PSLF program on your own, or hire ISLoan Solutions to implement and manage the program for you.

Questions, or trouble logging in? Call **1.866.831.5564**, **email** or visit their website at isloansolutions.com for more information and success stories

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday and New Year!