

ESC CONNECTION



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We Work to Serve

Now that we are well into the 2024-25 school year, it is good to take a moment and remind ourselves of the ESC's mission, We Work to Serve. This mission prioritizes the needs of our students, staff, and families, and works to build an environment where everyone feels valued and empowered. By actively listening and supporting one another, we create a culture of collaboration and respect. We strive to lead by example, cultivating a school community that thrives. Thank you for your commitment to making our schools a place where everyone can succeed!

-Mary



Public School Works

Ohio Revised Code requires school employees to complete many compliance courses. Completion of these courses is a requirement for employment at the MCCESC. Please remember that Part 1 of compliance courses should have been completed by September 30th. Part 2 must be completed by December 15th. The courses can be found at <https://www.publicschoolworks.com/Pages/frameaset.asp?di=135>

Celebrations & Concerns

Please remember to celebrate the great work of your colleagues at the Celebrations & Concerns link on the ESC website. This link can also be used to share concerns with the Superintendent and Director.

Quarter 1 Internal STARS

Congratulations to our First Quarter Internal STARS! You each demonstrate what serving others truly looks like.

Alicia Ayers, Joseph Bachman, Leanna Belcher, Gabby Boucher, Robin Boyd, Morgan Brugler, Ashley Carey, Matt Carey, Ben Cash, Leigh Counts, Ashley Fletcher, Molly Gribben, Julie Hartsel, Chelsea Harvey, Elizabeth Henry, Alexis Hoeffel, Kelly Jeter, Elyzabeth Johnson, Denise King, Karen Kleis, Cecilia Kuss-Shivler, Tiffani Lebrick, Angie Littlejohn, Kennedy McCoy, Molly Meadows, Nannette Mentzer, Kassydi Brown-Miller, Heather Newkirk, Jessica Packer, Rob Penn, Taylor Reigel, Terri Schmidt, Julie Slaybaugh, Molly Stone, Olivia Storer, Jessican Sweeny, Karena Taylor, Jackie Tingley, Marleen Toops, Mark Townsend, Mollie Verdier, Sheri Walbright, Amanda Wilson.

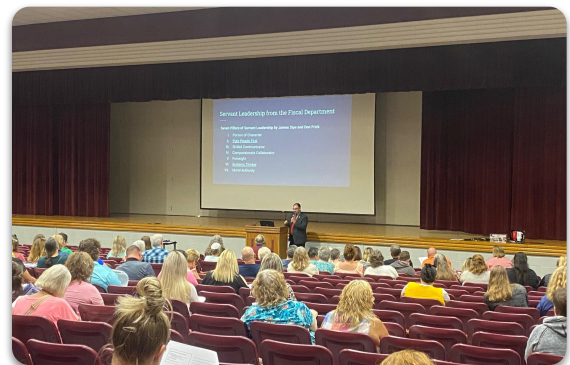
Getting things ready for Opening Day

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the Central Office team for all of their hard work and dedication in preparing for opening day. Your attention to detail, countless hours of planning, and commitment to ensuring everything runs smoothly have not gone unnoticed. From organizing logistics to making sure every department was ready, your efforts made this day possible!



Opening Day

Thank you Urbana City Schools for allowing us to use their facility for our Opening Day meeting!



Welcome New Hires



T&L Supports

Our Teaching and Learning (T&L) Department works to provide customized solutions for the professional development needs of each of our districts. During the 2020-2021 school year, Triad superintendent, Vickie Maruniak, asked for professional development that focused on high-impact teaching strategies (HITS) but allowed teachers to experience the strategy while learning about it. Since then, fifteen different HITS have been presented to staff across all three buildings.

This year, the HITS will first be presented to the District Leadership Team for feedback and then each building will have its own presentation customized for the grade levels taught. The pictures presented are from the "Student Engagement" HITS.

Reach out for more information: tandsupport@mccesc.org



T&L Supports

Additionally, with the state's requirements for all teachers to receive training in the Science of Reading, as well as the previous requirements for professional development in Dyslexia, districts' teachers have been learning a lot about literacy instruction.

This year, we have training scheduled for LETRS, both volumes 1 & 2, and in-district trainings scheduled for facilitating the science of reading modules for several of our districts such as Urbana and West Liberty-Salem.

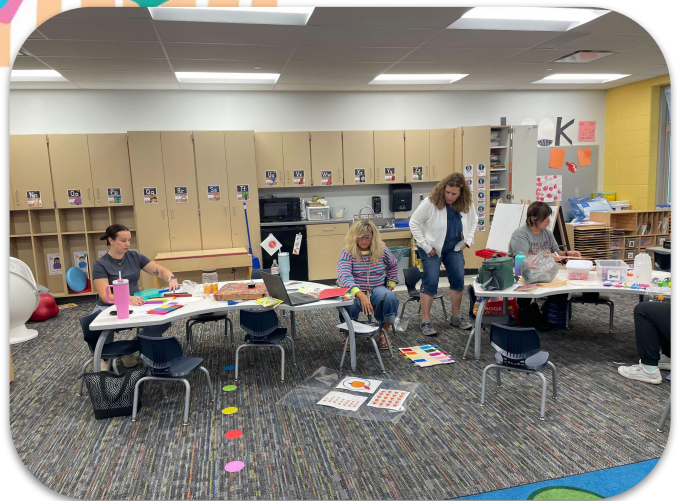
The following pictures are from our Unit 5 LETRS training held on 9/10 at Harmony Hall in West Liberty.



"Building Skills With Early Learners, Where Do I Start?"

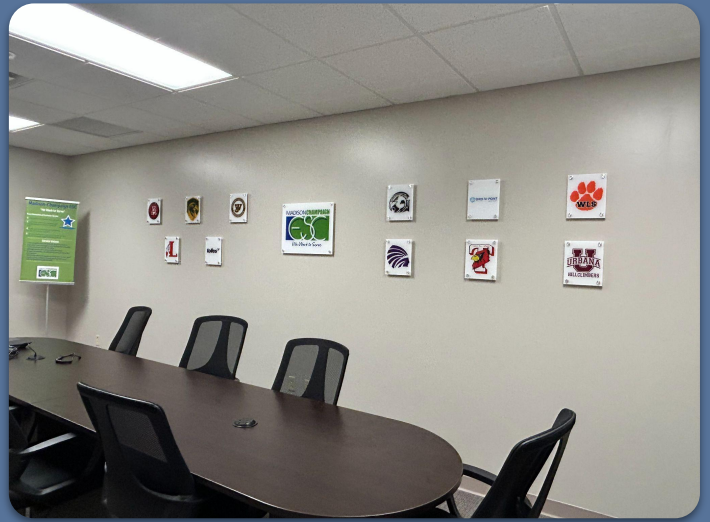
On September 20th, 2024, Kathleen Riley, MS OTR/L and Adrienne James, MA CCC-SLP, presented a "make it, take it" workshop entitled "Building Skills With Early Learners, Where Do I Start?" Participants included Preschool Educators from Urbana, Mechanicsburg, and West Liberty-Salem Schools. The speakers addressed the unique needs of neurodiverse preschool students, reviewed the use of play-based and highly structured approaches, and the purpose & use of structured tasks within any classroom setting. The educators then had the opportunity to create structured tasks for use within their own classrooms.

Participants stated that the information shared helped them better understand how and why structured tasks are useful with many different students, especially the neurodiverse population. They especially enjoyed having the time to create tasks they could use immediately, and brainstorm with others regarding the gradation of tasks to be used in their classrooms based upon the skills and themes they'd be teaching throughout the year.



Happenings at the ESC

Thank you to Matt Carey and Rob Penn for giving the boardroom a much needed revamp!



United Way Volunteers beautifying the grounds at Mac-A-Cheek as part of the 2024 Cares Day. They made the gardens look new! They also replaced two of the student benches on our playground.



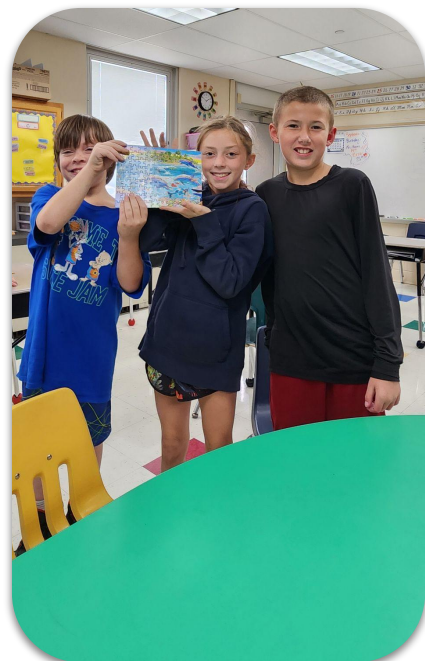
Happenings at the ESC continued...

A student in Mrs. Wemyss' class at Mechanicsburg Middle School enjoys new lamps in the classroom to help calm down! The glitter lava lamp brings a smile to a Monday Morning!

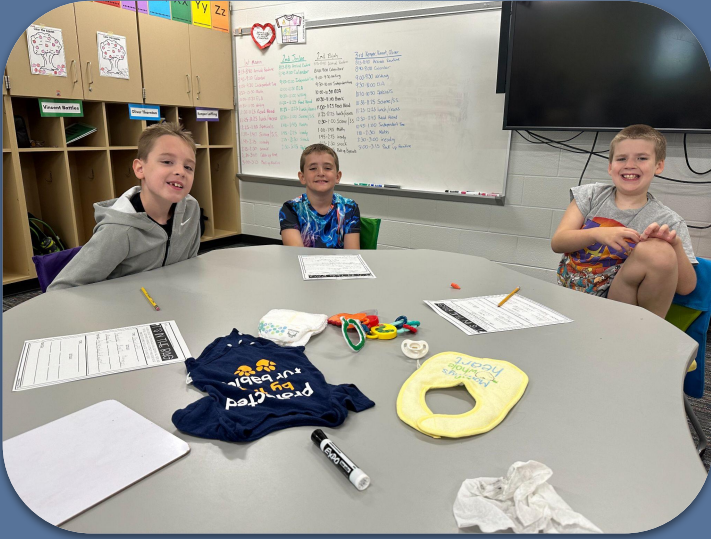


Students at Mechanicsburg Middle School participate in spirit week!

Friends from Mrs. Mounce's Triad Elementary class share a jigsaw puzzle they completed.



Happenings at the ESC continued...



Students in the Exceptional Learners Classroom were learning about Main Idea in ELA, so they got to play "Main Idea Mystery Bag". There were 4 objects in a bag that somehow relate to each other. One by one, Mrs. Moses pulled an item out of the bag and students had to try to guess what the topic was and write a main idea sentence.



Mr. Matt teaches skills to West Liberty students at the Skills Lab.

Happenings at the ESC continued...

MACAW (Mac-A-Cheek at Work) Jobs: Scholar students hard at work!



**WORK
HARD
DREAM
BIG**

Students in the LIFE Transition class enjoyed the Career Fair!



Happenings at the ESC continued...

Women of the Moose are so generous and donated school supplies.



Mrs. Ferryman's class enjoyed making and launching rockets.



One of the jobs students in the LIFE Transition class have is recycling at the Community Center.



Happenings at the ESC continued...

Mac-A-Cheek's first off-campus activity for students who demonstrated positive behaviors. Students had to earn blue card points 4 out of the 5 days that week to earn the activity of going bowling!



Happenings at the ESC continued...

Students in Mrs. Ferryman's class are learning to play ukuleles with Mr. Williams.



Miss Schmidt's students are taking apart discontinued books at the Mechanicsburg library.

Mac-A-Cheek high school students attended the Career Expo.



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