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Summer Reflection & Reset

We wrapped up another school year, and it's the perfect time to pause and take a deep breath. The 2024–2025 year was filled with challenges, growth, and meaningful moments, and every success was made possible by the dedication of staff across our ESC and partner districts. Whether you were supporting students, leading programs, or keeping things running behind the scenes, your hard work didn't go unnoticed.

Summer gives us a chance to slow down, reflect on what we've accomplished, and reset for the year ahead. It's a time to celebrate wins—big and small—and to take care of ourselves so we return refreshed and ready. Rest, recharge, and give yourself permission to enjoy the break.

The 2025–2026 school year is right around the corner, and we can't wait to take it on with all of you. Until then, thank you for everything you do—and happy summer!

—Mary Mitchell

Fourth Quarter Internal STARS

Congratulations to our Fourth Quarter Internal STARs! You each demonstrate what reliability truly looks like.

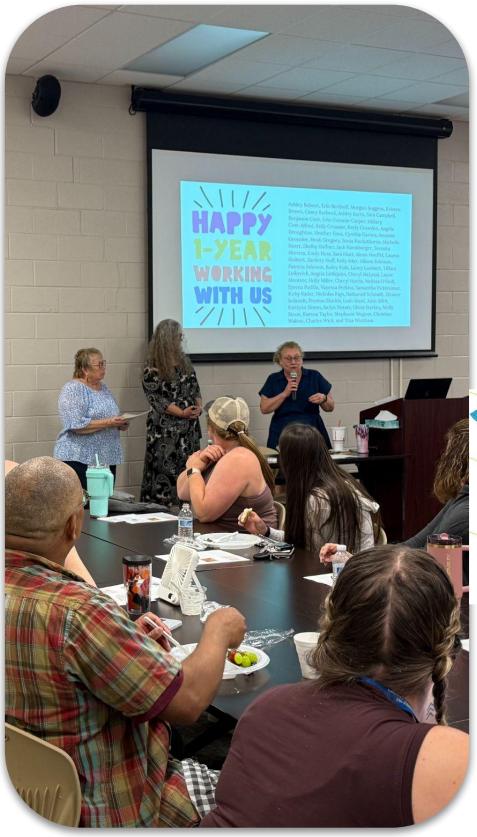
Our recognized staff for the fourth quarter were:
Kelsey Anderson, Leanna Belcher, Cindy Bell, Cynthia Bussey, Ashley Carey, Abbie Cleland, Erin Converse, Ashley Fecher, Nancy Gerber, Shelby Haffner, Robin Henry, Emily Hess, Mallory Heyder, Heather Hostetler, Matthew Ketcham, Tina Leeper, Terri Mac Donald, Shelby Masters, Katelynn Pence, Lori Perkins, Mindy Phillips, Sade Richards, Ziek Roberts, Molly Schmidt, Melissa Scoville, Kristie Suchland, Jackie Tingley, and Holly Wells

Summer Hours for the Central Office

The ESC's Central Office will be in operation throughout the summer months. We will have abbreviated hours (8 AM - 3 PM) beginning June 16th through July 25st. The office will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

If you need to speak with someone in the Central Office, it is a good practice to phone ahead to ensure that the person is in the office. Many of our year-round employees use their vacation days in June and July.

Staff Recognition Breakfast and Staff Meeting



Thank you to The Farmer's Daughter for our wonderful breakfast!

Years of Service

1 Year

5 Years

10 Years

20 Years

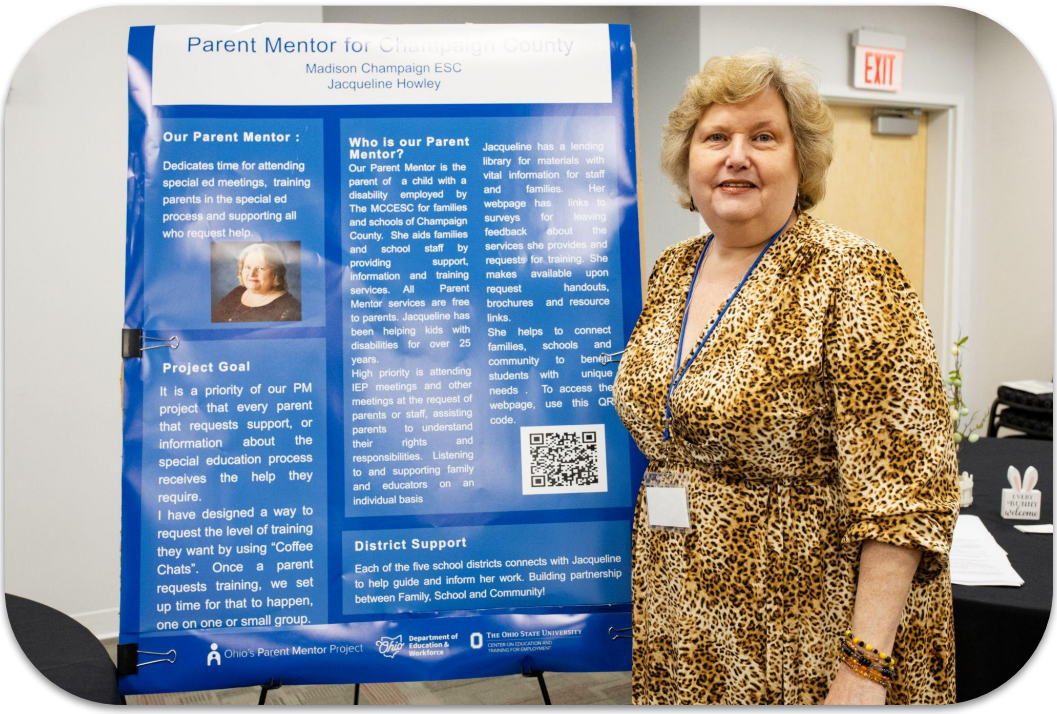
Parent Mentor

We are honored to recognize the amazing work of our parent mentor, Jacqueline Howley, whose unwavering dedication, compassion, and leadership have made a lasting impact on our families and community.

Jacqueline has been a guiding light for so many parents, offering not just information and support but genuine care and understanding. Whether helping families navigate the special education system or simply being a listening ear during difficult times, she consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that no parent feels alone.
Her passion for empowering others and her ability to connect with families on a personal level make her truly special. Jacqueline's strength lies not just in her knowledge, but in her heart—and that is what sets her apart.

It's no surprise that she was chosen to mentor new parent mentors—her leadership and example make her the perfect person to guide and inspire others stepping into this important role. Her influence is now shaping not only the families she serves but also the next generation of mentors.

We are incredibly grateful for all that she does and the positivity she brings into our lives. Thank you, Jacqueline, for being a mentor, advocate, and trusted support. You are deeply appreciated!



Celebrating Preschool Graduation: Wishing Our Little Learners Well

As the school year ends, we celebrate a joyful milestone: Preschool Graduation!

This moment is more than caps and gowns — it's about growth, discovery, and all the "firsts" our little learners have experienced. From making friends to learning letters and exploring through play, our preschoolers have grown in so many amazing ways.

They're now more confident, curious, and ready for their next big adventure: kindergarten! We're proud of everything they've learned — and even more proud of the kindness, joy, and resilience they've shown each day.

To our graduates: You've filled our classrooms with laughter and love. Keep dreaming big — you're going to do incredible things!

To our families: Thank you for sharing your children with us. It's been an honor to be part of their journey.

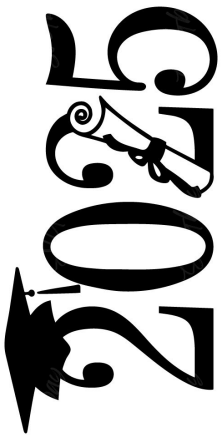
Congratulations, preschool class of 2025!

Graduation at the Central Office

Congratulations to six students from the Madison-Champaign ESC Yoder Center and Multiple Disabilities Program who participated in a convocation ceremony on May 16, 2025 to celebrate their graduation! Certificates were presented by the superintendents from Triad, Urbana, and West Liberty-Salem Schools. Families and students enjoyed a slideshow, cake, and live music from John Williams.

Mac-A-Cheek Learning Center Graduation

Congratulations to all of the graduates! We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.



Happenings at the ESC

Students in Mrs. Ferryman's class participated in a very wet, but fun field day!

Happenings at the ESC

Congratulations to the following three eighth graders from Mrs. Ferryman's class who were participants in Urbana Junior Highs promotion ceremony: Austin Ramey, Meiah Converse and Sophia Swank. Darielle Robinson was also promoted, but unable to attend.

Triad first grade students participated in a field trip to the Columbus zoo. Everybody had a great time!

Students in Mrs. Ferryman's class went bowling and had pizza at Goshen Lanes in Mechanicsburg.

Happenings at the ESC

Students from Amanda Mounce's class at Triad Elementary enjoyed field day, 5th grade awards, and senior clap out.

Happenings at the ESC

Local Golden Retriever breeders, Will and Nick visited Ms. Gail's and Ms. Julie's class at Mac-A-Cheek. They brought 11 puppies for the kids to love!

Mrs. Ferryman's class hatched baby chicks through the OSU extension office.

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