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Cuyahoga Valley Career Center's Vision 8 Fall Meeting Held at ESC

On November 1st, the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center's Vision 8 meeting for Independence Local Schools and Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools was held at the ESC of Cuyahoga County. The Cuyahoga Valley Career Center provided an update on happenings at the school.



ESC Board Member Frank Mahnic, Jr. Receives Award of Achievement

The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) annually recognizes board members for their commitment to learning and leadership with the Award of Achievement program. ESC Board Member Frank Mahnic, Jr. received this 10th award at the organization's spring banquet. Board members earn credits toward the award by enrolling and participating in workshops and conferences, volunteering for service to their association and working on behalf of their own board. The Award of Achievement is a special honor and distinction available only to Ohio school board members.



ESC Hosts Student Programs to Increase Academic, Leadership and Social Skills

Throughout the school year, there are many opportunities for students to attend events at the ESC and elsewhere to enhance what they are learning in the classroom. These programs provide real-world experiences, as well as allow students to gain leadership and social skills. One of those programs is the GPS Workshop held at the Cleveland Metroparks. Students from Richmond Heights Local Schools and surrounding school districts attended a middle school student seminar at Look About Lodge in the Chagrin Reservation on November 1st and 10th. Students were instructed by a naturalist at the park on the theory and use of a handheld GPS unit. After the instruction on the GPS, students in teams of four and five searched for eight different waypoints in the woods. They also completed an exercise in triangulation.



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Students Learn to Use Art for Peaceful Solutions

On November 15th, high school students from Richmond Heights Local Schools and surrounding school districts learned how to create peaceful solutions through the arts. This one-day workshop at the Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood, included opportunities for students to write songs, play instruments, paint, mold with clay, and learn how cultural arts can have a positive impact on their lives and society.



Students Excel in Knowledge of Presidents During Mr. Presidents' Competition

With the inauguration of our 45th president in January and Presidents' Day celebrated in February, United States presidents were top of mind for students across Northeast Ohio this winter. On Tuesday, February 28th, more than 135 students in grades 4-8 came to the ESC of Cuyahoga County to compete in the Northeast Regional Academic Games Mr. Presidents' Competition.

Organized by the ESC, students from Richmond Heights and other surrounding school districts participated. Students prepared an individual resource file in their individual classrooms on the presidents of the 20th and 21st centuries. Weighted questions were asked and the students identified the president by secret ballot using their resource file. At the end of the competition, scores were tabulated and the winners for each grade level, overall student winner, and winning school were announced.



Importance of Public Speaking Skills Emphasized to Students

On February 1st and 8th, the ESC of Cuyahoga County hosted students from Richmond Heights Local Schools and other districts for a workshop on public speaking.



Educator Programs Sponsored by the ESC

Did you Know?

The ESC hosts hundreds of meetings each year for educators across the region. Many of our educators in Cuyahoga Heights, Independence and Richmond Heights Local Schools attend these professional learning communities. Elementary, middle and high school principals, superintendents, curriculum directors, pupil services directors, school counselors, technology directors, and science, math, English/language arts teachers come to the ESC to network with other educational leaders, find personal/individual development opportunities, and learn leadership ideas and best practices in their field.

In addition, the ESC's Emerging Leaders Program enhances the leadership of prospective leaders who may be newly-named administrators, department heads or teachers or grade level leaders. They meet seven times a year to explore leadership styles of various individuals within the education field and other walks of life.

Local School Counselors Meet to Discuss Advocating for Students

This past fall, the Northeast Ohio School Counselors' Network met at the ESC of Cuyahoga County to discuss issues related to advocating for students at all grade levels. Elementary, middle and high school counselors, along with school social workers, came together to share ideas under lead facilitators Kendra Quinlan of Revere Middle School and Michelle Pruchnicki of Hillcrest Elementary School. Counselors from Independence High School and Richmond Heights Secondary School attended.



Teachers Learn History of Cuyahoga Valley National Park

The ESC of Cuyahoga County and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park's Environmental Education Center (CVEEC) collaborated this past spring for "Learning History Locally," a workshop series that explores the history of the Ohio-Erie Canal and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Fourth grade teachers, in particular, discovered the historical and economic significance of the canal for the development of Ohio and the nation. The programs took place at both the ESC and the Canal Exploration Center in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



Summer & Beyond Fair

The ESC of Cuyahoga County presented the 19th Annual Summer and Beyond Fair for children and youth with disabilities on Saturday, February 18th. Held at Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's in Broadview Heights, hundreds of people visited and talked to representatives from camps and organizations from around Ohio. There were free fingerprint ID cards, face painting by Dixie, flower clown entertainment, and a wonderful performance by Dancing Wheels. The Cleveland Indians' Slider even made a special appearance. Each year the ESC produces a "Summer and Beyond Directory" for families. Visit www.esc-cc.org to download a copy.

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