

Vision Eight Meeting Held at ESC Building

Sixty-five business and educational leaders attended this year's Cuyahoga Valley Career Center's Vision 8 community meeting for the Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools. This year's event was hosted by the ESC of Cuyahoga County at the new Independence facility. CVCC Superintendent Dr. Celena Roebuck gave a presentation on the various program offerings, facilities, and expansion. The discussions centered on the needs of local businesses as they relate to training, internships, support and recruitment of a qualified work force that the career center can provide.



Left to right: Frank Mahnic, Jr. CVCC and ESC board member; Mayor Michael Procuik, Village of Brooklyn Heights; Joe Bergant, Superintendent, Cuyahoga Heights Schools; Dr. Celena Roebuck, Superintendent, CVCC; Mayor Jack Bacci, Village of Cuyahoga Heights; Dr. Bob Mengerink, Superintendent, ESC; Tony Miceli, ESC board member; Mayor Jerry Piasecki, Village of Valley View

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Teacher Innovation Grants Given to Local School Districts Richmond Heights Local Schools uses funds for technology upgrades

Richmond Heights Local Schools was pleased to receive the annual Teacher Innovation Grant from the ESC of Cuyahoga County. These funds are used for new, innovative and creative ideas in the classroom.

classroom and on state and district tests," said LaKisha Davies, eighth grade intervention specialist.

The first grant of \$750 was used towards the purchase of 15 Amazon Fire tablets. The goal is to eventually provide each student with a tablet. "By incorporating technology into the classroom, it should lead to higher achievement in the

The second grant of \$750 was used to purchase a digital recording device, green screen unit, microphone, and video lighting. With the use of these tools, students will begin to create quarterly and eventually monthly news broadcasts from the digital media classroom. The goal is help bring students into a more modern digital age and help improve school pride.

17th Annual Summer & Beyond Fair

The ESC of Cuyahoga County's State Support Team Region 3 in collaboration with The Arc of Greater Cleveland, the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities and the Northeast Ohio Parent Mentor Project hosted the "17th Annual Summer and Beyond Fair" for families of students with disabilities in the Greater Cleveland area on Saturday, February 21st at the ESC building in Independence.

of children with disabilities. "Families want their children to experience all aspects of childhood," states Terri McIntee, a Family and Community Involvement Specialist with the State Support Team for Region 3 at the ESC of Cuyahoga County. "The Summer and Beyond Fair offers opportunities for community integration of children with various abilities."

The familiar task of planning support activities throughout the school year and summer is often challenging for families

The 2015 Summer and Beyond Family Directory can be found at www.esc-cc.org.



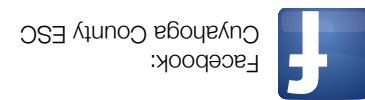
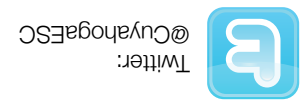
Rose-Mary Center School Adds New Swing



The fundraising committee at the ESC Rose-Mary Center School has been raising money for the last three years to answer the call for more swings for its students at its school located in Tremont. Fundraising efforts included movie nights, bowling night, walk-a-thons, raffle and funday cafes at school. In August, new equipment was added to the playground—a typical swing seat and a supporting seat for ambulatory students. Several school staff volunteered to get the work done. Labor, the base of gravel, and playground grade mulch were donated by Terrace Construction, Independence Excavating and Cigar Club Members.

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Beck Center for the Arts Workshops

Last fall, high school students from Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools, along with several other 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.



In March, middle school students from around the region expressed themselves in several forms of artistic expression. Whether it was improv, mime, drumming, clay, or sculpture, professional artists helped students explore their passions.

Annual GPS Workshop at Chagrin Reservation

Local middle school students attended this workshop at Look About Lodge in the Chagrin Reservation on October 7th and 9th. Students were instructed by Carly Martin, 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. This is an annual event for districts that are a part of the Gifted Consortium of the ESC of Cuyahoga County.



Leadership Workshop

This winter, high school students took part in a leadership workshop conducted by Paul Pendleton, Director of Leadership Services for the ESC of Cuyahoga County.



The workshop encompassed areas such as Leadership Styles, Importance of Vision, Reaching Consensus, Team Building, and Creating Positive Environments for Success. Examples of various activities were used to help the students develop techniques to use in school projects.



A Snowflake Garden to Increase Autism Awareness



Students from Independence Primary School helped create a whimsical Snowflake Garden to raise awareness about autism this past fall. The installation of more than 2,000 snowflakes created in a variety of art media, including foil, beads, and clay, were displayed outdoors at ETON Chagrin Boulevard Shopping Center during the winter season. More than 500 of the snowflakes included colorful mandalas composed of recycled plastic bags exhibiting vibrant color, radial balance and pattern. Proceeds from this charitable event benefited Monarch Center for Autism to raise autism awareness and to demonstrate the positive benefits of art as a form of expression.

“Independence Primary School students were excited to be a part of this worthwhile project,” said Art Teacher Mike Gruber. “They enjoyed making their unique snowflakes and I know many families were excited to visit ETON to see their child’s artwork.”

“It was especially heart warming to see the Independence Primary School students place others before themselves,” said Principal Cindy Ipsaro. “The snowflakes were a part of our humanitarian projects, which focused on creating an awareness of the needs in our communities.”



Public Speaking Workshop

On February 26th, the ESC of Cuyahoga County hosted high school students from area districts for a public speaking workshop.

“Speaking to Win: How Mastering the Art of Public Speaking will Help You in School and Life” was led by Lisa Ryan of Grategy, Inc. She taught the students fear reduction, skill development, preparation tips, winning style, and presentation design. The students will now be able to use these techniques in various projects in their high school settings.



Hyland Software

Once again this year, the ESC of Cuyahoga County presented an opportunity for area students to participate in career exploration activities by attending the Hyland Software field trip on April 24th. Students toured the Westlake company and shadowed employees responsible for either software development or quality assurance.

