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RANDOM THOUGHTS

by Ty Ankrom

It's always Teacher Appreciation Week here

"Teachers appreciate being appreciated, for teacher appreciation is their highest award." - William Prince

"We think of the effective teachers we have had over the years with a sense of recognition, but those who have touched our humanity we remember with a deep sense of gratitude." - Anonymous student

Teacher Appreciation Week was May 4-8, but I refuse to let that dictate if and when I show my appreciation for educators who have a positive influence on our youth and our society. Working in education for four decades (no age jokes, please), I've had the opportunity to work with and observe some very good teachers, as well as see the fruits of their labors by way of the many outstanding leaders who have returned to our community as professionals.

The most rewarding thing for an educator is to have a student return and tell you how much they appreciate you, and how well you prepared them for life after school. To wit, teachers share a vicarious thrill when they learn of a significant accomplishment by one of their former students.

As someone who spent many years in the classroom, I understand and appreciate how hard teachers work, as well as how difficult their jobs are. With that in mind, please accept this humble expression of gratitude for all that you have done, all that you do, and all that you have yet to accomplish.

Thank you.

Ankrom is superintendent of PCESC



PCESC Profile

Shannon K. Clark

Editor's Note: This feature is to share information about the talented, dedicated people who are part of the ESC team.



Name: Shannon K. Clark (*aka: Shan*)

Job Title: Treasurer

Years of Service with Pickaway County ESC: Almost 35 years: Seven as a secretary, and 28 as treasurer.

Education: Logan Elm High School graduate; one year at Ohio University-Chillicothe, and lots of conferences, workshops, training sessions, and "real-world" experiences. (I began part-time right out of high school in the basement cleaning films for the media center. I was a full-time secretary before becoming treasurer after the person in that job left to start a family. At that time, the treasurer's position did not require a college education, and I was grandfathered in when the rules changed to require a degree.)

Family Information: I have been married to Jay for almost 31 years. We have a 16-year-old daughter, Devin, who is a junior at Westfall High School (where her dad also went to school).

Interests/Hobbies: I like to read (novels, nothing too educational), and I like scrapbooking with my sisters and friends.

A little known fact about me: I can't think of anything of consequence.

Describe your job (100 words or less): Lots of paperwork, which I love but most of you hate.

(Finish this sentence): My job is rewarding because it is something I like to do. Although it seems to some that it is just is all about numbers and balancing numbers and paying bills, it is rewarding to me because I like doing those things.

(Finish this sentence): I get the most satisfaction from being a wife and a mom and at the same time being the treasurer of the ESC. I love being a homemaker and seeing Devin grow from an infant to a teenager (almost overnight it seems) and I love having a job to go to everyday. I feel like I have been able to balance all of it pretty well throughout the years. I have a great husband, a wonderful daughter and a satisfying job. Life is good!

My advice to young people: I would have normally said, "If you have a dream or desire, go for it." Now that I have a 16-year-old who is close to going off on her own to college and has big dreams and desires (away from home), I am thinking: "Choose something safe and practical and stay close to home."

May Birthdays

9 – Diane Longstreth

20 – Cindy Wood

June Birthdays

2 – Jessica Mohler

11 – Judy Beavers

14 – Jenni Cheek

23 – Kate Joseph

July Birthdays

5 – Sherry Kneece

12 – Brandy Sydnor



In the
good ole'
summer
time ...

*This will be the
last edition of
PCESC Update
until August.*

*Have a fun and
safe summer. We
look forward to a
great 2009-10
school year!*

Teays Valley senior Trego receives OESCA Award

Stewart Trego, a graduating senior at Teays Valley High School, was honored as the recipient of the Franklin B. Walter Award at the annual Ohio Educational Service Centers Association (OESCA) spring conference in Columbus.

The award, named in honor of Dr. Franklin B. Walter, former state superintendent of schools, was established by OESCA to promote achievement and recognize one outstanding student from each of Ohio's 88 counties.

Trego, 18, is the son of Terry and Suzanne Trego of Ashville. He plans to attend The Ohio State University in the fall and major in actuarial sciences.

Certificate/License Renewals

All certificates/licenses expire June 30.

Is this your year to renew? If so, review license renewal requirements in the LPDC Employee Handbook. Submit your paperwork to LPDC chair Kate Boelky. LPDC meetings are normally held the last Friday of each month. After your renewal has been issued, it is critical that you submit for approval a new Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) to the LPDC.

If you have questions about the expiration date of your license, go to the ODE website, or contact Lydia Rittinger.

Annual Reports Due

Each year an annual report is compiled and shared with the PCESC Board of Education. Your annual report is due before your last work day or by June 19. (*See included forms.*) If the reports need to be revised, please let me know as soon as possible. – Ty

ESC pre-school program recognized for excellence



Congratulations to **Janelle Smith**, a teacher in our pre-school disability program operating out of Mound Street Elementary School in Circleville. The program has been recognized by Step Up To Quality, a federal program administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Step Up To Quality is a voluntary Three-Star Quality Rating System that recognizes and promotes early care and education programs that meet quality benchmarks over and above minimum health and safety licensing standards. It's intended to help give parents an easy-to-use tool to assist them in selecting early childhood programs. The program was deployed in Ohio in 2006.

The steps are based on national research identifying the key benchmarks that lead to improved outcomes for children. These benchmarks include low child-to-staff ratios, group size, accreditation, staff education, specialized training, improved workplace characteristics, and early learning standards.

As part of program services, Smith spends her mornings providing in-home support services to children, with classroom instruction in the afternoons.

For more information about Step Up To Quality, go to:

www.jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/stepUpQuality.stm.

