



PCESC Update

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Random Thoughts

By Ty Ankrom

Communications. It's something that we know we need to do, we basically understand what to do, but often fall short of doing it as well as we'd like. Sadly, this is often true of our personal and professional lives.

In an ongoing effort to improve the PCESC's internal and external communications, we've upgraded this newsletter, added News Flashes for special messages, revamped our website, and are engaging new "social media" tools, including Facebook and Twitter. Yet sometimes it seems like it's never enough, or we are always trying to catch up.

The bottom line is that communications is a moving target that never reaches a finish line. To that end, we will continue working to get timely and viable information to you about the incredible endeavors and activities PCESC employees are engaged. This is vital because it helps all of us better understand what we do and what we are about, so that we can share this information with others.

Consider Virginia Prior and the Pickaway County Help Me Grow program, whose administration has been under the guise of PCESC since August. It won't surprise those who know Virginia that she was reluctant to be the subject of our PCESC Profile this edition. But her message – and more importantly the message of her organization – must be heard because the work done by Help Me Grow makes our county a better place to live. Such recognition is long overdue, but that could be said about many areas of this organization.

Thank you all for your good work, and please know that we are working everyday to make sure Pickaway County understands and appreciates all that you do.

Ankrom is superintendent of PCESC



January Birthdays

8 – Debbie Younge

19 – Lindsay Scott-Robbins

24 – Tom Greer

31 – Angie Overholt

February Birthdays

2 – Brenda McMahon

7 – Frances Curry

11 – Joy Brooks

16 – Lydia Ritinger

16 – Mona Clifton

21 – Mike Hoffner

23 – Jeff Phillips

PCESC Profile:

Virginia Prior



Job Title: Help Me Grow Project Director

Years of Service with Pickaway County ESC:
First year (*doing job since 2002*)

Degree(s)/College(s)/Year(s):
Associate of Science Degree from Columbus Technical Institute in 1983 (*now Columbus State*); Registered Nurse

Family Information: Married to Phillip, with three children, Danny, 29, Carol, 22, and David, 19.

Interests/Hobbies: Dancing (ballet, tap, jazz, and energy movement).

A little known fact about me: Everybody knows everything about me; I have no secrets. But if I had to mention one thing, it would be that I miss disco.

Describe your job: Providing home-based support and services to families with children, aged birth to 3, who are at risk for developmental delays, or who have a disability.

My job is rewarding because ... "I get to see mothers and babies fall in love with each other."

I get the most satisfaction from ... "Knowing that my families are getting what they need."

My advice to young people: "Stay in school. Education first ... then have babies!"

March Birthdays

4 – Rhonda Leath

10 – Shannon Clark

15 – Tami Stamper

16 – Jennifer Sorrell

April Birthdays

3 – Virginia Prior

13 – Eric Horvath

15 – Debra Lemaster

24 – Sharon Wachenschwanz

PCEESC Staff Meeting

Our final staff meeting of the year is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, March 26. These meetings provide opportunities for the staff to learn from each other as well get up-to-date on issues affecting ESC operations and employees.

Here are a few things you missed if you weren't with us in January:

- Bob Bower was appointed to the Pickaway County Governing Board. His appointment is for a two-year term.
- The PCEESC Board approved a 2.5 percent increase for 2010-2011.
- To assist in planning for the 2010-2011 school year, inform Ty of your intent to return. *(If you submitted this at that meeting, you do not need to do so again.)*

Summer Tech Class

A summer technology class will be offered again this year. Taught by Logan Elm instructor Todd Tomlinson, this year's class will focus on the wide range of Google applications (Picasa, Google Books, Google Sites, Sketch UP, Google Reader and blogging).

Due to a loss of grant dollars that had been used to pay for Ashland University credit, only CEU's and contact hours will be offered for taking the class.

If you are interested, please let Ty know by April 23.

Certificate/License Renewals

All certificates/licenses expire on 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 on 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, you may go to the Ohio Department of Education website, or contact Lydia Rittinger.

Employee Contract Renewals

At its April meeting, the Pickaway County ESC Governing Board will act on employee contracts.

The following ESC employees have contracts that expire at the end of this year: Kate Boelky, Tammy Coleman, Tom Greer, Mike Hoffner, Sherry Kneece, Bob Lamneck, Debbie Lemaster, Bethany McFerin, Barb Pabst, Jeff Phillips, Christine Pritchard, Tami Stamper, Richard Stevens, Brandy Sydnor, Jenniffer Von Ins, Carol Wagner-Williams, Patti Webb, Tracey Willis, Debbie Younge, Brenda McMahon, Nancy Moshtaghi, Dana Chestnut, Virginia Prior, Aimee Roberts, Patty Blankenship, Mona Clifton, Frances Curry, and Penny Hixenbaugh.

If you are on the list and believe there is an error, contact Ty ASAP. Likewise, if you are not on the list, but believe this is the final year of your contract, please contact Ty.

Potpourri

(Editor's Note: This section was entitled Odds n' Ends, but we've changed it to a better word to reflect the assortment of information we include here.)

Jacob Stamper Update

Jacob remains hospitalized at Children's Hospital in Columbus after being struck by a vehicle several weeks ago. He was scheduled to undergo an additional surgery on March 15 to repair his knee. The thoughts and prayers of the PCESC family are with Jacob, Tami, and the entire Stamper family.

Cheeser retires

Bill Cheeser retired as director of the alternative school, effective February 27. Bill and his wife, Betty, planned to spend the remainder of the winter in Crescent City, Fla.

Moore represents county in regional Bee

Makenzie Moore, a 7th grader at Teays Valley East Middle School represented Pickaway County in the regional Spelling Bee on March 6. Bee officials reported that Moore finished in the "top half" of all regional competitors. Congratulations, Makenzie.

County Resource Directory

Do you want a better understanding of the agencies serving our county's children and families? Follow the link on PCESC's website to the Pickaway County Resource Directory, where you can download this information and more.

Mark your 2010 calendar

The following staff meeting is scheduled:

- Friday, March 26 – 1 p.m.

Pickaway-Ross CTC Senior Citizen's Day is April 15; Community Appreciation Day is May 1

Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center will hold its Spring Senior Citizen's Day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. Food, door prizes, lab tours, Wii® Bowling Tournament and more await local seniors that day.

PRCTC will hold its Annual Community Appreciation Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 1. The event is free and open to the public, and features a custom car show, plant and book sale, Chinese auction, live band, food, and children's activities, community vendors, and more. The day kicks off at 8 a.m. with a 5K Run-the-Lot event to raise money for the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio.

PRCTC is located at 895 Crouse Chapel Road in Chillicothe. For more information, contact Jeff Phillips at 740.642.1301.