



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOLS

The Ohio Valley ESC operates preschools in each of our counties. A survey was recently sent to parents as part of our five year Accreditation. Here are some comments from that survey.

- I love that pre-K learning is offered in my child's hometown.
- The staff is amazing not only with my daughter but also with my husband and I. They truly care about educating our daughter.
- I appreciate the commitment the teacher has in teaching my daughter new things.
- I truly appreciate the parent-teacher communication.
- My daughter's teacher and assistant are both terrific! I couldn't ask for more. Mrs. Rex's communications are extraordinary.

Congratulations to all the preschool staff. When you feel that you aren't doing so well, please read these comments, because you are!



Bright Beginnings Preschools



The Ohio Valley Educational Service Center Bright Beginnings Preschools offer services throughout our four county region including, Guernsey, Monroe, Noble, and Washington.

Our preschools are designed to meet the unique learning needs of typically developing children and children with disabilities, ages 3-5. If you know someone who would like information about our preschool program, have them contact 740-373-6669 in Washington County or 740-439-3558 in Guernsey, Monroe, and Noble counties.

Guernsey County:

North Elementary/Cambridge City School District
Central Elementary/Cambridge City School District
South Elementary/Cambridge City School District
Buckeye Trail Elementary/East Guernsey School District
Byesville Elementary/Rolling Hills School District
Secrest Elementary/Rolling Hills School District

Monroe County:

Beallsville Elementary/Switzerland of Ohio School District
Skyvue Elementary/Switzerland of Ohio School District
Woodsfield Elementary/Switzerland of Ohio School District

Belmont County:

Powhatan Elementary School/Switzerland of Ohio School District

Noble County:

Caldwell Elementary/Caldwell Exempted School District
Shenandoah Elementary/Noble Local School District

Washington County:

Belpre Stone & Belpre Elementary/Belpre City School District
Lowell Elementary Elementary/Fort Frye School District
Newport Elementary/Frontier School District
Harmar Elementary/Marietta City School District
Warren Elementary & Little Hocking Elementary/Warren School District
Waterford Elementary/Wolf Creek School District



AdvancED ACCREDITATION

The Ohio Valley Educational Service Center is undergoing its five-year district accreditation process.

Accreditation is not a given and requires commitment from the system's leadership and school board. We must have in place a quality continuous improvement planning process. In addition, there must be a commitment to achieving and maintaining the following requirements:

- Identification and illustration of the system's framework for continuous improvement.
- Evidence showcased of methods being employed to monitor and maintain quality assurance.

Accreditation is important for the OVESC as it serves as assurance that we are providing and ensuring excellence. Accreditation is not a standalone process; rather it supports system-wide continuous improvement.

In preparation for the AdvancED Accreditation Team's visit, OVESC is required to do the following:

- Conduct and analyze stakeholder surveys from parents, students and certified staff.
- Analyze and summarize student achievement data from state and local assessments.
- Conduct a self-assessment of the current level of performance in regard to the five AdvancED accreditation standards.
- Develop an executive summary from the information in the self-assessment.

The five AdvancED Standards for Quality are as follows:

- Standard 1: Purpose and Direction**
- Standard 2: Governance and Leadership**
- Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning**
- Standard 4: Resources and Support Systems**
- Standard 5: Using Results for Continuous Improvement**

AdvancED is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). AdvancED is dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide through accreditation, research and professional services. AdvancED is the world's largest education community, engaging 27,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in 65 countries worldwide and educating 15 million students.

GOOD NEWS! Or is it good news? The Groundhog saw his shadow!



Tabetha Linton's Preschool Class at Harmar Elementary

Preschool teacher, Tabetha Linton said "Our groundhogs saw their shadows! Six more weeks of indoor recess!" But it could be worse, could be 1 1/2 more months of winter!



If you have any good news to share, this page could be for you! Please share your good news!

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Elin Harper Brooks

Special Education Director, Andy Brooks is a grandpa again! Little Elin Harper Brooks was born to Adam and Jade and big brother Hudson on February 7th. Elin weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Grandparents Andy and Carla are thrilled! Elin makes grandchild #5. She joins cousins Maddy, Will, and Annie Grace. Congratulations!

OVESC Governing Board Meeting - January 19, 2017:

Organizational Meeting:

- Call to order by President Pro-tem, Trina Jackson
- Public Participation - OSBA Recognition Month
- Trina Jackson elected President for 2017
- Gary Johnson elected Vice President for 2017
- Established 2017 board meeting dates: March 16, May 3, May 18, June 15, August 17, October 19, December 14.

• Formation of committees:

Finance/Audit: Chris Keylor, Megan Atkinson, Robert Burrow, Larry Holdren.

Policy: Chris Keylor, Megan Atkinson, Gary Quimby, Woody Biggs.

Inventory: Chris Keylor, Megan Atkinson, Patrick Lang, Steve Ogle.

Personnel: Trina Jackson, Rusty Winland, JoAnn Ingram, Gary Johnson, Walt McKee.

• Business Resolutions:

- * Treasurer to invest interim funds
- * Treasurer to pay all bills as they are received and report those bills at next meeting.
- Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as needed.
- * Apply for all grants and/or funding for programs that the OVESC administration deems beneficial.

- * Superintendent to serve as purchasing agent for the ESC.
- * Superintendent to serve as Civil Rights Coordinator.
- * Budget created in the state software will be used for internal management use only.
- Use of blanket purchase orders as needed.
- * Authorize Gail Thomas as Homeless liaison.
- * Appoint Megan Atkinson as designee to attend public records training.
- Larry Holdren as OSBA Legislative Liaison.
- Steve Ogle as OSBA Student Achievement Liaison.

Regular Meeting:

The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the December meeting.
- Treasurer's report and bills for December.
- Donation in the amount of \$500 for the Student Readiness Collaborative shirts.
- Donation in the amount of \$1,303.75 from the Schwendeman Agency luncheon for the Student Readiness Collaborative.
- Executive session to consider employment and compensation of a public employee and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, rules or state statutes.



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OVESC Governing Board Meeting – January 19, 2017 – continued

- Employment of certified personnel:
M. Myers, K. Keating, M. Smith, M. Fouss.
- Employment of Certified Substitutes:
T. Kendall, C. Huggins, A. Musgrave,
B. Layton, J. Rinard.
- Employment of Classified personnel:
B. DeHaven.
- Employment of Classified substitutes:
T. Kendall, C. Huggins, S. Hauenstein.
- Reassignments and Adjustments: D. Loan,
J. Baker, M. Reick.
- Resignations: V. Hickman, B. Carpenter.
- Recommendations:
 - * Bright Beginnings Preschool Revised Handbook.
 - * Membership in Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce for 02/01/2017 to 01/31/2018.
 - * Family and Medical Leave for R. Delaney.
 - * Unpaid leave for L. Caldwell.
- Professional Development meetings for staff.

**BIG IDEAS
HAVE SMALL
BEGINNINGS**

**Next Board Meeting Date: March 16, 2017
6:00 p.m. at Lori's in Caldwell**

Treasurer's Corner – Megan Atkinson

W-2s:

W-2s were mailed out to staff. If you haven't received one, please contact Amy at 740-439-3558. For those on KIOSK, W-2's are available to view or print out.

Mileage Rate:

As of January 1, the IRS mileage rate is 53.5 The ESC follows the IRS mileage rate. Any travel incurred after January 1 will be reimbursed at the new rate. Please use the new mileage form that reflects the current rate on the OVESC website.



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www.ovesc.k12.oh.us

“ I don't think outside of the box; I think of what I can do with the box. ”

Ohio Valley Educational Service Center Governing Board Members:

Woody Biggs - Rolling Hills Local School District

Robert Burrow - Switzerland of Ohio Local School District

Larry Holdren - Warren Local School District

JoAnn Ingram - Warren Local School District

Gary Johnson - East Guernsey Local School District

Trina Jackson - Frontier Local School District

Patrick Lang - Fort Frye Local School District

Walter McKee - Noble Local School District

Stephen Ogle - Switzerland of Ohio Local School District

Gary Quimby - Wolf Creek Local School District

Rusty Winland - Rolling Hills Local School District

If you have any items, or a spotlight feature for a future newsletter, send to: dianet@seovec.org or chris.keylor@omeresanet.net.

Ohio Valley Educational Service Center has two locations to better serve you!

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OVESC School Districts:

Belpre City; Caldwell Exempted Village; Cambridge City; East Guernsey Local; Fort Frye Local; Frontier Local; Marietta City; Mid-East Career and Technology Centers; Noble Local; Rolling Hills Local; Switzerland of Ohio Local; Warren Local; Washington County Career Center; Wolf Creek Local.