



MCKINNEY-VENTO AND FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

OVESC FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

McKinney-Vento

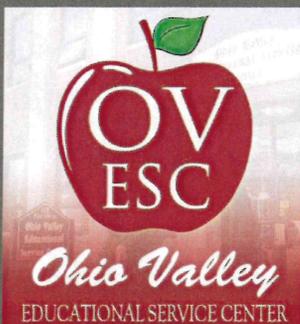
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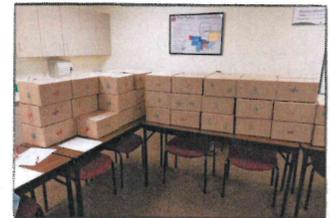
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Fort Frye Local
Frontier Local
Marietta City
Morgan Local
Switzerland of Ohio
Warren Local
Wolf Creek Local
Mid-East CTC
Washington CCC



Our mission is to lift students and families by helping meet academic, emotional, and physical needs through McKinney-Vento and Family and Community Partnership supports and services.

Dawes Arboretum Science Kits

Because homeless families and students tend to move frequently, there are often gaps in academics. To help bridge those gaps the OVESC purchased 200 science kits prepared by the wonderful staff at Dawes Arboretum for McKinney-Vento eligible students in grades K-12 to have over Christmas break. Each kit has 5 science activities with all of the materials needed along with some extra goodies.



Getting the kits ready for distribution to the districts.



The Dawes Arboretum Crew designed and packed the kits, and even loaded them in the van!



Contents of the K-2 boxes.



Contents of the 3-5 boxes.



Contents of the 6-8 boxes.

Washington County News

Jenny Maze, Family and Community Partnership Liaison, has been busy in Washington County. She continues to work with families who need assistance with winter utilities. Jenny has partnered with Belpre Area Ministries to obtain clothing, gloves, and hats for cares closets. She is involved in planning Belpre's first Wellness Day, and continues to work with Ann Sufca at Warren on Parent Cafes.

Bright Beginnings Classrooms in Switzerland Getting Creative!



Harvest House donated over 140 clear DIY Christmas ornaments for Bright Beginnings preschoolers in the Switzerland of Ohio Local School District. These ornaments were made with each student's handprints decorated as snowmen on the outside and their choice of colored glitter inside the ornament. Thanks to Tonya Buchanan for collecting the ornaments at Harvest House and delivering them to the preschool classrooms!

District Highlight - Woodsfield Elementary is "Salvaging Sisterhood" and "Building Champions!"

BY LISA CARPENTER, BA, OCPSA, WOODSFIELD ELEMENTARY INTERVENTION CASE MANAGER

Our districts are doing great work providing socioemotional support to all students. Tonya Buchanan, Parent Mentor and Family and Community Partnership Liaison, works closely with the case managers at Switzerland of Ohio and shares some of the great things that are happening. With help from our community partners Tonya was able to help provide supplies for journaling to help with these programs.

For the past several years we have offered a small-group counseling curriculum to our young ladies at Woodsfield Elementary – Salvaging Sisterhood. This year is no different. We, Maddy Hoffer (Southeast school-based therapist) and I are teaching our girls to communicate efficiently and effectively with one another. The program is designed to raise awareness of relational aggression, develop empathy, teach healthy conflict, explore feelings, and promote a positive change in female relationships.

This school year Maddy and I are also providing a small-group counseling program designed to help middle school aged young men build trust, respect, and peer connections while reducing classroom conflicts, discipline issues, and anxiety. We are Building Champions!

In addition to the small groups, we added the element of community service. Putting much of what we are learning about empathy, kindness and giving back into action! Our first event was a success! Both groups joined efforts in replacing flags at Pioneer Cemetery to honor our veterans. Followed-up by taking a stroll over to the Monroe County courthouse where we learned about all the monuments and walls honoring our veterans.

Building Champions and Sisterhood are just a few of the myriad of programs we provide. We are currently wrapping up Botvin Life Skills for our 7th grade students, which will conclude with a celebration of completion at the Monroe Theatre where the students will enjoy laser tag, arcade games, karaoke, music and dancing. Each and every day we are planting seeds!

Reading With Kids Read Now!

Because reading skills are often behind in McKinney-Vento students, the OVESC has partnered with Kids Read Now to provide books to help close that achievement gap. In November and December Jenny Maze, Tony Buchanan, JoAnn Winter (McKinney-Vento tutor at River Elementary) and Penny Boggs worked with 130 students in preschool through 5th grade in our districts to choose 6 books from the Kids Read Now wish list. The students were so excited to know that they were going to get free books to keep for their very own and each student also received a bookworm or panda slap bracelet and pencil from Kids Read Now.



Some of the books chosen by Belpre students.

We'll be presenting Rent Smart at the OESCA Spring Conference: Let's Connect on May 6th!