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Greene County ESC Now Offers Educational Audiology

We are pleased to announce that Greene County Educational Service Center has now added Educational Audiology to our growing list of services. Our new audiologist, Dr. Kyle Raterman, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton and his doctorate degree (Au.D.) from Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Raterman previously worked at the Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago, IL, where he provided comprehensive audiological services for both pediatric and adult populations. He has extensive experience with complex diagnostics, hearing aid fittings/adjustments, cochlear implant evaluations and mappings, assistive listening technology including FM and soundfield systems, and counseling. He is excited to be working for GCESC

and is enjoying his role as educational audiologist.

Dr. Raterman's services at GCESC include comprehensive audiological/hearing evaluations, auditory processing evaluations, assistive technology setup and training (FM and soundfield), classroom acoustics assessments and recommendations, teacher training and in-services, and counseling for students and parents. He is well-educated in regards to the effects of hearing loss on learning and academics, and he strives to be the best audiological advocate and consultant for all the districts within Greene County.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Raterman at (937) 767-1303 or kraterman@greeneesc.org with any questions.

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Donations to Greene ESC's education foundation are used to focus on student programs. To make a donation, please [click here](#).

Greene County Education Center Updates

Elementary INC Emphasizes Learning through Play

The elementary INC classroom was busy in October rolling in the fall leaves, and making crafts that coincided with Halloween. The students have been working during teacher time on reading and story time, and they continue to enjoy using the Interactive Whiteboard to encourage letter formations, spelling of names, and color recognition. In November, we have been incorporating "PLAY" strategies in our day-to-day schedules to encourage social-emotional and developmental growth within each child. We continue our work with increasing communication through a variety of systems. Some students are beginning to articulate words/word sounds, while others are able to communicate exclusively through signs, icons, and communication devices.

Middle School Students Learn About Zone Regulation

The Middle School INC program has been introduced to the "Zones of Regulation" and the students have been learning how to identify which "zone" they are in, or are experiencing. They have also been utilizing strategies for independent self-regulation, in conjunction with this behavioral tool.

High School INC Welcomes Transitions and Additions

After the first quarter, the high school INC program has welcomed several positive changes.

We have introduced two new students to the classroom, one of whom is receiving music therapy. As a staff, we are excited to learn along with our students all about the strategies associated with this particular support; we then carry over the music therapy techniques into the rest of the classroom so our other students may benefit from these rhythmic musical therapies.

We have one student

who will be graduating in February and another student transitioning up from the middle school unit in December.

In the spirit of working diligently to extend the independence of our students, we work regularly on self-care and also push for greater independence when performing their vocational duties, such as collecting daily attendance and lunch cards, vacuuming, collecting building recycling, the shredding of confidential documents, all in addition to their daily teacher time and academic work job on their respective schedules. We have continued to have Cooking Class each Tuesday with speech and OT and the students have been very successful in participating and eating their preparations! On

REMINDER

If anyone has shredding, please pass it along to provide our high school INC students with vocational work for our workshop. We are once again running low!

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a final note, the three INC rooms continue to partner together to meet all of the students' needs – our kids benefit from our collaborative and reliable teamwork!

Outdoor Advantage Ties Nature to Curriculum

During the second quarter, the Outdoor Advantage program participated in many activities with the larger unit on the environment students were studying. Those activities range from going creeking with a Naturalist from Greene County Parks, to creating pamphlets on various ways to recycle. The students also finished the book "The Outsiders" and completed a character analysis based on a character they selected.

The students recently started reading "The Red Pyramid," and they admitted that even though they grumble about having to read together, they do enjoy being exposed to the new stories they are presented with in these novels. On Nov. 30, students will help move thousands of

cans up the stairs and into Bellbrook's Family Resource Center. Mrs. Susan Lopez is a tremendous community partner for our school and our program, and we like helping her out to "pay it forward" for her many efforts on our behalf.

The Outdoor Advantage students are also participating in a three-part anti-bullying program with Officer Jackie Jones of the Bellbrook Police Department. The students, when finished, will each create their own PowerPoint presentation on strategies learned from these sessions to help them avoid participating in bullying and intervene appropriately when witnessing bullying and the mistreatment of others.

Academy of Greene County Focuses on Developing Skills

This quarter, students have focused on strengthening their reading skills. Students have chosen many intriguing books to investigate. We have also developed a variety of ways

to relate these books to others.

Our Geometry class has continued to investigate many rules and terms that will help us apply geometric principles to the world around us. We are also gearing up for the End-of-Course state exams, which are approaching swiftly.

Our sophomores recently investigated career options through the Greene County Career Center. On Nov. 29, some of our students toured the facility and further investigated future careers and job opportunities.

We have also been focusing on regulating our emotions and managing our anger through descriptive "zones," with the "Zones of Regulation" construct. Our whole class has begun recognizing and defining our "triggers" – those things that can provoke a response or elevate our emotions. We will continue to work on this work, as part of our social-emotional growth objectives.

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Outdoor Advantage Students Assist with Food Drive

Mr. Andy South's Outdoor Advantage class was pleased to offer assistance again this year to the Bellbrook High School JROTC group as they unloaded a huge truck filled with canned goods gathered for the Bellbrook Family Resource Center.

When the truck arrived, the Outdoor Advantage students helped to unload and carry all of the donated canned goods up 3 flights of stairs to Resource Center Director, Mrs. Susan Lopez.

These food items will provide tremendous support to those families and individuals in need within the Bellbrook Sugarcreek community. The help our students offered was very much appreciated by the Family Resource Center, and the JROTC students were grateful for the assistance, as well!

Holiday Fun at Greene County Education Center

On December 19, the last day before winter break, we

held our annual holiday celebration as a school. Santa came to visit and delivered a special gift to all of our students, thanks to the generous donations from our staff, ESC preschool staff, our ESC superintendent, various businesses in the area, several individual benefactors, and the Educational Service Foundation, sponsored through Greene Giving.

The Bellbrook Family Resource Center also provided individualized support to some of our local families in need, making their Christmas special and less stressful. Our whole school was provided a special hot meal catered by Mrs. Stacey Coleman, which was delicious and quite an incredible feast.

We were blessed to have enjoyed fellowship with one another, our students, and several of our community partners.

Library Partnership Enhances Education Center Programs

The Greene County Public Library continues to be a great

partner for the Greene County ESC.

The library visits the center once a month to read to each of our INC classes.

The library also is very supportive of the Outdoor Advantage program, securing series of books for the classroom novels that are selected each year. Recently, they were able to acquire a used set of Encyclopedias for our students to use for research, as a secondary resource for those days when Internet access is unreliable.

The Outdoor Advantage program is extremely grateful for the ongoing support and kindness of the Winters Library personnel. Mr. Andy and his Outdoor Advantage students make weekly library visits, enabling these middle schoolers to learn about various available genres, and newly released titles to borrow.

This partnership supports our efforts to promote literacy and an excitement and love for reading.

Guiding Gifted Learners

Registration Now Open



Join us for a five-day Guiding Gifted Learners Institute

Single Session Registration Now Available

The training is broken into 5 sessions:

- Session 1: Social/Emotional Considerations
- Session 2: Comprehensive Curriculum and Instructional Strategies
- Session 3: Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted Learners
- Session 4: Monitoring Growth of Gifted learners
- Session 5: Collaborating with Gifted Learners, Parents and Colleagues

Session Dates: January 25, February 27, March 22, April 26, and May 8, 2018

Time: 8:30AM – 3:30PM

In the event that one of the sessions has to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the make-up date for that session will be on April 10, 2018.

Where: Greene County ESC, 360 E. Enon Rd. Yellow Springs, OH 45387
Lunch will be on your own

Cost: \$200 for Greene County Districts (all 5 sessions)
\$300 for Educators outside of Greene County (all 5 sessions)
\$50 Single Session

Professional Resources/Instructional Materials are Included

Please Register by emailing: wwooten@greeneesc.org with the following information: Name, District, and Form of Payment (Check and/or Purchase Order)

