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A Message from the ESC Superintendent

Today's students can complete their homework on a computer and pursue research tasks online. Often students equate research with "Googling" and assume that the information they find online is true. Teachers play a role in helping students learn how to filter and analyze their search results to distinguish reliable content and credible sources from incorrect, incomplete or speculative information.

One way to examine a website before trusting the information found there is to follow the student standards developed by the International Society for Technology. The standards challenge students to:

- explain and analyze sources;
- use and understand a variety of media and evaluate the quality of material produced;
- locate information using appropriate sources and strategies;
- evaluate and select information sources based on appropriateness to specific tasks; and
- collect and analyze data to identify solutions and make informed decisions.

Upcoming in November:

- November 7
  Ohio General Election
- November 11
  Veteran's Day
- November 22-24
  Thanksgiving Break - ESC Closed

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week
November 13-17, 2017

Celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

ESC Building Services Based on Needs

Educational Service Centers provide programs and build services that meet the needs of school districts, community agencies, and governmental entities. The Gallia-Vinton ESC employs staff that can fulfill a variety of roles as requested by clients. The staff can be assigned either full-time or for a limited time depending on the need.

Mr. Brett Wilson (pictured left) is an example of a staff member that serves various roles. Currently, he is the Interim Principal at Gallia Academy Middle School. He also is a Crisis Intervention Prevention (CPI) trainer, Resident Educator coach, and an outside evaluator for after school grants. As a retired school administrator, he brings many valuable skills and experiences to the ESC staff.

"**Mrs. Neva Lee Warnakee** was my 3rd and 4th grade teacher at Gallia Grade School, located in Greenfield Township during 1959-1960. She demanded my best while providing me a solid foundation in reading, writing, and arithmetic. She evaluated her students' abilities and pushed them to work at their potential." -William Ramsey

"**Mr. Mel Withers** was my high school math teacher at Kyger Creek High School. He thoroughly prepared me for college, treated students as adults, and attended most of the extracurricular events. As our Key Club advisor, he took the time to drive us to a convention in Cleveland." -Chuck Bradbury

"**Mrs. Miriam Doughman** was my 1st and 2nd grade teacher at Fairland #5 in Crown City. She loved kids and had a passion for teaching. All the students in her room learned to read. She was always supportive of me throughout my formative school years and my professional life." -Denise Shockley

"**Miss Patsy Fields** was my PE teacher at Kyger Creek High School. She was the first teacher that showed an interest in me outside of the classroom. On many occasions, she chauffeured me home from ball practices. She sincerely cared about me and my future and became a lifelong friend." -Connie Bradbury

"**Mr. John Eaton** was my High School Basketball coach in Grades 9-11 at Oak Hill High School. He taught me life lessons about integrity, hard work, determination, and honesty without ever raising his voice. One of his favorite statements was, 'It's important how we play but more important how we treat each other.'" -Doug Hale

"**Mr. Tim McCoy** was my 8th grade Math teacher at Oak Hill Jr/Sr High School. He ran a structured Math class, set high expectations, presented the material effectively, and pushed me to work hard. I have spent most of my career teaching 8th grade Math." -Robin Phillips

"**Coach Carl Wolfe**, my PE teacher at Meigs Jr. High, treated me like I was his son. He taught me responsibility, organization, and how to help others. Even though I wasn't an athlete, I learned about the game of basketball. Later I coached basketball at the varsity level during my years as an educator." -David Moore

"**Mrs. Gladys Helton** at Bloomfield Elementary always had time to listen to her students and offer support. In the 7th and 8th Grades, she offered guidance when I would get into trouble. She helped me to become a good young man." -Mark Carlisle

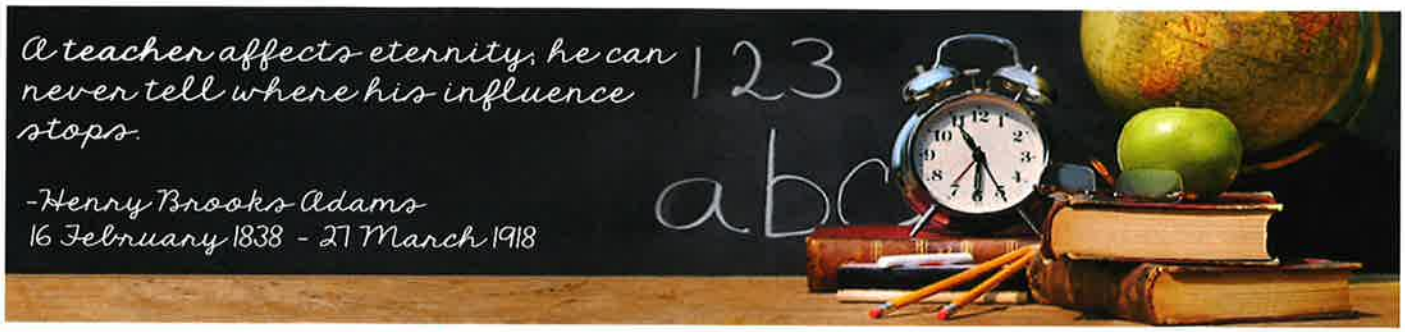
"**Miss Sue Luman** was my 1st and 6th grade teacher at Cadmus Elementary. She challenged me to always do my best. One time she had me take a test over during my recess period that I had received a B grade. She simply told me I hadn't done my best and was capable of better work." -Ron Hammond

Teachers Change Lives

A great teacher can change a student's life. As an influential role model, a teacher impacts the well-being of a student both inside and outside the classroom. Through the development of strong relationships, students learn important life lessons that will help them succeed beyond assignments and standardized tests.

Three aspects of a student's life that are direct affected by great teachers:

Education ~ Inspiration ~ Guidance



"**Mr. Al Burger** was my 9th grade PE teacher and basketball coach at Jackson High School. He taught me that it is important to be kind and respectful to all people. The valuable lessons I learned from Mr. Burger have guided me throughout my daily life." -Don Jenkins

"I loved **Mrs. Marie Edelblute**, my 2nd grade teacher at Washington Elementary. She held my hand and brought me into the sun with her love of READING. By recommending books just for me, I was made to feel special. She changed my life." -Darla Saunders

"**Mrs. Carol Pope** was my 3rd grade teacher at Southwestern Elementary. She made learning multiplication facts fun with games and activities. This was the first time that I enjoyed doing math." -Jay Carter

"**Miss Karen Lloyd** was my 1st grade teacher at Oak View Elementary. She introduced us to reading and made it fun to learn. I will always remember our writing assignments called "Today's News" that usually consisted of one sentence from the day's headlines." -Alicia Shaner

"**Mrs. Barbara Morgan** was my English teacher and school newspaper adviser during my senior year at Oak Hill High School. She taught me a great deal about good writing and publishing. Not only did she prepare me for my English classes in college, but her instruction has been very beneficial to my educational career, especially as an administrator."- Debby Canter

"First Grade was the beginning of my school journey since kindergarten was not available at the time (Wow, I must be old!). My 1st grade teacher at McArthur School, **Mrs. Brenda Henderson**, taught me to read and I've been enjoying the wonder of the written word since!" -Mary Lou Thacker

"**Mrs. Ann Burke** was my 1st grade teacher at Washington Elementary. She was kind, caring, and very loving toward her students. She instilled in me a desire to excel, a love for reading, the importance of an education, and the value of family." -Brett Wilson

"**Mr. Thomas Payne** was my 7th grade math teacher at Jackson City Schools. He was strict and his class was challenging, but he seemed to have a way to make it fun and interesting. He openly praised and encouraged me to take challenges that he presented in class." -Keith McGuire

"**Mrs. Irene Brannon** was my 6th Grade teacher at Rio Grande Elementary. She was very kind, caring, and patient. She would bring a small group of students to her desk and just talk to us. Mrs. Brannon would do things for us that went beyond the school books, like have a crochet circle at her desk." -Gwen Daniels

Therapeutic Learning Programs

The students at Hope Haven School enjoyed a visit to the **Cherry Ridge Therapeutic Learning Programs** located in Georgetown, OH on October 20, 2017. The farm consists of 45 acres of land owned by Jeff and Sherry Mitchell. Students enjoyed "hands-on" experiences at the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary, explored a woodland trail, and interacted with therapeutic horses.

The Art of Weather Forecasting

Animal behavior has long been linked to weather. The thickness of their coats, amount of body fat, where they hide their food caches, and how they build their winter dens have all been used to predict winter weather.

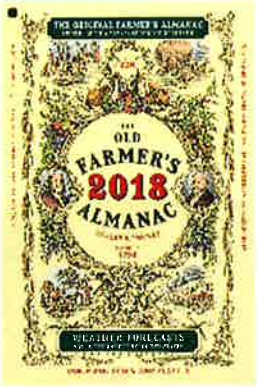
Here are some animal weather proverbs and prognostics.

- Expect rain when dogs eat grass, cats purr and wash, sheep turn into the wind, oxen sniff the air, and swine are restless.
- If the bull leads the cows to pasture, expect rain; if the cows precede the bull, the weather will be uncertain.
- When cats sneeze, it is a sign of rain.
- When cattle lie down in the pasture, it indicates early rain.
- Bats flying late in the evening indicates fair weather.
- When horses and cattle stretch out their necks and sniff the air, it will rain.
- If the mole digs its hole 2½ feet deep, expect severe weather; if two feet deep, not so severe; if one foot deep, a mild winter.
- When pigs gather leaves and straw in all, expect a cold winter.
- When rabbits are fat in October and November, expect a long, cold winter.
- If sheep ascend hills and scatter, expect clear weather.
- Wolves always howl more before a storm.

When spiders' webs in air do fly, the spell will soon be very dry.

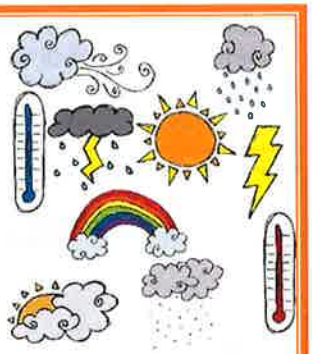
Hornet's nest low to ground means light snow accumulation but cold weather

The wider the red-brown band on a wooly worm, the milder the coming winter.



The Old Farmer's Almanac, founded in 1792, is a reference book that contains weather forecasts, tide tables, planting charts, recipes, and articles on several topics, including gardening and farming. To calculate the Almanac's weather predictions, the original owner developed a secret forecasting formula that is still in use today. Few people have seen the formula as it is kept in a black tin box at the Almanac offices in Dublin, New Hampshire. The Old Farmer's Almanac has been published continuously since 1792, making it the oldest continuously published periodical in North America.

Weather Lore



- For every fog in October, a snow in the winter.
- Flowers in bloom late in autumn indicate a bad winter.
- A heavy November snow will last until April.

Don't forget to vote!

Ohio's General Election
November 7, 2017

Ohio Statewide Ballot Measures

Issue 1: Designed to repeal a section of the state constitution addressing the rights of crime victims and replace the section with Marsy's Law.

Issue 2: Initiated to require the state to pay the same price or less for prescription drugs as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Turkey-Potato Chowder Recipe *(via allrecipes.com)*

Ingredients:

- *2 cups peeled and diced potatoes*
- *2 cups frozen mixed vegetables*
- *1/4 cup chopped onion*
- *1/4 cup finely chopped celery*
- *1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley*
- *2 cups chicken broth*
- *1 1/2 cups diced cooked turkey*
- *1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning*
- *1/4 cup all-purpose flour*
- *1 1/2 cups fat free half-and-half*
- *1/2 teaspoon chili sauce*
- *salt and pepper to taste*
- *2 slices bacon - cooked and crumbled*

Directions:

1. *Combine potatoes, mixed vegetables, onions, celery, parsley and chicken broth in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat; reduce heat, cover, and simmer gently until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in turkey and poultry seasoning.*
2. *Whisk flour and the half-and-half together until smooth. Stir mixture slowly into the saucepan. Stir until slightly thickened, or until mixture reaches a chowder-like consistency. Add chili sauce, salt, and pepper, mixing well.*
3. *Ladle into soup bowls; garnish with crumbled bacon.*

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November Eleventh as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

Let's all take a moment on this Veteran's Day to honor those ordinary people who have done something extraordinary so that we may all enjoy the freedom we treasure today.

The Gallia-Vinton ESC Staff salutes our colleague **Mark Carlisle** for his service in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Literacy

Math

Art

Life Skills

Academic and Enrichment Opportunities

Career Awareness

Recreation

STEM

Community Outing

Buckeye Hills Career Center Helps Make Career Connections

Left to right: Gwen Daniels, David Moore, Ellen McCabe (Buckeye Hills-Career Advisor/ Placement Coordinator) and Connie Bradbury

Students attending three middle schools (River Valley, South Gallia, and Gallia Academy) are reaping the benefits two new 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grants that provide before and after school programs. The Gallia-Vinton ESC is collaborating with Buckeye Hills Career Center as the primary partner to provide relevancy for college-and-career planning. The students will be introduced to opportunities beyond their academic studies to help inform their decisions about future career choices. By making career connections, students can begin to develop professional capabilities such as team work, dependability, problem solving and critical thinking. These skills are vigorously sought by employers.

Christian Life Academy

Gallipolis City Schools

Jackson City Schools

Mentoring New Teachers

Mentors play an important role in the career development of new teachers. Mentors help the beginning teachers with the multitude of challenges for which they are held accountable. Skilled teachers who have mastered their craft are selected to serve as mentors for the young educators. They spend year one of the four-year Ohio residency program helping the novice teachers to become proficient in the classroom as well as assisting them with managing a workload that can be overwhelming! Pictured here are area mentors sharing knowledge with the resident educators to complete training tasks at the Gallia-Vinton ESC.

Southern Ohio Digital Academy

Gallia County Local Schools

Guiding Hand

Wellston City Schools

Vinton County Local Schools

Hope Haven

The Ohio Resident Educator Program began in 2011, and is a comprehensive, four-year initiative to assist beginning teachers with mentoring and professional development as they start their education careers. The Ohio Resident Educator Program can be envisioned as the first steps on a professional pathway to continued professional learning, leading educators to more effective practices and excellence in learning. (Ohio Department of Education)

Thanksgiving Word Search

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Autumn
Pilgrim
Centerpiece
Pecan

Cornucopia
Plymouth
Thanksgiving
Casserole

Gobble
Giblets
Thankful
Drumstick

Leftovers
Turkey
Wishbone
Mayflower

Reading, writing, and spelling are important to help children develop literacy skills. The discovery of patterns in word searches can be one step towards fluency. Schools and families can use word puzzles to inject a bit of fun into learning spelling words.