A New Loft for The Children’s Center

Roger Schuh is a retired engineer who has been volunteering his time, engineering skills and craftsmanship to build and repair therapy equipment for the occupational and physical therapy departments of Winston Salem Forsyth County Schools for the past 15 years. He has built standers, mat tables, changing tables, slant boards and educational switch accessible toys for use with the children enrolled in the Exceptional Children’s programs. He has adapted equipment and well over 500 toys to help make them EC friendly. He has recently moved from Winston-Salem to Cary to be closer to his grandchildren. However, this move has not stopped him from setting up shop in his new garage so he can continue to create for our students. His latest endeavor was recently delivered and assembled in the Motor Lab at The Children’s Center. He built this beautiful loft with carpeted stairs, a magnetic chalk board and dry erase board to replace the stairs that have occupied the motor lab for over 30 years. At retail, this loft would have cost ~$8,000. Roger only charges the department for the materials. We are so fortunate to have Roger as one of our supporters.
June Brain Teaser Winners!

Brittany Holt—
EC Preschool Intake Teacher
Special Services Center

Stephanie McDowell
EC Teacher
Cook Elementary

Jennifer Dupont
EcCResource Teacher
Southwest Elementary

Jasamine Reid
Teacher Assistant
Parkland High School

Kara Richardson
EC Teacher
Jefferson Middle School

Joyce Medina Allard
Dropout Prevention, Intervention & Recovery Assistant

Validation Tool Success!
In March, the NC DPI PRC-29 consultant conducted a validation visit with the Behavior Support Team (BST). The BST passed with flying colors! In fact, the team was asked to present at regional meetings about progress monitoring, data collection, and parent involvement.
### EC Instructional Coach School Assignments 2015-2016

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*Note: Children's Center* is a special education center.
Meet the New Coaches

Mark “Coach” Lunsford — The EC Professional Development Team is pleased to introduce its newest member, two time Teacher of the Year recipient, Mark Lunsford. Born and raised in Roughmont, NC, Lunsford is celebrating his 25th anniversary as a public educator. He is a proud UNCW graduate and comes to the team as an experienced, National Board Certified Teacher and a trainer for the NCSIP’s flag ship course, Math Foundations. Coach’s educational philosophy and natural team teaching style make it easy to see why he is held in such high regards by his colleagues in Person County and at our own Mineral Springs Middle School. When questioned about his keys to success, Coach Lunsford replies, “I live by the Four Aces.” The Ace of Spades represents your work ethic. The Ace of Clubs is for social contacts and collaborative groups. The Ace of Diamonds equals your wealth of knowledge, and at the head of it all is the Ace of Hearts. This card reminds him that, “none of the others matter if you don’t capture kids’ hearts.” Lunsford lives in Forsyth County with his son who is a high school senior and “Freckles” the three legged dog.

Wendy Cartwright — is one of our new EC Instructional Coaches. Wendy has over 20 years of educational experience and comes from a long line of educators. Both her parents were in education. Her mom was an English teacher and her dad was a history teacher and principal. Wendy lives in Pilot Mountain NC, is married to Jeff Cartwright, and has 4 children. Her oldest is a UNC-Charlotte graduate. She also has a child who is a senior at Western Carolina, a son who is a senior at East Surry High School and a daughter that is a freshman at East Surry. Wendy has EC certification, AIG certification, General Education ELA and Social Studies at the middle school level. She is also National Board Certified and a graduate of Salem College. Wendy looks forward to her new career in Winston-Salem.

Chezley Royster — The Professional Development Team would like to welcome Chezley Royster as one of our newest members. Chezley is a product of WSFC Schools as a Mt. Tabor Spartan graduate from the class of 1995. She is a UNCW graduate from the Department of Communications and studied education and literacy at High Point University. Chezley has thirteen years of teaching experience in North Carolina public schools in grades two through twelve including general education and the Occupational Course of study. She has co taught as a general education teacher and exceptional children’s teacher, and she has seven years of experience with multiple direct instruction programs. Chezley is a wife and mother of two children who also attend Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. She believes that learning takes place not only at your desk, on your computer, or in your classroom, but everywhere you go if you keep your mind open.
Join the Council for Exceptional Children Today!

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents. There are many benefits to joining.

- You will gain access to evidence-based articles to broaden your knowledge.
- You will receive news and information to keep you up-to-date.
- You will have the opportunity to engage in conversations that will stimulate your thinking.
- You will have the advantage of discounts to save you money.
- Most importantly, you will be able to make connections to expand your relationships.

To learn more about CEC membership, visit https://www.cec.sped.org/~/media/Files/Membership/Membership%20AtaGlance.pdf.

For more information about how to join and the benefits of joining CEC, you can contact Mary Todd-Allen at mtallen@wsfcs.k12.nc.us or Amanda White at amwhite@wsfcs.k12.nc.us.

Visit the CEC website at www.cec.sped.org!

“If a child can’t learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.”
Ignacio Estrada

HELP SESSIONS

“It’s Okay to Ask for Help”

EC Process HELP Sessions, back again:
You will have the option to attend EC Process HELP Sessions in either the morning or afternoon again this year. Additionally, you can earn CEUs for every hour you attend a HELP session. ‘Drop-ins’ are welcome.

Examples:
--General paperwork review and support
--Preparation for specific upcoming IEP meetings
--Assistance with COS cases

New this year:
EC Process will be offering a variety of one-hour “Focused Trainings” throughout the school year, during HELP sessions times. These sessions are open to anyone, from novice to experienced teachers. Pre-registration is needed for these sessions and .1 units of credit will be given. *Focused Trainings are required of ALL EC teachers new to WS/FCS.*

Semester One
Focused Training Topics:
--Invitation
--Goal Page
--Reevaluation
--DEC 5
EC Process HELP Sessions and Focused Trainings
2015-2016 Semester 1

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Participants must pre-register for the Focused Training sessions. Each 1 hour session (of any type) attended within a semester can earn participants .1 hour of credit. Participants can register by contacting Magan Gaskins at (336) 727-2083 or magaskins@wsfcs.k12.nc.us.

Questions? Call an EC Process member at (336) 727-2083 or (336) 748-3510
Reminder! For EC cases to be reviewed always bring copies—not originals.

Focused Trainings are required of ALL EC Teachers new to WS/FCS. However, anyone is welcome to attend the Focused Trainings! Come join us!
EdPlan Updates

On July 1, the screen changed to show widgets. Check it out and let us know if you have questions - gbhaynes@wsfcs.k12.nc.us or asnyder@wsfcs.k12.nc.us

- On July 1, the school year switched to 2015-2016. If you want to see documents from previous years, you will have to select that school year on the documents page.
- “Person who can Interpret Evaluation Results (if applicable)” is now automatically checked for each Invitation; this should remain checked for every meeting.
- The new FBA and BIP forms have been uploaded to Main Menu screen under Documents > FBA/BIP.

You will receive an email alert 5 days prior to a draft document disappearing from the documents screen. If the meeting has been held, this should prompt you to enter and finalize information. If the meeting has not been held yet, you may want to create a new draft.

Reminders

- Don’t forget to finalize all documents involved in a meeting in order!
- The green R appears as a compliance symbol once a DEC 7 has been finalized in the Reevaluation Process. The green R will remain until the entire Reevaluation Process has been completed and all documents have been finalized.
- To remove the green R from your compliance symbols, you must click the box at the bottom of the Reevaluation Process after you have made sure that all documents have been finalized for the entire Reevaluation Process: DEC 7, DEC 2 if required, DEC 3 Worksheet(s) if required, DEC 3 Eligibility Determination, DEC 4 and DEC 5. Note: DEC 4 not required if student is exiting from special education.
- Send us an email if you need access to schools added or removed.
We are excited to introduce our 2015-16 WS/FCS PBIS Team. The PBIS Coaches bring their diverse backgrounds in classroom instruction, work with exceptional children, and school counseling to support positive behavior in our school system. They are passionate about positive behavior, and are thrilled to provide support to teachers, administrators, and related service personnel in implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports in our schools. PBIS is a multi-tiered approach that enhances academic and social behavioral outcomes for all students.

The WS/FCS PBIS Team consists of Samantha Fitzgerald, Heather Bowden, Cassie Robacker, and Melanie Triche, all of whom have experience “on the ground” working in PBIS schools. The team will provide training, coaching, and support for schools implementing PBIS throughout our district, and will seek to expand PBIS to other interested schools in our school system. As the 2015-16 school year gets underway, the PBIS Team looks forward to helping schools to provide a safe and unified social culture for students and staff throughout WS/FCS.

Email submissions to: hjsurratt@wsfcs.k12.nc.us

Due to the high number of submissions, we need to make some changes to our guidelines. Entries will be accepted through the second Friday of each publication month. All submissions will be entered into a drawing whereas three winners will be randomly selected! These winners will receive recognition in the EC Times as well as a special prize! Good
Michelle Lewis, M.Ed, NBCT—Cash Elementary  Michelle was awarded a Kernersville Chamber of Commerce Grant for $500. in October of 2014. She wanted to provide ways for her special needs preschool class to observe, experience, and interact with nature. They were able to enjoy a petting zoo and also purchased an indoor greenhouse to prepare seedlings for their raised beds outside their classroom. This past June, they had their "Rising Stars" celebration with over 50 family members present. They had pizza and a homegrown salad...lettuce, broccoli, cucumbers and tomatoes that the children grew themselves! In June, her class was also awarded $2500 from Ecolab so that she could "share the world" with her students in the form of a field trip each month this year. Thanks to their generosity, they will be able to go to the Greensboro Science Center, the Butterfly Farm, and even the Nutcracker at the Stevens Center! They will be able to make their own pizzas at Pizza Hut, and visit important places in the community such as the library, grocery store, fire station, police station, and the pumpkin patch. They are thrilled to be able to offer these experiences to the children and parents at NO cost! Follow Michelle’s class blog if you are interested in seeing how her field trips go.

The AT team received a $14,710.00 from the Winston-Salem Foundation in Sept. to create an Adapted Literacy Lending Library which will give teachers of students with the most significant disabilities access to literacy kits that include assistive technology and other materials designed to help them enhance their reading and writing skills while being aligned to the NC common core state standards. Teachers had the opportunity to use the kits during the 3rd quarter of the 2014-2015 school year and also during ESY. We now have the kits available to check out for the 2015-2016 school year. Teachers can request a kit from our new AT website bit.ly/wsfcsassistivetech

Amanda White, Behavior Liaison with the Behavior Support Team was awarded a Winton-Salem Foundation grant in the amount of $1,530.00 to attend Beyond the Basics: Advance Applications of TEACCH Principles and Practices in Chapel Hill. After this advanced topics training, Amanda will utilize the remainder of the grant funds to become a TEACCH Certified Practitioner. Amanda is grateful for this experience because this will give her the opportunity to be a member of a TEACCH training team.

Francis Manns 4-H coordinator at Carter High School. Carter received the tool box grant for $5,000.00 from Lowes Hardware in 2013. The grant was written to enhance Carter’s walk trail, making it fully functional for the whole Kennedy Campus. This summer, June and July 2015, that mission was fully completed as the contractors poured the concrete fully paving the entire walk way and two major drainage systems. What a sight to see. Now, all students and staff can matriculate the trail, wheel chair and walker users included. Thanks to all, The staff at Carter HS is extremely proud and happy. The two commercial standard gazebos provide respite for staff and students as

DPI News: The Exceptional Children Division is pleased to announce that financial assistance and professional development is available for EC lateral entry teachers and teacher assistants desiring to pursue EC licensure through Mobilizing National Educator Talent Transition to Teaching grant (mNET), a national partnership between the NC DPI and Ohio State University to recruit and retain EC teachers. This support is provided at no cost to eligible districts or to eligible teachers and teacher assistants.

Please indicate your interest and obtain webinar connection information by contacting Tom Holahan at 919-807-3930 or thomas.holahan@dpi.nc.gov.
Guilford County Schools is hosting

**Movement-based Instruction**

For all Educators (General or Special Education, Teacher Assistants, etc.), Related Service Providers, Administrators and other interested parties

Friday, September 25, 2015
9am-4pm

**Location:** Guilford County Schools – Gateway Education Center
3205 Wendover Ave E, Greensboro, NC 27405

**Time:** 9am-4pm (bring your lunch or own your own)

**Who should attend:** Educators (General or Special Education, Teacher Assistants, etc.), Related Service Providers, Administrators, EC directors and other interested parties.

There is no cost for this workshop. Registered participants will receive CEUs.

Objectives for this session:
- Understand the role of movement in learning
- Experience movements that help the brain and body work together
- Acquire resources & ENTHUSIASM for implementing movement in classrooms

**Registration is required. 75 seats are allotted for this workshop.**
Cut and paste the link below into a new browser window to go to the registration site. A copy of your confirmation will be required for entry on 9/25/15.

https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9sJigoZlSeROtut

Contact Lauren Holahan (919-428-7201) or lauren_holahan@med.unc.edu or Laurie Ray, (919-636-1827) or laurie_ray@med.unc.edu with any questions.