



SOESC CONNECTION

Southern Ohio Educational Service Center

Happy Fall

By this time my blood type is pumpkin spice... 🍂

"It's the first day of autumn! A time of **hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings**, and, best of all, leaping into leaves!"

– Winnie the Pooh



This template has resources for teaching about the autumnal equinox, science activities related to fall food, gardening, weather & autumn leaves, prompts for poetry, and some fun stuff for grownups.

Happy fall! 🍂 🍁

A Message From Mrs. Justice

Are YOU a Change Champion?

In every organization, there are those few people who seem to get it as if by osmosis. Before the leader suggests a new initiative, Sasha has already read about it and is spreading enthusiasm among her colleagues. Before the leader has even heard of it, Kameron is experimenting in the field and refining it to become a better version. These professionals are the **Change Champions** who exist in almost every institution. Yet their efforts are often unrecognized. Lead researcher Tom Peters (1995) documented the success of "skunk works" whose efforts in unglamorous settings

were able to create enormous results for their organization. Mike Schmoker (2001) has identified similar success among soft spoken and unnoticed professionals.

Change champions are not particularly popular. They aren't visible at public meeting either as a supporter or a complainer, but merely a quiet professional who achieves remarkable results.

Their success takes away the excuses used by others to prove that success is impossible. Their commitment to the work at hand and their honesty makes them unsuccessful in the game of politics.



A **Change Champion** isn't trying to impress anyone but rather trying to do their job and make the biggest impact!

In the end, change is not easy for most. Given that most people become set in their ways after a certain period of time, this will be extremely difficult for some. As a change champion, you have to know that not everyone will be like you.

If you are a **Change Champion** with a long track record within an organization, you recognize that steady and deliberate progress toward the end goal is the approach that will likely yield the most successful outcome.

The five competencies associated with being a Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Professional and the qualities of a Change Champion overlap. In order to be a Change Champion being a problem solver, collaborator, relationship builder, self motivated and goal driven, and a life long learner are critical components.

News from SOESC

Blanchester High School
PRESENTS
Free Event
PARENT UNIVERSITY
SCAN ME!
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
30 Minute Breakout Sessions
Budgeting & Financial Literacy
Mental Health Support: Managing Stress & Anxiety
Why are teens so stressed? Learn more in this session about how to help teens develop strategies and skills to access resources for dealing with stressors.
Navigating School Online Platforms
Understanding Graduation Pathways & Credentials
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: JCP, Great Oaks, PALMER, OhioKIN
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INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS MEET UP
Intervention Specialist Meetups will be held virtually every other month. The sessions will allow sharing of best practices and new information specific to the role of the Intervention Specialist within elementary and secondary education. These are facilitated sessions. Participants will submit topics for discussion.
Save the Dates
November 1, 2023
3:00 - 4:00 PM
January 10, 2024
7:30-8:30 AM
March 6, 2024
7:30-8:30 AM
For more information, please contact:
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Intervention Specialist Meet up

To view information, [click here!](#)
Or contact SST Consultant, Ashley Dietrich at adietrich@sst14.org.

Blanchester High School has partnered with the Southern Ohio ESC to host a Parent University Event on Thursday, September 28, 2023, from 5:30-8. This is a free event. Please use the QR code to register for the event. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6 in the high school auditoria and from 6-8, we will have four 30-minute breakout sessions. The four different breakout sessions are included on the flyer. Come for one session or attend them all. Please reach out to Bess Long at longe@blan.org with any questions.

Prepping those fall classes? Enjoy a fall treat!



50 Easy Desserts You'll *Definitely* Want to Try This Fall

Move aside, pumpkin pie! The fall dessert recipes on this list will have you thinking outside the box with candy, cakes, and more.

🔗 thepioneerwoman.com



“It’s like going

back to school. You know, autumn! Time for Harry Potter.”

– Robbie Coltrane



“Life starts

All over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”

– F. Scott Fitzgerald



“She loved the fall,

All the sun-faded colors of summer repainted by vivid reds and golds.”

– [Naomi Ragen](#)

Wait, don't  yet! We have opportunities for you



Each session includes the event date(s), additional details, the registration link, and contact information for each session.

September 2023

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Date	Topic	Registration Link
September 1, 2023	OPES 2.0 Training 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Region 14, Hopewell Center, Hillsboro	Flyer with Registration Link
September 7, 2023	SOESC Superintendent’s Meeting 8:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Region 14, Hopewell Center, Hillsboro	Registration Link
September 15, 2023	Crisis Prevention Intervention Training 8:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. SOESC Offices, Wilmington	Flyer with Registration Link
September 18, 2023	External/Internal Facilitators’ Meeting 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Region 14, Hopewell Center, Hillsboro (Hybrid)	Flyer
September 18, 2023	Elementary & Secondary Administrator Forums 9 a.m.-11 a.m. SOESC Offices, Wilmington	Flyer
September 19, 2023	Instructional Coaching Network Sessions 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. SOESC Offices, Wilmington	Flyer
September 21, 2023	Clinton County BAC Meeting 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. SOESC Offices, Wilmington	Registration Link
September 29, 2023	Adams/Highland County BAC Meeting 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Region 14, Hopewell Center, Hillsboro	Registration Link

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September 2023 Events and Professional Learning Opportunities

Click on the image above for a full view of our events and offerings for the 2023-2024 school year!

Educational Resources



12 Leaf Projects to Teach Great Lessons in Your Classroom

weareteachers.com

Families Of Children With Disabilities!

View What The SST14 Has To Offer You!

[Click here!](#)

"Every leaf speaks bliss to me..."

Ever wonder why pumpkins show up at Halloween?

Turns out fruits and vegetables have seasons, too! And here's a list of what's grows in the fall.

Grow your own classroom garden! 🍷

15 Vegetables YOU MUST Grow in FALL or AUTUMN



15 VEGETABLES

TO GROW IN FALL

Who can get enough of the colors of autumn?

Kids always want to know the "why" -- this great set of activities helps students deduce all kinds of answers to why the leaves turn colors.

Parents' Decision Guide to Youtube for Kids

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Region 14 Hopewell Center

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SOESC Spotlight

Teaching and Learning Team

SOESC Teaching&Learning Team.mp4

[drive.google.com](#)

Speech Newsletter by Stacia Guthrie

**SOESC SLP
NEWSLETTER
September,
2023**

**5 SLP Tips to add creativity to
your sessions from the STP Team:**

1. **Use Interactive Games:** Incorporating interactive games into your sessions can help out SLPs of all levels. By infusing games into your sessions, you open up avenues that grasp your student's attention and offers them a playful environment that will ignite their character.
2. **Arts & Crafts Time:** Introducing dedicated arts and crafts sessions can serve as a way to tap into your student's creative potential. By providing them with the opportunity to express themselves through a variety artistic mediums, you encourage their imagination and development.
3. **Incorporate Music:** Music possesses the remarkable ability to evoke emotions, establish a conducive learning environment, and help memory retention. Use music as a tool to create a unique learning experience.
4. **Story-Based Therapy:** Engaging in story-based therapy opens up a realm of possibilities for co-creating narratives that connect with your student's experiences and emotions. Through collaborative storytelling, you not only encourage active participation but also offer a platform for them to explore and express their thoughts and concerns in a non-direct manner.
5. **Role-Playing Activities:** Using role-playing activities as part of your teaching methodology can simulate real-life situations, fostering practical social communication skills in a controlled and supportive environment. This will help in a variety of social contexts, ensuring a smoother transition to real-world interactions.

Next SLP Meeting:
Wednesday, November 29, 2023
9-3 @ Wilmington ESC Office
AM: Batteries Not Included:
**Low-tech Communication In and
Out of the Classroom -3 hr with
PRC Rep Connie McCafferty**

**SEPTEMBER HALF OFF
SPEECH TPT SALE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

SALE

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October 11-17, 2023



SPEECHMUSINGS.COM



Speechmusings has a new updated website with a new goal bank as well as a nice "learn" tab with lots of good information and resources.

FREE Fall TPT resources



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**FALL
VIBES**

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Employment Opportunities

SOESC Current Employment Opportunities

- 504 Coordinator
- Behavior Specialist
- Family Case Manager
- Student Monitors
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing



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Substitute Teaching



Blanchester Local Schools, Bright Local Schools, Clinton-Massie Local Schools, East Clinton Local Schools, Great Oaks Career Campus, Fairfield Local Schools, Hillsboro City Schools, Lynchburg-Clay Local Schools, Miami Trace Local Schools, Southern Ohio Learning Center, Washington Court House City Schools, and Wilmington City Schools.

Find out more here www.southernohioesc.org/resource-links/substitute-teacher-information

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We hope you enjoyed this newsletter!

If you did, please share with a colleague or friend!



Kimberly Douglas

Kimberly current work includes "I'm currently working on completing home education verifications for 8 school districts in our region. Last school year we had over 750 homeschool students, and it appears that we are on track to top that number this year. This week schools have also started reaching out regarding students who are absent and unaccounted for. I've been busy contacting parents, other school districts and community agencies in order to locate the students and make sure they are enrolled in school."



Kelsey Smith

Kelsey's current work includes "I'm currently working on ensuring those students who I was asked to file truancy charges on last school year have been in attendance. In addition, I am working with the Clinton County Prosecutor to create a new process to submit truancy charges this school year. Also, I have been working with Clinton County's Mediator, Juvenile Court, and the Resource Center to set up weekly meetings where we can discuss the best options for students who are being referred for truancy charges. Lastly, I have been working with my local school districts to identify students who have not been in attendance since school has started. I've been working with these districts to locate the families and ensure



Paul Osborne

Currently Paul is "working on security film for the SOESC and SOLC Windows, helping individuals who need new laptops by transferring everything from their old device to the new, updating the various upgrades to Windows 11, and much, much more!"

that these students are going to school."



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by Taylor Reed



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