



Southern Outreach

The mission of *Southern Outreach* is to support the professional growth of Southeastern Ohio educators.

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**Happy Holidays
from Southern Outreach**

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Mentor Training

1-day trainings now available

The Ohio Entry Year Program is changing. As outlined in House Bill 1 and directed by ODE, a new resident educator license will begin to be issued in January 2011.

Between now and then, teachers will participate in a Transition Resident Educator Program. During this period, teachers who hold a two-year license may advance to a five-year license without completing a residency. But the 2-year licensed teacher must be under a mentor for 120 days and teaching in the licensed content area at least .25 of the year.

State Licensed Mentor Trainers for our our regions (Region 15 & 16) are Rena Allen, OU Southern & Lawrence Co. ESC, Vicky Hayslip, Ross Pike ESC, and Idelle Sagan, Perry Hocking ESC.

The Transition Resident Educator Program consists of a required 2-day training for all new mentors. Below is the schedule for sessions in our region. There is a required \$50 charge which covers the mentor training materials and required forms the mentors will be using. Mentors may attend training at the most convenient location.

One day training sessions are available to to those educators who have done both – (1) mentored a new teacher in the last three years and (2) have completed Pathwise training.

Mentors must register for either a 1- or 2-day training session through ODE STARS website. (Event name: instructional mentoring)

City	Location	Date 8:30 – 3:30 each day
Ironton	Collins Career Center	Friday – Dec 4
Waverly	Adena Medical Center	Wed –Thur, Dec 16-17

Attention Grade 6-12 Social Studies Teachers! Fantastic Opportunity!



[Free Seminars on East Asia open to Grade 6 to 12 teachers](#)

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) is an 11-week **free seminar** series conceived to provide teachers in grades 6 through 12 with the knowledge, resources and expert guidance needed to incorporate the study of Asia in their classrooms. The 30-hour seminar will give teachers a wealth of information and the opportunity to experience China, Japan and Korea without leaving Ohio. Participants receive a number of benefits upon completion of program requirements including a personal stipend, textbooks, an option to purchase graduate credit, and a continuing education unit certificate.

The first seminar begins **Jan. 5, 2010**, at **Ohio University**.

The second one at **Oberlin College** on **Feb. 11**.

Click [here](#) to access the NCTA Web site for full information.
To apply online, click [here](#).

South Central Ohio Computer Association

Blackboard Users Group (BUG)

We are continuing with your weekly online meetings for Blackboard Blackboard users who are interested in learning more about Blackboard in small chunks. The meetings are held online, in the afternoon at 3:00 and only last half an hour. Each week, we hope teachers will learn a new tip or trick and add at least one new resource to their repertoire. It will also be a place to share ideas with other teachers who are using Blackboard. Check out the blog for the weekly link to register or sign in to the webinar.



December Video Conference

Dec 14 & 16 9:15, 10:30, 1:00 & 2:45	Social Studies	K-12	Christmas Around the World What do you do on Christmas morning? Do you run to see what Santa has left for you? Christmas is a big celebration for many people. It is celebrated in many counties. The types of celebrations and the traditions are different for people of various cultures. Even Santa has different names and looks! Join us as we explore the many traditions for celebrating Christmas around the world!
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Technology Toolbox from Northern Ohio Research and Training Hub

Video conference sessions are offered at 2:30 or 4:00 p.m. EST on the specified date. Each session is 60 minutes. The cost is \$50 each for Ohio schools.

- Building Your Personal Learning Networks, 12/3/09
- Digital Storytelling and Student Presentations, 12/10/09
- Podcasting in K-12 Education, 1/7/10
- MySpace: What Teachers Need to Know, 1/27/10

To Register send purchase order to Lorain County ESC, 1885 Lake Ave., Elyria, OH 44035, attention Polly; or email Onderko@escl.org. Include your phone number, IP address, session name and time selection. [Download the flyer here.](#)

SOITA's Teletech Tuesdays for Fall 2009

Cost is \$75 per session. Each TeleTech is an hour long. Programs are offered at 1:30 and 3:30.

- December 1 - New iPod Touch Apps for Education
- December 15 - The Latest Free Educational Tools from Google

For complete details, contact Peggy Whyte at SCOCA, pwhyte@scoca.org

To keep up with all the wonderful content available via Interactive Video Conference, check out (and subscribe to) Peggy's Blog at <http://www.scoca-k12.org/curric/>

South Central Ohio Computer Association...continued

Read Around the Planet

TWICE invites you to participate in a celebration of reading using videoconference technology! Classes can participate in English, or a variety of other languages including Spanish, French, and sign language. Classes share skits, raps, original poetry/writing, songs, game shows, and more. Many ideas for connecting to your curriculum are shared in the teacher packet. Go to <http://www.twice.cc/read/> for more details!



INFOhio Toolkit for 2009-10 now available

The [INFOhio Toolkit 2009-2010](#) provides educators with easy-to-use information about the INFOhio electronic resources. The Toolkit offers INFOhio bookmarks, printable resources, a slide show to understand the resources of INFOhio, and technical resources to ensure Ohio educators continued success with INFOhio resources throughout the year.

P-20 Conversations: Shaping a Path for the 21st Century Student

Statewide technology conference focuses on professional development

In response to growing awareness that professional development is the most powerful tool to successfully integrate technology into the classroom, **eTech Ohio** is hosting the 2010 Ohio Educational Technology Conference. Dubbed an “idea factory for P-20 education,” the event is set for **Feb. 1 to 3, 2010**, in Columbus. The conference is designed to gather educators from pre-school, elementary and secondary education, career centers, colleges, universities, and adult education, to “network, listen, explore...and learn.” Organizers say the conference will benefit teachers, faculty, librarians, instructional designers, administrators, students and technicians. Early-bird registration deadline is **Dec. 2, 2009**, and final registration deadline is **Jan. 13, 2010**. Click [here](#) for the conference Web site and to obtain complete details and registration information.

South Central Ohio ESC

2009-2010 Professional Development

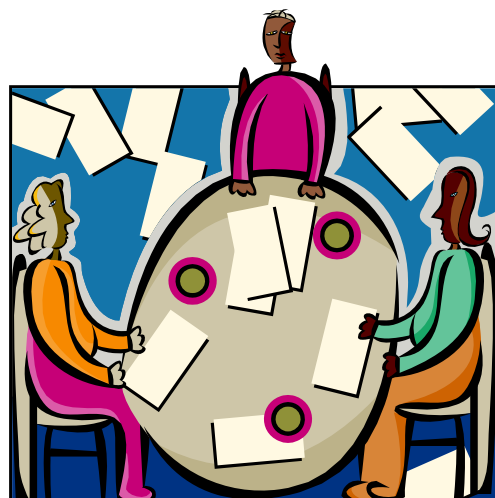
The South Central Ohio ESC has three programs remaining on their 2009-2010 professional development schedule. Programs are limited to 25 so register early!

- **December 14 & 15 – Differentiation of Instruction**
- **January 12 – How the Brain Learns**
- **February 23 – Never Work Harder Than Your Students**

All programs will be held at the South Central Ohio ESC in Portsmouth and will begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast. Program presentation begins promptly at 8:30 and concludes by 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Graduate credit will be available from Ohio University upon completion of two-day programs.

Programs are of no charge to teachers and administrators within the SCOESC service area. For those participants outside the SCOESC service area, a registration fee of \$100 per person is required.

To register or for additional information contact Jan Thomas at 740-354-0253 or jthomas@scoescc.org





Partnering with Teachers to
Bring Citizenship to Life

Project Citizen

Help Your Students Discover Their Roles as Citizens

Please join the Center on Saturday, January 9, 2010 in Columbus, Ohio for the *Project Citizen* professional development program. This hands-on curriculum for students in grades 5-12 is aligned to the Ohio content standards in [English language arts and social studies](#). Free classroom textbooks are part of this training which will encourage students to be actively engaged citizens and teach them how to make change in their school and communities through the use of public policy. Registration is \$10 for teachers and/or administrators who are current Center members and \$55 for non-members.

- Free textbooks.
- A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Certificate of participation for six contact hours

To register, please fill out the registration form found on the Center website by going to: <http://www.oclre.org/currentoclreregistrationform.doc>

For more information please contact Addie Natalie, *Project Citizen* State Coordinator, at 877-485-3507 or anatalie@oclre.org



Professional Development Opportunities & Resources

[High Quality eLearning Professional Development Modules](#)

ODE and University of Akron have developed online professional development courses and resources for K-12 literacy educators and parents. Modules represent comprehensive pd for by helping educators develop skills that are sustainable, ongoing and focused on student achievement. Topics available: Five Essentials, Early Language Learning, Differentiation, English Learners, Adolescent Literacy, Scaffolding, High Yield Strategies or Assess Plan Teach, School Leadership, and Instructional Coaching. Modules are blended online and face-to-face led by experienced facilitators. Contact your SSTs for information about funding provided to support implementation of modules. For program info contact Lori Vargo at 330-972-7708 or LVargo@uakron.edu or visit www.eReadOhio.org

[Physical Education Standards training to be held in January](#)

ODE will hold a free workshop on Friday, Jan 22 to help educators learn how to incorporate the newly adopted standards for physical education in their local curriculum. The session will be held at Miami County Educational Service Center in Troy, from 9:00 – Noon. Up to 40 participants can attend. Preregistration is required. Register through STARS using a SAFE account. If you do not have a SAFE account, you can obtain one at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal/> Registration is open from Monday, Dec 14 through Wednesday, January 20. For more information, please contact Lisa Lyle Henry at lisa.henry@ode.state.oh.us

[Fulbright program seeks distinguished teachers for overseas grants](#)

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 [Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching Program](#), designed to recognize and encourage excellence in teaching in the U.S. and abroad. Twenty-four highly talented U.S. and international teachers will be selected to receive a grant to study at a university, conduct research, teach classes and workshops, and develop a project pertaining to their field of educational inquiry during their semester overseas. Primary and secondary teachers of any subject are eligible. **Program costs such as tuition, room and board, and transportation are covered by the grant.** Participants also will receive a maintenance allowance to assist with the costs of food and lodging during the program. Participating countries for 2010-2011 are: Argentina, Finland, India, Israel, Mexico, Singapore, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Click [here](#) to access the program overview, eligibility requirements, application and program dates for each participating country. Application deadline is **Feb. 15, 2010.**

Transcript Information & Grade Reports

- Ohio University transcripts can be requested by visiting the Office of the Registrar's website <http://www.ohiou.edu/registrar> and following the links to transcripts. The cost of an official transcript is \$5.00.
- **Paper grade reports are no longer mailed by Ohio University.** You may call the Southern Outreach office for an unofficial computer printout that shows the courses and credits earned. Call 740-533-4550 for assistance.



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