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32nd Franklin B. Walter Award/Peter Galassi Scholarship

The Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award Program was established by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association to promote student achievement and to recognize outstanding students. A senior from each county within the state of Ohio received an award for the 2020-2021 school year. The Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Medina County recognizes and supports the recipient of the Franklin B. Walter Award through awarding the Peter Galassi Scholarship.



The winner must be a high school senior from one of the Medina County local or city school districts. The winning student must demonstrate outstanding academic and co-curricular achievements as indicated by high school grades, test scores, and awards. This year the scholarship is worth \$500.

The 2021 Franklin B. Walter Award/Peter Galassi Scholarship winner is Rachael Robinson of Wadsworth High School. She is the daughter of Craig and Sonal Robinson. Rachael plans on attending Ohio State University and majoring in finance or accounting.

Transition Grant Empowers Students

A team of Buckeye Junior High School staff (including Brittany Cates, Michelle Acks, Emily Goodwin, Christi Raeke, along with Principal Shannon Conley) and ESC of Medina County's Transition Specialist Dorothy Davis have received a SST8 grant of \$1925.52. The purpose of the grant is to implement the Ohio Social and Emotional Learning Standards in order to prepare students for postsecondary life. Social-emotional learning standards focus on five competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Research shows that as children grow, social-emotional learning contributes to their connections to school and community; reduces dropout rates and truancy (Smith & Low, 2013); and predicts important life outcomes, such as increased likelihood of graduating on time, full-time employment by age 25, higher earnings and financial stability, and decreased likelihood of receiving public assistance or being arrested (Gabrieli, Ansel, & Krachman, 2015; Jones Greenberg, & Crowley, 2015). The funds will be used to purchase curriculum as well as provide for teacher stipends in order to organize and plan a scope and sequence for implementation.

Inspirational Quote

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. IT DOES."

William James

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Health Care in Your School

A typical year for nursing staff members involves monitoring conditions like diabetes, asthma, seizures, and allergies. Also, they treat injuries as well as social and emotional issues. There are numerous examples of students' health and how it relates to academic achievement. Absenteeism because of poorly managed asthma can be addressed through education on the medication, triggers, etc.

School nursing involves assessment and education for both the mental and physical health of students and staff in their buildings! Especially with the addition of the pandemic, many are now contract tracers and enforcers of protocol. As a result, they are at increased risk due to maintaining the COVID room at their school.

Primarily, nurses in the school setting play a vital role in student health and learning. The impact of COVID on students will be seen in the classroom, but it will be reflected in the health of a student by physical and mental stressors first. School nursing combines expertise in nursing and education. This practice includes advanced physical and mental health assessment, emergency preparedness, school law and its impact on health care, and special education regulations.

Health care staff in the school are sometimes the only medical care providers that many students have. Referrals to community agencies for immunizations, dental programs, and wellness clinics are initiated by the clinic staff. To fully grasp the importance, think about the student who cannot see the whiteboard. If information isn't being taken in correctly, how can one succeed in school?

Healthy children learn better!!!

Think about it. Whether it is a traumatic playground injury and calling 911 or treating a bloody nose or head lice, nurses in the school setting have seen all of it this year!!