

EC Express

December 2016



Highlights from the 66th Annual Conference on Exceptional Children: 11/8 – 11/10/16

Upcoming Events:

12/1/16
3:30 pm -
4:15 pm

Compliance Booster
Session#3: DEC 4 – Progress
Monitoring and Specially
Designed Instruction
EC PD Room
Classroom B-104 (PCHS)

12/10/16
10:00 am –
2:00 pm

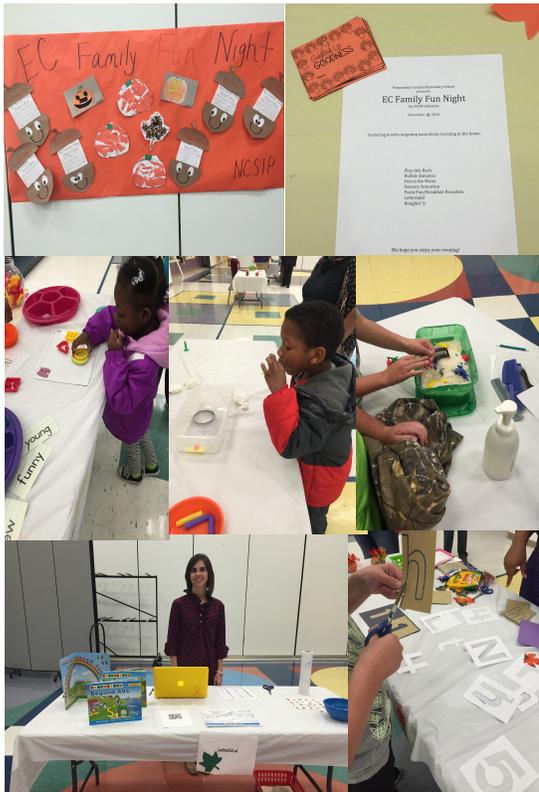
Sensitive Santa: For families
with children with intellectual
and/or developmental
disabilities. For appointments
contact Kellie Kincaid at
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1/5/17
3:30 pm -
4:15 pm

Compliance Booster
Session#4: FBA/BIP
Process
EC PD Room
Classroom B-104
(PCHS)

The theme of this year's EC Conference was "Self Assessment: A Journey of Change." This conference is the largest gathering of professional educators and parents of children with disabilities in the United States! This synergistic annual event included almost 100 Instructional Sessions, many of which were filled to capacity. On Wednesday morning at the plenary session, the crowd was speechless as a high school Senior from the Governor Morehead School sang the National Anthem. The keynote speaker was Chris Hendricks, a singer/songwriter diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. His stories were truly heart-warming. That evening, Mrs. Annette Whidbee, who was accompanied by her husband and two sons, was honored as Perquimans County Schools' Teacher of Excellence at the Recognition Banquet. Ms. Laura Ullom and two students from the OCS program represented our team with their Pirate Express Printing business in which they were able to sell numerous buttons and vinyl decals at the School-Based Enterprise Bazaar! Please be sure to collaborate with your EC colleagues who attended this year's conference for additional updates and innovative ideas to continue to improve the educational outcomes for all students! PQ EC Pride!

Perquimans Central School: EC Family Night 11/15/16



EC Family Night was held at Perquimans Central School on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm. This well-organized event featured stations that targeted naturalistic learning in the home. Students and their families could rotate to the following stations: Play-Doh Bash, Bubble Bonanza, Fun in the Water, Sensory Sensation, Pasta/Breakfast Bracelets, Letterland, and

Roughin' It. Each of the EC teachers created an actively engaged learning station for participants and their families. Additional materials to be used at home were distributed for families. The Easter Seals After School Program was also in attendance. Lots of smiles were shared among the EC staff, students and families!

National School Psychology Awareness Week 2016

The National Association of School Psychologists celebrated School Psychology Awareness Week during the week of November 14-18. The theme was *Small Steps Change Lives* with an emphasis of how taking small steps can build greater successes and develop the academic and social-emotional skills that students need to promote personal achievement. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Anne Nixon who takes great strides daily in helping staff, students, and their families understand the variety of factors that contribute to thriving students and school communities. Thank you, Mrs. Nixon for your diligence and dedication to our EC Team!

Thanksgiving Dinner in Mrs. Woodard's Class: 11/21/2016

On Monday, November 21, the students in Mrs. Woodard's class hosted a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at 1:00 pm in their classroom. Prior to the event, brightly colored invitations were created and sent to guests, including the students' families, staff, and administrators. Students learned about invitations, setting the table, and reviewed character traits such as respect and responsibility. The meal featured a variety of items such as turkey, ham, stuffing, sweet potato

casserole, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cornbread, rolls, deviled eggs, cranberry sauce and so much more! Another counter was filled with several types of desserts. The cupcakes and pies were an instant hit! The students were pleased with their Thanksgiving Dinner and enjoyed spending time with all of the special guests. There was plenty of laughter and food! It was truly a memorable Thanksgiving dinner for all! Way to go, Mrs. Woodard's class!



Compliance and Auditing Reminders

Progress Monitoring

- Progress monitoring template provided at EC Compliance Booster session should be used for each area of service time delivery for students at PCMS and PCHS
- Document dates, levels of attainment, and progress monitoring notes/observations



Service Time Delivery Records

- Maintain service time delivery logs for each session – auditors will be asking to see these records
- Ensure your service time delivery on your daily schedule matches service time delivery within each area addressed on IEP

Data Notebooks

- Reflect upon your 1st Quarter Data and 2nd Quarter data gathered for students on your caseload
- Use all available sources of data gathered to drive your next instructional steps for the remainder of the semester and/or MOY



Parent/Family Engagement

- Focus on the family as the unit of attention, while respecting the uniqueness of each family
- Develop a personalized relationship to establish safe and inviting classroom environment
- Gather and provide information and support in culturally responsive ways