



Project MORE Newsletter

Fall 2009

Greetings Project MORE Partners,

Hope the school year is off to a great start! Project MORE currently works with over 140 schools in Ohio and receives funding from the U.S. Department of Education. This funding allows us to work with new schools in/outside Ohio, but we will continue to provide ongoing support to our current schools. If you know of a school interested in Project MORE for 2009/10, please let us know!

Congratulations to those schools whose students with disabilities passed their OAT's resulting in the district making AYP for their students with disabilities! Schools continue to report that when their students with disabilities receive four days per week of 1:1 mentoring these students make month for month reading level gains.

New Information:

- **Because the focus of our current funding is to work with new schools, we are not holding Fall Meetings this year**
- **Check out the "What's New" box on Reading-tutors.com- this shows new books and materials that have been added.**
- Reading A-Z has state correlations per grade level- www.readinga-z.com
- **Project MORE Timeline-** Veteran Project MORE Coordinator/Title I Teacher KoAnn Rutter/Elmwood Local has shared her month by month list of activities- **A must read for new and veteran coordinators**
 - http://ohioprojectmore.org/documents/pm_timeline_and_faq_koann_rutter.pdf
- Arcanum-Butler Local's high school students receive 1/2 high school credit for Project MORE mentoring five days/week for the school year. Others can do this too!
- **Example of beginning a student in Project MORE**
 - http://ohioprojectmore.org/documents/beginning_a_student.zip

Project MORE Trainings:

Initial Project MORE Trainings for new schools and/or new coordinators and Follow Up Meetings for recently trained new schools have been scheduled:

- **The Initial Project MORE Training** runs from 11:30 AM -3:30 PM (4:00 PM if DIBELS training is needed)
- **The Follow Up Meeting** runs from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

These meetings will take place at the following locations throughout the state:

1. **Tuesday, September 22nd:** Putnam County ESC, 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, OH 45875
Phone: 888.319.3560 Located in Classroom #2
2. **Wednesday, September 23rd:** Stark County ESC, 2100 38th St. N.W., Canton, OH 44709

Phone: 330.492.8136 Located in the IMC Room, Enter Door 4.

3. **Tuesday, September 29th:** Montgomery County ESC, 200 S. Keowee St., Dayton, OH 45402. Phone: 937.224.8087 Located in the Boardroom

To RSVP contact Debby Ambroza, dambroza@pm.noacsc.org by **September 17th**.

Important Reminders:

- **Make sure that you DIBELS benchmark test your students at their reading level (test at same reading level throughout the year).**
- **Student Demographic Data Forms will be turned into Amy Freeman, fax 419.523.6126, (not Kandy Current, BGSU) at the end of the school year- This is the only form you need to submit to Project MORE.**
 - **PDF Version**
http://ohioprojectmore.org/documents/12_demographic_data_form.pdf
 - **Excel Version**
http://ohioprojectmore.org/documents/12_demographic_data_form.xls
- **Please continue to contact us with any questions or success stories.**

Sustainable Idea: The key components of Project MORE were already in place for us: DIBELS and Reading A-Z. To support the work of Project MORE, our principal created an intervention period per grade level each day, which is when mentoring occurs. The PTO has always purchased Reading A-Z and Reading-tutors. Paulding

Success Story: "Because of Project MORE, my students were so improved, we met AYP for students with disabilities for the first time." Assistant Superintendent/Central Ohio

Yours in mentoring,

Amy Freeman
Project MORE Director