



MCIU CONNECTION

Glouner Named CIPD Director in October



Kendall Glouner, Assistant Director of the Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Division (CIPD) was selected to replace Dr. Peter Grande, following his retirement October 10. Ms. Glouner joined the MCIU in 2007 as the Assistant Director of CIPD where she facilitated the approval of Continuing Professional Education courses, coordinated county-wide staff development, and assisted districts with the implementa-

tion of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's mandates and initiatives.

"I am looking forward to working with the school districts to develop results oriented, value added services that support their curriculum, instruction and professional development needs," Glouner said.

Glouner began her career as an elementary teacher in Central York School District and then joined the School District of Lancaster as an elementary assistant principal in 2002. She held the position of elementary principal in Central Dauphin School District and in Dallastown Area School District before accepting the position as director of curriculum in Hatboro-Horsham School District in 2006. Glouner is currently completing the requirements for a doctorate in educational leadership from Temple University.

Ms. Glouner and her husband Christopher Shaffer live in Perkasie with their son, Harrison, and daughter, Parker.

REGISTER NOW:

Differentiated Instruction Symposium

"The Brain-Technology Connection"

Dr. Christopher Dede--nationally known authority on the "why and how students learn with technology"

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Take away practical applications that will jump start your district's curriculum reform and increase student achievement!

To register, go to mciu.org/workshops

MCIU Updates

New Tech Services: The MCIU Technology and Information Services Division (TIS) is now offering two new services to schools and school districts. MCIUTube is a new application allowing users to display videos that can be viewed by user groups of their choosing. Features include built-in email client, audio file upload, approval process to screen videos, and ability to create groups/categories to control viewers. Videos can also be embedded on school district web pages for easy viewing.

The second new service, Virtual File Locker, is a file management system that allows teachers and students to access files from home or school. Highlights allow users to upload their resources to folders and teachers may place assignments in drop boxes. For more information, call 610-755-9351.

Paraprofessional Training/Resources: Beginning July 1, 2008, all special education paraprofessionals must receive 20 hours of staff development each year on subjects related to their job assignment. PaTTAN has designed trainings for paraprofessionals to help them earn a Pennsylvania Special Education Paraprofessional Credential of Competency from the PA Bureau of Special Education. They have also developed an educational packet "Knowledge and Skill Development for Special Education paraeducators in Pennsylvania", which includes information about the new requirements and PaTTAN's trainings. To receive a copy, call PaTTAN at (610) 265-7321.

Legislative Meetings: Dr. MaryJane Gales, Legislative Services Director and Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley, Executive Director/CEO, recently visited Capitol Hill to meet with local legislators and other Pennsylvania representatives on the Education Committee. These legislators indicated that Congress is well aware of the issues concerning the reauthorization of ESEA (No Child Left Behind), but expect little movement on it at this time. All members of Congress are committed to fulfilling their 40% commitment to funding IDEA, however budget remains at 17% for another year. All members also agreed that Medicaid reimbursement to schools for transportation and administrative costs need to continue, but the reality is that there may be little funding for these initiatives given the cost of the financial bailout plan currently being considered.



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MCIU Snapshots



Dan Deegan, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, rode his bike 175 miles to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society on Sept 27 & 28. Dan raised \$770 in his ride from Philadelphia to Ocean City, then back to Cherry Hill.

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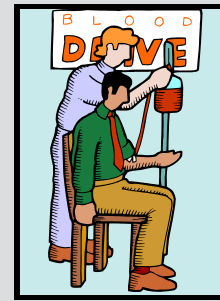
School Improvement Resources

Did you know that this year 14 Montgomery County schools did not meet the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) level compared to 5 schools last year? Through PSSA testing, AYP measures the minimum level of improvement that schools must achieve in reading and mathematics proficiencies according to the state's academic standards. The number of schools going in to school improvement or corrective action to meet these goals will continue to increase each year due to the higher proficiency levels for reading and math. This year the proficiency levels for reading were 63% and 56% for math, compared to 54% reading and 45% math last year. Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development (CIPD) plays an important role in helping school districts with their efforts to have all students achieve proficiency, including:

- Providing guidance on use of the new Revision Tool and completing the Getting Results school improvement planning model
- Holding trainings on how to use the Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System (PVAAS) in grade level and/or student level planning
- Reviewing and approving Getting Results School Improvement I and Corrective Action I documents

Year round, CIPD also provides a host of other services to support schools and districts including:

- Response to Intervention (RtI) to help identify, support and remediate at-risk students
- Best practices in differentiated instruction: CIPD will host Carol Ann Tomlinson, guru in differentiated instruction for a two-day seminar this October
- In-district training with coaching activities



Thanks for Contributing!

The MCIU had a successful blood drive on Friday, 9/19 with 29 participants donating 27 units of blood.

Staff provided help for between 81 and 135 people (each unit helps 3-5 people). Mark your calendars for next year, when we have requested Friday, September 11 for our 9/11 Commemorative Blood Drive-- a truly special day to contribute.

Achoo! Get your Flu Shots

Protect yourself from the flu this winter by getting your immunization at the MCIU. The MCIU Flu Clinic will be held Wednesday, November 5. Shots will be scheduled every 15 minutes, from 2:00 to 4:30pm, in Room C5. The cost is \$20.00--cash or check payable to Montgomery Hospital. There are two ways to sign up:-
 1) Email Carol Robinson, c Robinson@mciu.org, with your choice of time.
 2) Call Carol at X167.

Welcome MCIU Staff

Welcome to the following new staff:
 » Kristen Kovacs-- Emotional Support
 » Ann White -- LTS Hearing Support Teacher
 » Pat Delaney --Teacher Assistant
 » Greg Llewellyn - Educational Consultant, PaTTAN

Perry Baer was appointed as the Coordinator of Business Support and Cooperative Services effective October 20. Perry will join MCIU from the Wissahickon School District where he served as Assistant Business Administrator.