



# Project MORE

*Mentoring in Ohio for Reading Excellence*

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### **A Message From Project MORE Director, Jan Osborn**

After seventeen years, Project MORE has trained over 500 schools in Ohio! In 2015-16 we are still operating in at least 130 schools according to returned Implementation Forms. Even more schools are still operating Project MORE but for their own reasons have chosen not to return an Implementation Form and/or have personalized their local program and no longer refer to their program as Project MORE. We have trained 39 new schools this year through Project MORE trainings. We are looking forward to our eighteenth year (in 2016-17) being more successful than this current year!

An area where we see a tremendous amount of growth is where grant applicants, such as the Twenty-first Century Grants, are writing in their applications Project MORE as the vehicle to help with their third grade guarantee reading needs.

We are confident that over twenty-two schools are using Project MORE in their

Twenty First Century After-School Programs.

Any schools that might be interested in more training and/or have been saving their grant dollars for summer staff development, our team is available for individual initial trainings, refresher trainings, on-site visits, and program fidelity reviews until Thursday, June 30, 2016. We will be scheduling next year's trainings starting Monday, August 1, 2016.

Please call 419-523-5951 x 3035 or email us [projectmore@pm.noacsc.org](mailto:projectmore@pm.noacsc.org) if you have a training need.

### **Attention Friends of Project MORE**

We just received word that two new articles have been published about the value of Project MORE. As soon as we receive information where you can read these articles, we will send you the information!

Get in contact with us!

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[www.ohioprojectmore.org](http://www.ohioprojectmore.org)

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### **Demographic Data Forms Due**

Friendly reminder....2015-2016 Demographic Data Forms are due by Friday, May 27, 2016. You can download the forms at [www.ohioprojectmore.org](http://www.ohioprojectmore.org) under 2015-16 Forms.

### **2016-2017 Implementation Form Now Available**

You can download the new 2016-2017 Implementation Form at [www.ohioprojectmore.org](http://www.ohioprojectmore.org) under 2016-17 Forms. We need these forms returned by May 27, 2016.

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## **New Pricing for Project MORE Trainings as of 4/1/2016**

Due to an increase in demand for Project MORE training along with less funding, the fee schedule for Project MORE trainings is as follows:

### Coordinator Initial Training for Project MORE:

- \$500 per school building, 1 - 3 people
- \$250 for each person over 3 attending per school building
- \$75 per training manual requested
- Mileage charged for individual schools requesting training to be held at their building

### Optional, but recommended:

- \$500 per school building for follow-up training scheduled within six weeks of initial training
  - \$500 per school building for end-of-year wrap up meeting to ensure implementation of Project MORE has been done with fidelity for optimal results
  - \$75 per school building for regional coordinator meetings
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## **Regional Coordinator's Meetings**

Next year we hope to reinstitute Regional Project MORE Coordinator's Meetings. In the past, those coordinators who attended responded that they learned a great deal from their fellow coordinators, especially about mentor recruitment, lesson planning, and evaluating their local program success to share with administrators, parents, and community members. These meetings served as a valuable time spent networking with Project MORE school coordinators throughout the state.

## **Project MORE Represented at Summit and Conference**

Dr. Jan Osborn represented Project MORE on Tuesday, February 2, at the Ohio Expanded Learning Summit. He spoke at a session featuring information on after-school programs utilizing volunteer reading mentors. From the session, we were happy to learn many 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant recipients were implementing Project MORE in their after-school programs.

Project MORE team members will present at the *Educators Connect for Success* conference on Monday, June 13 to Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Ohio Union in Columbus, Ohio.

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## **Portsmouth Video**

Congratulations Project MORE coordinators, Angela Johnson and Debbie Akers, on your fantastic Project MORE program serving 82 students with 125 volunteer mentors, four per week, 30 minutes a day! Thank you for sharing your positive message about Project MORE and the amazing growth you have witnessed by your students. Those individuals looking for ideas on how to share their success with Project MORE will want to watch this 10 minute dynamic local news video

<http://www.watchthezone.com/positivelyportsmouth.html>

Project MORE interview starts at the 13 minute and 7 second spot in episode #29.

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## **Worthington Article**

Our sincere thanks to those who serve our country both in the defense of our nation and as Project MORE volunteers. Take a few minutes to read a great article regarding Sgt. Alex Rozanski, Project MORE volunteer at Liberty Elementary School in Worthington City Schools.

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/content/stories/worthington/news/2016/02/02/mentors-advance-students-reading-skills.html>

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# Possible Funding Ideas!

## Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Award Nominations

Your district has the opportunity to participate in three award programs that recognize outstanding Ohio classroom teachers, a major objective of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. The application forms for these awards can be accessed at [www.mhjf.org](http://www.mhjf.org) by clicking the Award Nominations tab on the left hand menu. Nominations must be completed and submitted online by April 22, 2016.

The intended recipient of each award is a classroom teacher who has earned deep respect from students and colleagues, remains intellectually alive, demonstrates leadership in his/her field, and has become a model of excellence for the teaching profession. Each of the awards is for a public school elementary or secondary teacher.

1. The Arthur S. Holden Teacher Award for Excellence in Science Education is in honor of our Foundation's founder. It is to be used for a science project to benefit students in the recognized teacher's classroom, school and/or district. The award is in the amount of \$7,500 and will be payable to the school district in the winner's name.
2. The George B. Chapman, Jr. Teacher Award for Excellence in Mathematics Education is in honor of our Foundation's past Chairman. It is to be used for a mathematics project to benefit students in the recognized teacher's classroom, school and/or district. The award is in the amount of \$7,500 and will be payable to the school district in the winner's name.
3. The Master Teacher Award is to be used for a project to benefit students in the recognized teacher's classroom, school and/or district. The award is in the amount of \$7,500 and will be payable to the district in the winner's name.

Each candidate must have seven years of experience as an Ohio teacher. On all applications, teachers must complete their sections and the immediate supervisor/administrator and superintendent must complete and upload their comments/recommendation. Each school district may nominate only one teacher per award annually.

A representative committee of educators will select the teachers to be honored. Only one teacher will be recognized as the Ohio award winner in each category; however, the Foundation will recognize up to an additional five teachers under each award area. Those

teachers will receive a \$3,000 Grants-to-Educators towards funding their proposed projects and be listed on the MHJF website as excellent teachers in their designated category.

## Dollar General Literacy Grants

Check out this website

<http://newscenter.dollargeneral.com/news/dollar-general-literacy-foundation-grant-application-now-open.htm>

for potential funding for your Project MORE program. Deadline to apply for Youth Literacy Grants is Thursday, May 19, 2016. Maximum grant amount is \$4,000. Grant funding is provided to assist in implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, and purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs.

## Project MORE Spotlight

In this edition of Project MORE Spotlight we are shining light on Shelley Herrmann, Project MORE Coordinator at Graham Elementary in Champaign County.

Keep up the good work!

