

## A Message from your Co-Presidents.....

We are honored to be the Co-Presidents of the ACTA for the next two years. It is an important task, and we want to make sure all members feel valued. We are in the process of visiting each building in the district, which has been an eye-opening experience. Being able to go to each of the buildings and feel that building's atmosphere and see the appreciation of the students for what you are doing is inspiring. Every building has a life of its own and that needs to be embraced while we work collectively for the good of our Association. Keep up the GREAT work and let us know if there is anything that we can do to help you in your work.

Starting in September of 2021, we plan to hold a scheduled informal visit every month at each building so all members can address issues with us directly or share the wonderful happenings going on in each building. We look forward to staying connected.

Jon Court & Flory Mauriocourt

## NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 20th  
4:00 to 5:15 p.m.  
Archer Auditorium

## OEA News....

### Ohio Teacher Evaluation System 2.0 (OTES 2.0)

This system focuses on collecting High Quality Student Data (HQSD) and how teachers analyze and use this data in the classroom. The district has formed a Committee to discuss implementation of this system and all buildings having teacher representation.

### Ohio School Funding

After four Ohio Supreme Court rulings and decades of unconstitutional funding, Ohio Senators are now considering the **Fair School Funding Plan**. Contact your Ohio Senator to urge the passing of this Plan.

### FREE OEA Virtual Summer Leadership Academy

June 21-23

Registration information available soon!

### OEA Wellness Wednesdays

DeStress Disco Bash

May 26

Join us for this free party with a DJ!

<http://bit.ly/OEADeStressDisco>

## KNOW YOUR CONTRACT

Do you know where to find a copy of your contract? Our goal is to make it accessible to all the staff through our ACTA Website. While the reading may not be a page turner, it is important reading.

Each newsletter will promote an aspect of the contract you should know. This month's focus...

### **Do you have a Continuing Contract?**

If you have a Limited Contract, read pages 40-42 of the contract to see if you qualify for a continuing contract and determine if you want to start working towards a Continuing Contract.

A continuing contract does just as the title suggests and saves teachers from going through the process of periodically renewing their limited contract.

## Your Input is Needed!!

<http://bit.ly/ACTA2021>

Please complete the survey using the above address to provide input on how ACTA can best represent its members.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

### ▶ ACTA Webpage

Do you have website editing skills? The ACTA could use your help! If you can use WordPress, please contact Jon Court or Flory Mauriocourt.

### ▶ Committee Assignments

At the next general meeting, available committee positions will be shared. Think about how your expertise could enhance the Association.

The ACTA website is up and running...  
check it out at:

<http://ashlandcityta.ohea.us/>

Thank you to OEA for  
providing space for us!

## GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE ASHLAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT!

### Fostering Our Graduates

This initiative began with Denise Rosby's idea to create a way to support those seniors in Ashland County who are currently in the foster care system. With a similar passion, Jen Ediger quickly jumped on the idea and established a non-profit organization. On May 21<sup>st</sup> a Graduation Party Dinner will be held to celebrate these students and their success in graduating from high school! Each will receive some special gifts, including a laptop computer!

Please contact Jen Ediger if you would like to learn more and make a financial donation or a donation of your time and talents to support our students in the foster care system.

### Fine Arts Signing Day

Ashland High School  
May 18 - 3 p.m.

This event will honor 16 graduating seniors pursuing higher education in their chosen field of art.

All these students have honed their skills with the help of the teachers in the Ashland City School District.

### **Teacher of the Year!**

Congratulations to each of you for being selected the Ashland City School District Teacher of the Year!!!

The honor is well deserved!

Thank you to all the Committee Members and to the Ashland Community for making that week very special!

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### GET TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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An updated list of executive committee members and their contact information will be sent out soon. Each newsletter we want to introduce you to a few of the members so you can get to know them a little better.

An Ashland University graduate who teaches Biology, Physical Science, Anatomy, Genetics and Microbiology at Ashland High School. She was raised on a small farm near Adario, Ohio and is in her 16<sup>th</sup> year of teaching at the high school.

~ Bonita Gauss – Co-Vice President

Born and raised in Ashland and now in her 25<sup>th</sup> year of teaching at Ashland City Schools, she currently teaches General Music to grades K-3 and 6-7.

~ Carol Kinney – Co-Vice President