

# M4RA News 4 You

Fall 2015

Greetings Friends,

***“When I went to pick her up to take her to my room, a little girl on her second morning of mentoring said that MAP (Mentor A Pirate) was the best thing she had ever done in her whole life!”*** Tina Green, MAP Coordinator, Wheelersburg Elementary

**Good News for 1:1 Reading Mentoring:** M4RA’s parent organization, the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) recently learned that they will receive a 5 year federal grant starting in October 2015. This grant will allow M4RA to work with youth who are incarcerated in juvenile detention centers, juvenile prison schools as well as continuing to provide professional development opportunities for Ohio schools/organizations that want to provide 1:1 reading mentoring for their children and youth.

**“In the M4RA Spotlight”:** Mentor A Pirate at Wheelersburg Elementary: Tina has begun this year with 45 students and about 50 Mentors. She has shared photos, and her recent activities to recruit Mentors. This is the link to more information and many tips used by Tina Green in this mentoring program. <http://www.m4ra.org/2015/09/ideas-please-check-forms-tina-shared/>

“One of my new mentors this year brings her therapy dog, "Digit", with her on Mondays. The kids love reading to her!” ~Tina



**New Section on M4RA.org:** Have you read/seen this? Links to current information about topics that affect education today. <http://www.m4ra.org/readseen/>

**Upcoming M4RA Instruction Sessions #1 and #2:**  
<http://www.m4ra.org/instruction-sessions-2015-2016/>

**Comments from M4RA Instruction Sessions participants:** “Great resources and insight about Reading A to Z and program.” “Thorough and kept me engaged.” “Provided helpful information & resources are awesome!” “I like the combination of hands-on and lecture.” “Thank you for addressing best practices for moving students between levels- fluency & comprehension.”

**Current Schools list/need mentors:** If you or someone you know would like to become a Mentor in a M4RA school; please contact one of the following schools closest to you.  
<http://www.m4ra.org/schools-please-ask-need-mentors/>

**The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD)** is a statewide nonprofit organization that serves families of infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities in Ohio, educators and agencies who provide services to them. OCECD's programs help parents become informed and effective representatives for their children in all educational settings. In addition, youth are assisted to advocate for themselves. Through knowledge about laws, resources, rights and responsibilities, families are better able to work with agencies to ensure that appropriate services are received for the benefit of their sons and daughters.  
<http://www.ocecd.org/>

**Survey Monkey:** The [M4RA End of Year Report](#) will be piloted on Survey Monkey at the end of the 2015/16 school year. We will let you know the link and when we'd like your input next spring. We hope you will enter the information that is on your End of the Year Report. Survey Monkey will help us analyze data for our reporting requirements. Thank you for helping us, and of course, we want your feedback!

**Reminder: For the End of the Year Report;** Please keep an extra Fluency Passage at the same reading level (B-Z), as the first cold read, for each student. We need to compare the fluency gains with Cold Reads at the same level from beginning your mentoring program until the student leaves or the end of the year. **Be sure to use Non-fiction both times OR Fiction both times at the same Comprehension Level.**

**Just an Email Away:** Please let us know how we can help you help your students!

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