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Where Is Strong? A contest for you to WIN!

By Pam Taylor, Communications Committee Member

In my younger years there was a book entitled, **Where is Waldo?** Most of you probably remember it. Well, this contest has its similarities. You will need to find four pictures of our leader Brad Strong hidden on our NCOEA webpage. Here are the guidelines:

Go to our NCOEA webpage at www.northcentraloea.org. There you will need to find four of the same picture of Brad Strong hidden among the pages (See the sample picture to the right.). Then email your full name, address, and phone number with all four locations where you found his pictures on the website to Pam Taylor@Teach621@aol.com. (Please use the topic NCOEA contest so I do not accidentally delete it.) I will then go through the submitted forms to see who has all of the correct answers. From those, **two winners** will be chosen to receive a **\$25.00 gift certificate to Staples**. Winners will be announced in the upcoming *Chalkdust* as well as notified by phone. Gift cards will be mailed to the two lucky recipients.



Tina Adams - tinacontract@aol.com **WHAT'S UP WITH ESP IN NCOEA** Brian Bazely – blbazely@embarqmail.com

Education Support Professionals (ESP) and teachers in NCOEA, OEA, and NEA are pleased to welcome to our fold the recently organized ESP of Ashland County West Holmes Career Center. They have joined the teachers to form an umbrella unit. We invite you, as well as all ESP in our district, to take advantage of the many opportunities that are available for participation to learn more about the association and your contribution to public education, and to have your voices heard about your issues and concerns.

Wondering what those might be? Here are a few examples:

- ~ Attend the NCOEA Executive Committee meetings (dates and times are listed on the front); Always free food, good company, and great conversation. NCOEA is the connection to other opportunities at the state level.
- ~Attend the State ESP Conference. Held close to home in Mansfield on Oct. 24, 2009, topics will include bargaining, safe schools, questions and answers with an OEA attorney, and information on what benefits you personally get from belonging to the Association. There are scholarships available to cover the cost of \$15 for great food for breakfast and lunch. If you are interested in more information contact Tina Adams @ tinacontract@aol.com or 419-526-6171. Deadline for scholarship request is Sept. 3, 2009.
- ~Attend the National ESP Conference held in Las Vegas in March, 2010. There are limited scholarships available at the state level to cover the entire cost of this phenomenal opportunity. Contact Tina Adams for more information.
- ~Join the Ohio Association of Education Support Professionals (OAESP). The dues are \$5 a year. Just check the box on your OEA membership form. OAESP is an organization of ESP from all over the state that is dedicated to mentoring other ESP members and bringing ESP issues to the forefront of the OEA. There are 3 meetings a year and this group sponsors the ESP State Conference.

This is only a start. Sometimes the amount of information can be overwhelming but it is rewarding to learn more every day. Please join us at an NCOEA meeting or drop us a line, so that we can help each other stand together for job security and public education. Remember, all local members are welcome; it's not just for officers. Hope to see you there!