

# What's Happening at the MCSESC

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## Inkspot 2011

Copies of the 23rd annual edition of the Inkspot, Medina County's collection of student writing and artwork, have been delivered to students who are featured in this year's publication. Building principals and teachers of published students also received a copy of the book that features work from 149 students in Medina County public schools. Over 300 entries were submitted by young artists and authors for consideration. The Inkspot publication, facilitated by the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center, is a showcase of poetry, prose, and artwork by students in Medina County schools, grades K-12.



Autumn Baskerville  
 Buckeye Intermediate  
 Grade 6

The Medina Sunrise Rotary Club has purchased an additional 170 copies of this year's Inkspot to be placed in waiting rooms and offices throughout Medina County. The club purchased these books to promote literacy within our community. Extra copies of the Inkspot can be purchased for \$5. Please contact Keturah Zacharias at 330-723-6393, Ext. 102.



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## Visual Art Festival

MEDINA: The 2011 Medina County Schools' Visual Art Festival—High School Senior Show is being held April 28 - May 24, 2011, in the Medina Hospital Medical Center, South Building (Entrance D), 970 East Washington Street, Medina.

Show hours are as follows:  
 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Monday through Friday)  
 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Saturday).



Adam Valco  
 Highland High School

As a high school senior portfolio show, the format is similar to a graduating art major in college who is required to hold a senior show.

Elaine Taylor  
 Visual Art Festival Coordinator

## 2011 Fair Honors Ensembles

WANTED! Dedicated young musicians and vocalists who would like to perform together, practice hard, and have a great summer experience. The 2011 Medina County Fair Honors Choirs and Bands are looking for YOU!



Students are selected for membership in the following ensembles by their school music director on the basis of their playing and singing ability:

- Elementary Honors Band -- Grades 4-6
- JH/MS Honors Band -- Grades 6-8
- Elementary Honors Choir -- Grades 3-6
- Youth Honors Choir -- Grades 6-12

Rehearsals will be held the mornings of July 25 through August 3 at the Medina United Methodist Church. The Fair Honors Ensembles are scheduled to perform in concert at the Medina County Fair on Thursday, August 4, 2011, at 12 noon (elementary) and 1 p.m. (JH/MS).

Contact Michael McClintock at [mmcclintock@medina-esc.org](mailto:mmcclintock@medina-esc.org) to receive both band and choir registration forms.

Michael McClintock  
 Fair Honor Ensembles Coordinator

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William J. Koran, Superintendent

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## Entomologist Visits Cloverleaf Primary School

On February 22, 2011, the third and fourth grade students at Seville Elementary learned about the study of entomology from Dr. Mary Gardiner, the director of the Agricultural Landscape Ecology Lab at the Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center (OARDC) in Wooster, Ohio. Dr. Gardiner talked to the students about her elementary school experience, how she became interested in the study of entomology, and about her current work. After the presentation, students were invited to join the Entomology Club, which was established through a Martha Holden Jennings educational grant. Brandi Killinger, the Gifted Intervention Specialist at Seville, leads the weekly club meetings with the assistance of other teachers and staff members from the school.



During the weekly club meetings, students are learning about current entomology research, careers related to entomology, and the education and skills needed to pursue a career in entomology. During the first club meeting, students discovered how to determine whether a bug is an insect or another type of animal and how all plants and animals are classified. During our second session, students followed the step-by-step tutorial video prepared by Connie Hurt of Butterflies and Things on how to prepare and spread a butterfly or moth for display. After the butterflies and moths dried, they were added to the insect collections for further study. Club members also learned about the physical and behavior characteristics of moths and butterflies and how to tell them apart.



Insect adaptations and the morphology of insects were also investigated during the club meetings. Students explored how insects' mouths, legs, and other body parts are

adapted to meet the challenges of surviving in their habitats. They also experienced firsthand, how entomologists and other scientists struggle to identify and classify living things using established dichotomous keys. Students rose to the challenge at a recent club meeting by successfully preparing morphological illustrations of insect specimens.



In future meetings, entomology club members will learn more about Dr. Mary Gardiner's citizen research project, the Buckeye Lady Beetle Blitz. Students will review the data-gathering process currently being employed by the researchers at the Agricultural Landscape Ecology Lab, analyze the data collected during the first two years of the study, and finally, make predictions regarding the population of lady beetles living in Ohio.

Michele Wargo  
Gifted/Talented Coordinator

## 2011 World Robofest Winners

The Robofest World Competition was held on May 7, 2011, at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan, and included the participation of several local teams that had advanced from the Medina Robofest Qualifier and then the Regional Robofest Competition. The Medina Robofest Qualifier was held on March 26, 2011, at the Medina County University Center and involved 34 teams of students in grades 4-8



representing Highland, Cloverleaf, Wadsworth, and Medina School Districts. The Qualifier was coordinated by Brenda Magier of the Medina County Schools' ESC and sponsored by MTD Products, Inc.,

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## 2011 World Robofest Winners (cont'd from page 2)



the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, and the Medina County University Center.

World Robofest was an exciting day of Robotics competition that culminated in the awards ceremony, where three local teams took home trophies. In the Exhibition category, RoboNerds from Hinckley Elementary took 2nd place with their exhibit that demonstrated how robots could be used to cure cancer. In the RoboFashion and Dance Show category, Space Rebels, also from Hinckley, took the 2nd place trophy for their Star Wars themed robotics show. The Robobees, from Claggett Middle School in Medina, took home the People's Choice Award for the Exhibition category. Also participating in the World Competition was NXT (Nuclear Xtraction Technique) Power from Highland Middle School. Congratulations to all of these teams and their coaches on their accomplishments. All of these students spent a remarkable amount of time preparing their Robotics projects, and the results showed it! As judges interviewed them throughout the day, they were very impressed with their creativity and with how much the students had learned about science, technology, engineering, and math as demonstrated by their final projects.

More information about Robofest may be found at [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net), including pictures, videos, and the final scoring results. Team videos may also be found on YouTube by searching the team name.

Brenda Magier  
Gifted/Talented Coordinator

## Family-A-Fair



"Buster the Bus" was once again the star of the 2011 Medina County Schools' ESC, (MCSESC) booth at the annual Family-A-Fair, which was held on Saturday, April 30, at the Medina County Fairgrounds.

Approximately 100 families visited the booth this year and learned how to make safe, smart choices, with an emphasis on school bus safety. Children received coloring books and crayons promoting bus safety, and 200 Chinese yo-yo's were given away to promote our new summer school Chinese language class.

Districts calendars for the 2011-12 school year, along with information on summer programs being offered by the MCSESC, were given to all those who attended the event.

Dan Vincent  
Director of Curriculum

### Mission Statement

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center will be the leader in providing services and products that promote excellence in education.

## Thank You

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the events and the latest services our ESC offers. Through this newsletter, you are learning about our ESC and what type of services we can provide to you, our customers.

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## Additional Opportunities with the MCSESC

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



24/7

### Online Summer School

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center (MCSESC) is offering an opportunity for students to recover lost credits or advance their high school studies with a classroom enrichment in the privacy of their own home.



For additional information contact:  
Tom Magier, Director  
tmagier@medina-esc.org

Medina County Students: Grades 9-12  
offered by Medina County Educational Service Center in partnership with Highland Local School District

## Physical Education Summer School - 2011

Ten Days, M-F • June 13-24, 2011 • 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Students - Get your PE requirement out of the way during the summer and free up your academic schedule next fall!



**\$220 per student in Medina County**

Activities Include: Canoeing \* Team Building \* Bowling \* Hiking \* Field Trips \* Fitness \* Golf \* Biking \* Swimming \* Discipline & Responsibility \* AND MORE!!



For A Registration Form call:  
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or log on to: [www.medina-esc.org](http://www.medina-esc.org)

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5 DAYS  
June 13 - 17, 2011  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
Medina County ESC  
124 West Washington Street  
Medina, Ohio 44256

1 semester hour of credit available from Ashland University for an additional fee

## Medina County Schools' ESC Growing Tree Preschool



Accepting applications for 2011/2012 school year  
Morning Class 8:50—11:20 a.m.  
Afternoon Class 12:50—3:20 p.m.

Nine Monthly Payments  
1st payment 9/1/2011—Last Payment 5/1/2012  
1 Student \$160.00  
2 Students \$240.00  
3 Students \$320.00

Requirements  
Student physical must be completed 30 days before the start of school, September 6, 2011.

See Special Education section on website for application:  
[www.medina-esc.org](http://www.medina-esc.org)

If you have any further questions, please contact Nancy Nimmo, Director of Special Needs Initiatives, at (330) 723-6393, ext. 116.

