

Academy for Administrative Leadership in Technology (AALT)

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center has partnered with the Cuyahoga ESC, Lake County ESC, Geauga County ESC, North Ohio Technology Associates, Lorain County ESC, State Support Team 2, WVIZ, and Lakeshore Northeast Ohio Computer Association to create an Academy for Administrative Leadership in Technology (AALT). The third session of this series was held on January 18, 2012, at the Dr. Harry E. Eastridge Center, 5700 W. Canal, Valley View 44125. This session focused on 21st technology techniques for working collaboration and critical thinking in the area of Science and the Common Core. This session featured Chris Luker from Highland High School as one of the presenters. Chris shared how he turned his science classroom into a "flipped classroom". He shared the process he has taken, how it has impacted all of his students, special accommodations made, technology needed, and administrative support he has received.

There is still time to register for other sessions in this series. For more information contact N'ecole Ast at 330-723-6393 Ext. 116, or Bonnie Bertschinger at 216-901-4229.

Additional sessions:

February 16, 2012	March 21, 2012
April 18, 2012	May 23, 2012

2012-13 Growing Tree Preschool



Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center is now accepting applications to the preschool program 'The Growing Tree' for the 2012-2013 school year. The Growing Tree has a tuition based program. Tuition for the 2012-2013 school year will be a total of \$1,440.00. This will be paid in nine payments of \$160.00 a month starting September 1, 2012 with the last payment on May 1, 2013. Multiple children discount will be as follows: Two children at \$2,160.00 (\$240.00 per month) and three children at \$2,880.00 (\$320.00 per month). Families can choose to pay the total tuition up front to the monthly payment program.

The Growing Tree will have an AM and a PM class. We will accept no more than eight typical children in each class ranging in age from 3 to 5 five years old. Students with disabilities will be accepted throughout the year as the districts need to make placements with no more than eight students with disabilities in each class.

To reserve a slot for your child, please fill out an application fee form and return with a check made out to "Medina County Schools' ESC" for \$30.00 (non-refundable application fee). Forms can be found on our website, www.medina-esc.org, under the Special Education tab. Remember that a physical will need to be done no sooner than 30 days before start date of August 22, 2012.

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Professional Development for Educational Interpreters

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center is now offering professional development for educational interpreters. Educational interpreters will earn CEU's for participating in this forum. Topics that will be addressed include: ODE interpreting guidelines, roles and responsibilities, an administrator and teacher's perspective, semantics, transition, and a shared resources session. The forum will not only provide professional development in these different areas, but it will be a place for interpreters to network with other interpreters as well as participate in a facilitated discussion about hot topics in the field.

The Interpreter Forum will be hosted at the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center in the lower level conference room. The dates are January 23, February 22, March 19, April 9, and May 21, 2012. Forum will begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. To register please contact Linda Gehring or N'ecole Ast at 330-723-6393 Ext. 125 or Ext. 116.

Solo and Ensemble Festival

The Medina County Schools' Solo and Ensemble Festival is scheduled to be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at Buckeye High School beginning at 8 a.m. This festival provides participants with an opportunity to showcase their musical talents. It also serves as preparation for the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District VI adjudicated events at the high school and junior high/middle school levels. OMEA-qualified adjudicators give performance ratings and verbal comments to students participating in the event.

A total of 115 events and 206 students are scheduled for participation in this year's festival. The current draft schedules are available on the Fine Arts page on our Website at: www.medina-esc.org.

This event is being coordinated by the Medina County Schools' ESC and the participating music directors from the local, city, and nonpublic districts in the county. It is being hosted by the Buckeye Local School District.

Medina County Spelling Bee



The 2012 Medina County Spelling Bee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m., at Medina High School Middle Stage Auditorium. The Bee is sponsored by the Akron Beacon Journal. The competition includes sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students from public, private, parochial, and home schools throughout the county. The top six spellers will advance on to the Akron Beacon Journal Regional Spelling Bee which will be held on Saturday, March 10, 1:00 p.m., in the auditorium of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Students participating in this Bee will represent Medina, Summit, Portage, and Wayne counties.

This year, our spelling bee pronouncer is Mrs. Pat Straub, retired teacher from Cloverleaf Middle School. Our three judges are Sherry King (Brunswick City Schools), Phyllis Bryant (former advisor: St. Mark Lutheran School), and Michele Wargo (Geauga County Educational Service Center).

For more information on the Bee, please contact Dr. Dan Vincent, Director of Curriculum, at 330-723-6393.