



What's Happening at the MCSESC

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Future Leaders Academy

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center is hosting the 2011-2012 "Future Leaders Academy" for teachers with a potential future in school leadership. This series of in-services and workshops is designed for the practicing teacher/educator in Medina County who desires to pursue a future leadership position in education. Participants must be recommended by their principal or supervisor and approved by the district superintendent.

- This program is designed for teachers/educators with aspirations to become a district leader: principal, superintendent, director, or coordinator.
- Participants need to have their district superintendent's nomination or approval in order to participate in the program.
- The cost per person is \$400 - paid for by the school district. In the past, staff development funds have been used to pay for this tuition.
- There is also a time commitment and willingness for the district to provide release time for the teacher.
- All participants' resumes will appear in a final portfolio to be presented to each superintendent in Medina County.

Each district was invited to nominate up to two
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SST8 Grant for Preschool

The Medina County Schools' ESC preschool program was awarded a \$1,500 grant through SST 8. The preschool grant will be used to increase the use of technology in the classroom with the purchase of a projector and Mimio board. This technology will give students the opportunity to engage in interactive lessons that enhance the curriculum. This technology will also allow the classroom to connect to other classrooms using programs such as Skype, which promotes social skills, cultural diversity, and community. Connecting with other classrooms will assist in the students' transition from the overflow preschool back to their school district preschool and from preschool to kindergarten. In addition, the technology will be used to show presentations to families with information regarding special education issues and transition plans. Using presentations to provide information to families will demonstrate high quality parent support and encouragement to families in becoming valued team members.



Additional funds will be used to support the preschool special education teacher in participating in the Teacher Leader Project and Technology Professional Development classes by using funds to cover travel costs, and collaborative community funding.

The grant will also be used to assist the special education preschool teacher in using technology to connect to community classrooms with the purchase of a Webcam.

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educators to participate in the Academy. This year's class has six participants representing the following school districts: Medina County Schools' ESC, Medina City Schools, and the Cloverleaf Local School District.

The first meeting of the Academy was held on October 19 and was a combined in-service with the Medina Leadership Academy. The topic of this first in-service was "Legal Perspectives of Public Education" and was presented by Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co, L.P.A.

The Future Leaders Academy has a proven track record of past participants moving on to successful careers in public school leadership. This current class of highly qualified participants will also have these same opportunities upon completion of the Academy.



Robotics - March 3, 2012

The Medina County Schools' ESC will once again be sponsoring the Robofest competition for students in Grades 5-8. The competition will be held at the Medina County University Center. Registration begins on December 5, 2011. Check out the Website--<http://www.robofest.net>--to gather more information. Rules will also be posted in December. This year's competition is expected to be even larger. Be sure that your team is organized and ready to register on December 5, 2011.

United Way Campaign

Mission Statement
The Medina County Schools' ESC will be the leader in providing services and products that promotes excellence in education.

The Medina County Schools' ESC concluded its 2011 United Way Employee Campaign on Monday, November 7. The campaign was deemed a success due to the increased employee participation over the 2010 campaign. The number of employees donating this year increased by 49%, while the total contributions increased by 44%. The employee campaign raised \$4,675 for United Way this year, with 34 employees making donations.



New this year, two drawings for gift cards were held. One card was awarded to Joe Crisafulli from among employees who increased the amount of their donations over last year. The other card was awarded to Karen Arndt from among employees who gave this year but did not give last year.

In addition to the gift cards, discount cards or "Live United" T-shirts were awarded to Supt. Will Koran for being the highest donor; Denise Valerio for the largest monetary increase; Lori Hogue for the largest percentage increase in giving, and both Gerri Edwards and Kim Tomashefski for the largest new donations.

The Medina County Schools' ESC Governing Board and the United Way of Medina would like to extend a big thank-you to all employees who participated in the 2011 Employee Campaign!

Thank You
We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the events and the latest services our ESC offers. Throughout this newsletter, you are learning about our ESC and that type of services we are providing to you, our customers. What's Happening at the MCSESC! is a service of the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center and may be copied and distributed to everyone.