



# What's Happening at the MCSESC

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## College and Career Fair

Students, parents, and the general Medina County public are cordially invited to attend the 16th annual Medina County College/Trade/Tech and Career Fair on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. The fair will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Medina County Community Center on the Medina County Fairgrounds, at 735 Lafayette Road in Medina.



At present, 75 college/career organizations from Ohio and nearby states are registered to participate. For a current list of colleges and career-enhancing organizations which are registered to be in attendance, go to [www.medina-esc.org](http://www.medina-esc.org). Select "Special Events," then "College Fair."

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center and the Medina County Economic Development Corporation are coordinating this year's fair, which is registered with the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling.

For more information, contact Brenda Zacharias at 330/723-6393, Ext. 101, or [bzacharias@medina-esc.org](mailto:bzacharias@medina-esc.org).

## Bullying In-Service

On August 10, 2012, more than 300 school bus/van drivers were educated about bullying in our schools and what the effects of bullying are on our students' lives.

Michael Douglas of Diversity of Initiatives, Inc., presented a 30-minute performance written by Brenton Cochran of North Canton. He also gave up-to-date information on the legal implications for each person involved in a bullying situation, including teachers, principals, parents, and students.

The play, which consisted of true stories, is called ***I Have a Secret***. This presentation is about four students who are being bullied by their peers. One situation refers to a student who is struggling with being overweight. Another student struggles to cope with a changing family life that includes divorced parents. Another student is trying to control her life through food intake and then has to deal with becoming anorexic. Finally, a student has to deal with how people perceive him as having a gay life style. The performances bring to light what is happening to students who are bullied. They also assist others with recognizing the warning signs of bullying and understanding what responsibilities they have when helping students who are being bullied.

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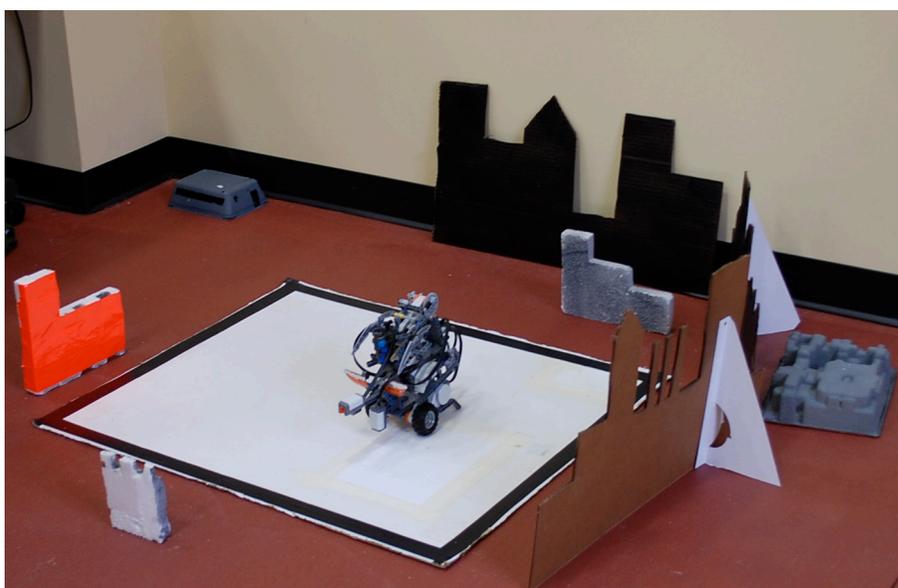
*"If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn't need motivation to speed him up. What he needs is education to turn him around."*

*Jim Rohn*

## Top Dog Writing

Each year, the Medina County Auditor's Office organizes an essay writing contest for the fourth grade students of Medina County. Students write an essay about why their dog should be considered the "Top Dog" of Medina County. All essays are due in the Auditor's Office on November 12, 2012. Awards will be presented to the winners on December 3. Join the fun! Contact Nancy Girton at 330-723-9754 in the Auditor's Office for additional information.

The Medina County Schools' ESC courier system helps the Auditor's office by transporting documentations to the participants and by returning all essays to the Auditor's Office for judging.



## Robotics

The Medina County ESC is excited to announce that FIRST LEGO League is coming to Medina County! The competition will be held on Saturday, November 17 at Buckeye Local Elementary School. If you are interested in coaching a team, gather the students up and register them now at <https://gofll.usfirst.org/> the official site for team registration. Teams can have up to ten students ages 9-14. Students in the competition not only program an NXT robot, they are also

responsible for a research project. Registration will close in September, so ACT FAST! Visit [http://edoutreach.wpafb.af.mil/Robotics/pages/teaminfo\\_reg.html](http://edoutreach.wpafb.af.mil/Robotics/pages/teaminfo_reg.html) to link to the Ohio FIRST LEGO®LEAGUE website for answers to the many questions you may have.

If your team is in need of a LEGO NXT robot, contact Deb Allen at [dallen@medina-esc.org](mailto:dallen@medina-esc.org). The MCSESC is able to loan robots to teams from Medina County that are registered for this event.

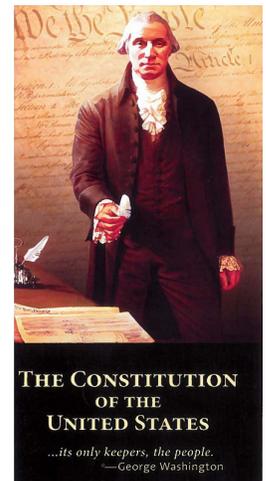
If you are interested in judging, please contact Deb Allen at [dallen@medina-esc.org](mailto:dallen@medina-esc.org). Judges are needed for Robot Design (programming), Core Values (teamwork activity), and Research (all teams conduct a research project and present it to a team of judges). Referees are also needed to score the teams during the Robotics portion of the event (the teams program robots to complete a series of missions).

We are excited to see how many teams we can gather from Medina County! Check out the websites to learn more. We look forward to a wonderful competition in November.

Don't forget to register your teams ASAP! Ohio is expecting roughly 400 teams to register this year for FLL competition.

# Constitutions Distributed to Schools

September 17 is Constitution Day. Pocket size Constitutions were distributed to high school American history and American government classes for students to have as a quick reference for their studies. The Ohio Department of Education and Governor Kasich mandate in S. B. 165, ORC 3301.079(A) (1)(b), ORC 3313.60(D) and ORC 3313.603(M), “that students will have end-of-course examinations in American history and American government by July 1, 2013. Those examinations are to include the specific historical documents required. Therefore, school districts’ new course syllabi for American history and American government should be in place in time to permit the development of those examinations.”



## MCSESC Sponsors Booth at Wadsworth Health Fair

A health fair for employees of the City of Wadsworth and Wadsworth City Schools was held September 6, 2012, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the banquet rooms of The Galaxy in Wadsworth.

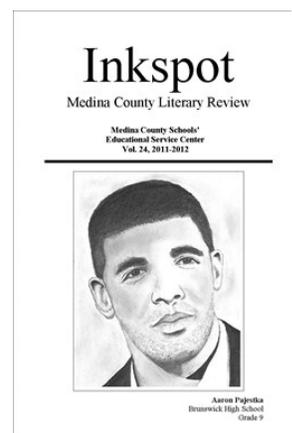
A booth was sponsored by the Medina County Schools’ ESC Nursing Department and was staffed by Jim Stacy, RMA. Mr. Stacy distributed calendars, pens, and brochures with facts about and tips to alleviate stress. Jim also educated visitors on proper hand-washing technique utilizing a black light and Glitterbug Potion. Adults and children, alike, were amazed at how much dirt was left behind, even when they thought they were giving their hands a thorough scrubbing.

To ensure that attendees got the most out of the event, organizers gave each a sign-in “Get Well” card with all the vendors listed. As the attendee visited each booth, the vendor signed his/her initials to the card, and the cards were turned back in to the organizers. One of the vendors was heard to remark, “Now I know how the actors at a Star Trek Convention feel after a day of signing autographs!”

## Inkspot

The *Inkspot*, an annual literary magazine showcasing Medina County students’ writing and artwork, will once again be published by the MCSESC this coming spring, 2013. The magazine provides an opportunity for students to see their work published and shared with the greater-Medina community. Samples of student work will be included from all the public school districts in Medina County.

Submissions should be sent to Keturah Zacharias at the Medina County Schools’ ESC no later than February 1, 2013. We suggest that students plan for the development, editing, and final draft of a piece for publication before Winter Break. Again, all entries must be received prior to February 1, 2013.



### Correction - Special Needs Staff - Correction

Christopher Day, Dana Stapleton, and Valerie Schmotzer were mistakenly reported to be in the Gifted/Talented Department. They are actually staff members in the Special Needs Department. We apologize for any confusion this has created.