



# What's Happening at the MCSESC!

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## 2012 Medina County Schools' ESC Recognition Dinner



**Linda Gehring**

2012 Carl Breyley  
Distinguished Service  
Award Recipient

On Friday, December 14, the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center held its annual Recognition Dinner at Williams on the Lake in Medina. The entertainment for the evening was provided by Cloverleaf High School Swing Choir conducted by Lawrence Timm.

More than 90 employees and their guests were on hand to celebrate the season and to bestow congratulations on those receiving service awards as well as the recipient of the Carl Breyley Distinguished Service Award.

The following persons were present to receive their awards:



L-R: N. Biebelhausen, S. Bush, L. Carske, G. Edwards, C. Lintner, T. Forthofer, D. Shumaker, M. McNeely

- 25 years** Gerri Edwards
- 15 years** Terri Forthofer  
Michelle McNeely  
Dan Shumaker
- 10 years** Lottie Carske  
Mary K. Kastanis  
Jeff Schneider
- 5 years** Deb Allen  
Nadine Biebelhausen  
Shellie Bush  
Chris Gehring  
Barb Gunkelman  
Sarah Handy  
Carole Lintner  
Elaine Semper  
Linn Sommerfeld



**Cloverleaf Swing Choir**

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## Inkspot Deadline

The Medina County Schools' ESC will publish the 2013 edition of Inkspot in the spring. The Inkspot is a literary magazine designed to showcase student writing and artwork. It also provides an opportunity for students to see their work published and shared with the community. Samples of student work will be included from all the public school districts in Medina County.

Please note the following when submitting items for possible publication:

- All entries must be **typed and edited** for grammar, punctuation, etc., prior to submission. No copyrighted material will be considered. The piece should be final copy, magazine ready.
- Please submit **exceptional** and **unique** short stories, poems, black-and-white artwork, and essays in the sciences, social studies, or the arts created by **individual students**. Class sets will not be considered for publication.
- **Written** entries – should be submitted by **e-mail** to [kzacharias@medina-esc.org](mailto:kzacharias@medina-esc.org). **Please be sure to include all the student information.** Each student's submission should be a **separate** Microsoft Word document.
- **Artwork** entries – please **attach an entry form to every entry**. Please submit ORIGINAL black-and-white artwork ONLY! NO COPIES!!! The size of the artwork should be no larger than 8½ x 11 (letter) **on sketchbook paper** (no lined notebook paper). Please note that this submission needs to be suitable for scanning since it is being submitted to a literary magazine. Please be sure that the artwork is **dark** enough so that the end result will be suitable for publication.
- Entries will not be considered without an attached entry form. Use the following link to download the [2013 entry form](#).
- The deadline for submissions is **February 1, 2013**. Send submissions to Keturah Zacharias at the Medina County Schools' ESC. Submissions will be accepted anytime from now until January 31. All entries must be received **prior** to February 1.
- Inkspot Committee members read and evaluate each contribution. Selections published are based on appropriateness, creativity, and quality.
- Original artwork will be returned after publication; however, we are unable to return manuscripts.
- The Inkspot will be published in May 2013. Each student with work included in the Inkspot will receive a complimentary copy of the book. Additional copies may be ordered at a nominal charge.

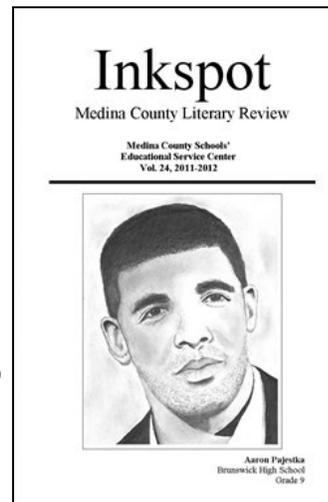
We look forward to showcasing the talents of your students!

## 2013 Solo and Ensemble Festival

The Medina County Schools' Solo and Ensemble Festival is scheduled to be held on Saturday, **January 26, 2013**, 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.

As of January 14, a total of 101 events submitted by 16 music directors are scheduled for participation in this year's festival. The breakdown by type of event is as follows: 74 solos, 19 duets, and 8 ensembles.

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.



# Ask the Nurse About Health Issues

## When should a parent keep a child home from school?

**Conjunctivitis** - YES, may return 24 hours after treatment is started.

**Cough** - YES, if the cough is persistent and productive coupled with thick or constant nasal drainage.

**Fever** - YES, keep students home until they are fever free for 24 hours.

**Vomiting or Diarrhea** - YES, keep at home until 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea with the use of medicine.

**Strep Throat** - YES, may return 24 hours after treatment is started and when fever is no longer present.

**Ring Worm** - YES, may return 24 hours after treatment starts. Area should be covered when the student returns to school.

**Impetigo** - YES, may return 24 hours after treatment starts. Sores should be covered when student returns to school.

**Head Lice** - YES, may return after their hair has been treated and they are nit free.

All of these illnesses can be easily spread, both at school and in the family. Keep in mind that hand washing is the single most important thing anyone can do to stay healthy. Parents should teach children what they can do to help prevent the spread of infections.

## Three easy ways to fight the spread of infection:

- Clean your hands—Use soap and warm water. Rub your hands vigorously for at least 15 seconds. If your hands do not look dirty, clean them with alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Rub the sanitizer all over your hands, especially under your nails and between your fingers, until your hands are dry. Clean your hands before touching or eating food. Clean them after you use the bathroom, take out the trash, change a diaper, handle money, or play with a pet. Doctors, nurses, dentists, and other health care providers come into contact with a lot of bacteria and viruses. So before they treat you, ask if they have cleaned their hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose—Many diseases are spread through sneezes and coughs. When you sneeze or cough, the germs can travel three feet or more! Keep tissues handy at home, at work, and in your pocket. Be sure to throw away used tissues and then clean your hands. If you don't have a tissue, cover your mouth and nose with the crook of your elbow or hands. If you use your hands, wash your hands right away.
- Avoid close contact—If you are sick with a fever or other symptoms of a contagious illness, stay away from other people and stay home. Call work or school and tell them you are sick. When you go for medical treatment, call ahead and ask if there is anything you can do to avoid infecting people in the waiting room.

### ***Inspirational Quote***

It is in fact a part of the function of education to help us escape, not from our own time — for we are bound by that — but from the intellectual and emotional limitations of our time.

T.S. Eliot