



What's Happening at the MCSESC

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Board-Staff Recognition Awards



Over 100 staff members and their guests attended the 2009 Medina County Schools' ESC Board-Staff Recognition Dinner, which was held on Friday, December 11, at Williams on the Lake. A highlight of the evening was the recognition of **Jacinda Yonker** as the 2009 Medina County Schools' ESC Carl W. Breyley Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Before "crowning" Jacinda, Mr. Jim Hedrick, last year's Distinguished Service Award recipient, shared some comments from the following nomination:

Jacinda is an extremely valuable member of the Wadsworth City Schools. Personally, Jacinda is extremely pleasant and a joy to be around. Jacinda has a personality which naturally draws people to her—friendly, confident, and extremely loyal to her district and colleagues. She is a voice of reason and calm when tensions climb.

Professionally, Jacinda has provided much needed stability in our gifted program. She has taken it from its early stages to a program that is envied by our neighboring districts. Jacinda has become a valuable resource for our teachers and administrators and is consulted on a daily basis on how to serve our gifted population. She has provided in-service training for individual teachers, as well as entire building staffs. Jacinda has sought out, and successfully acquired, grants which have helped bring innovative opportunities to our district for all students. Her time is given generously and is often spent outside of the normal work day to accompany students to various competitions throughout Ohio. Never does Jacinda expect extra pay or even a thank-you for her extra service to the students and staff of the Wadsworth City Schools.

Jacinda is always willing to go the extra mile for our school district and our community. This has never been more apparent than when she spearheaded the community effort to bring the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Wadsworth. As one of the main organizers, she again spent many, many hours outside of her work day meeting with city officials and organizing volunteers to assure that this large event would be successful.

Overall, Jacinda is a wonderful person and professional colleague. She is extremely conscientious and makes decisions that are in the students' best interests on a daily basis. Jacinda regularly

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Mission Statement:

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

communicates with Columbus in order to assure the decisions we are making at a local level are in line with state law and NCLB guidelines.

We cannot imagine a more deserving ESC employee exists. Jacinda would be an outstanding person to receive this award. She is a shining star for the Wadsworth City Schools, as well as the Medina County Educational Service Center.

Jacinda, the Gifted/Talented Coordinator assigned to Wadsworth City Schools, was one of five staff members nominated for this year's award. We congratulate her on this accomplishment.



The following service awards were also presented:

10-Year Service Awards:

*Dick Christy – Courier
Victoria Griffith – Personnel Secretary
John Hovorka – Sr. Technician assigned to Medina
Michael Maciejewski – Sr. Technician assigned to Brunswick
Bonnie McNeely – Regional Bus Coordinator Secretary*

15-Year Service Award:

Gloria Schultz – Treasurer's Secretary

20-Year Service Award:

David Dunmire – Governing Board President

30-Year Service Award:

Brenda Zacharias – Fine Arts/Gifted Secretary

Congratulations to all of our award recipients!

William Koran, Superintendent
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Pre-School Christmas Program

On December 15 the Integrated Preschool students put on a Christmas Program for their families. Christina Baker, teacher; Angela Cales, pre-school aide; along with Nancy Nimmo, Director of Special Needs Initiatives; and N'ecole Ast, Behavior/Autism Specialist were on hand to welcome the family members and students of the preschool classes to the Christmas Program held at Waite Elementary. The teachers created a special night for the families and students of both the morning and afternoon pre-school classes. The evening started with several students and family members creating crafts to take home, while other students played with toys and games set up for their amusement. Once everyone arrived, a delicious pot-luck dinner was served with each family bringing a favorite dish to share. After dinner the children helped clean up and the holiday celebration began with the students donning their head pieces representing reindeer antlers. The children beautifully sang five Christmas carols to parents, grandparents, and friends and we had only two students crying! Overall, the night was a huge success! The evening presentations were concluded with each student presenting their parents with special "fragile" gift they had made in class. Everyone had a great time and felt the night not only brought everyone together to celebrate the holidays but helped everyone to get to know each other better.



Christina Baker, teacher
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Relay for Life Cookie Order

Final Tally

Everyone here at the Medina County Schools' ESC would like to thank everyone who participated in our 1st annual Relay for Life Cookie Drive. We were able to raise \$1,026 for the American Cancer Society-Relay for Life organization. We had 10 happy little bakers creating the sweet confections for everyone to enjoy.

Cookies

Michele Wargo, 29 dozen Chunky Chocolate Chip
Leslie DeDauw, 31 dozen Peanut Butter Kisses
N'Ecole Ast, 27 dozen Chocolate Pumpkin Bars
Michele Wargo, 30 dozen Pistachio/Cranberry Biscotti
Kathy Mowery, 28 dozen Spritz Cookies
Angie Morman, 29 dozen Frosted Sugar Cookies
Gerri Edwards, 27 dozen Chocolate Chip,
Michelle McNeely, 27 dozen Oatmeal Scotchies



Fudge

Bonnie McNeely, 26# Chocolate
Bonnie McNeely, 28# Peanut Butter

Specialty bags

Michele Wargo, 39 bags Cashew Brittle
Gloria Schultz, 20 bags Sugar-n-Spice Nuts
Michele Wargo, 18 bags Chinese Walnuts
Jacinda Yonker, 25 bags Chocolate Covered Pretzels.

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Employee Spotlight



Audra Spring, ESL (English as a second language) Instructor, was previously employed as an ESOL teacher in Katy Independent School District in Katy, Texas. Audra has been teaching ESL for five years. She thoroughly enjoys the students she has met along the way.

Audra's duties are to improve students' fluency in English in the areas of reading, writing, and preparing students to achieve proficiency on the DTELA tests.

She has had the opportunity to service students from many different countries. Audra proclaims that "she truly values the students and enjoys learning more about the culture they represent."

Audra's personal interests include impacting student's lives in a positive manner and helping them in the areas where they are weak. Her hobbies include biking and playing guitar and piano. Finally, Audra was married on June 13, 2009 to Robert Spring II. You can reach Audra Spring at aspring@medina-esc.org



Lyndsey Hogue, STNA, works in the Cloverleaf and Buckeye Elementary Schools. Her duties include vision

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and hearing screenings and take care of everything from runny noses to broken arms and allergic reactions.

Lyndsey previously worked at a nursing home and interned at the Cleveland Clinic.

Lyndsey enjoys running at Hinckley Park with her puppy, Sophia. She also likes to draw and paint and watch the TV Show "House" even knowing as she says "he lies to me!"

Lyndsey lives at home with mom, Lori, father, Mark, and brother, Matthew, 15 and her sister Lizabeth, 16.

Lyndsey stated her goal is to continue her education towards a master's degree as a nurse practitioner and deliver babies.

By the way Lyndsey says she "loves her new job."

You can reach Lindsey Hogue at lahogue@medina-esc.org



N'ecole Ast, Behavior/Autism Specialist, was previously employed with the Highland School District and collaborates with educators and families to provide effective learning environments for all students. She also works with educators and parents to enhance behavior and socialization skills.

Although N'ecole has been too busy to develop hobbies, she enjoys reading and spending time with three sisters and one brother. N'ecole has been married for five years and has a dog named Sloopy.

Her goal is to finish her administration license within the year.

You can reach N'ecole Ast at nast@medina-esc.org

"Ed's Tech Tip"

Happy Holidays



A very special "Thank You" to all our customers for using the Audio/Visual Service Department this past year and we look forward to servicing your needs in the new year. Hope your holidays were safe and enjoyable.

Thank you for reading our internet newsletter.

Have a great day!

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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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