Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center

What's Happening at the MCSESC

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2010 Distinguished Service Award

The Ohio Music Education Association's
Da Capo
takes great pleasure to announce

Marcus L. Neiman

as the recipient of the

2010 Distinguished Service Award

in recognition of his outstanding service to music education in Ohio

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You are cordially invited to attend

The presentation
on Friday, 29 January 2010, 7:30 p.m.
in the Cincinnati Convention Center Grand Ballroom
prior to the OMEA All-State Choir Performance
and
The reception
in Findley's Restaurant (2nd Floor), Hyatt Hotel
following the Performance
(approximately 9:30 p.m.)

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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.
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Inkspot Deadline Reminder

This is a reminder to submit your students' exceptional and unique poems, short stories, and black-and-white artwork, as well as essays in the sciences, social studies, or the arts, created by individual students for publication in this year's issue of the Inkspot. The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2010. Submissions should be sent as follows:

1. *Send written entries by e-mail to kzacharias@medina-esc.org.*
2. *Send artwork entries via the courier to Keturah Zacharias at the Medina County Schools' ESC. Complete an entry form and attach it to each submission. Only original artwork will be accepted.*

We ask your help in screening your students' work. Please check each contribution for quality and accuracy before sending it to us. It is not possible for us to edit and revise contributions sent to us. Also, be sure that all materials submitted include the student's name, grade, school, and teacher's name. We look forward to hearing from you and your students!

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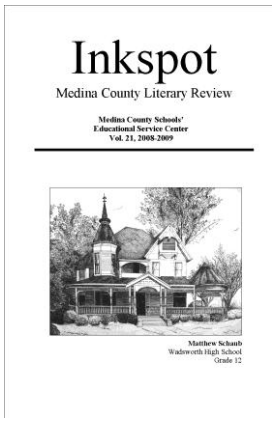
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Matthew Schaub
Wadsworth High School
Grade 12

Nursing Services

Heartsaver CPR and AED Workshop

Heartsaver CPR and AED Workshop for adults, child and infants. There will be a cost of $50, which includes the completion card and the student workbook with DVD. The workshop is February 17, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Cloverleaf High School Library. Taught by American Heart Instructors. The completion card is good for two years. To register, call Janelle Sailer at 330-723-6393.

American Heart Association
Learn and Live.

Babysitting class

Babysitting class for boys/girls ages 11 through 15 will be March 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Medina County District Library, 210 S. Broadway, Medina. RNs with safe sitter instructor training will teach babysitting as a business, choking, problem prevention behavior, safety for the sitter and more! Cost is $45 which includes a safe sitter manual and completion card. To register, call Janelle Sailer at 330-723-6393.

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National Geographic Bee

Seville Intermediate conducted the final rounds of the National Geographic School-Level Competition on Thursday, January 14, 2010. All of the fourth graders participated in the classroom qualifying round. Students were required to answer questions in seven different categories such as United States Geography, Continents, and Cultural Geography. Students who met the criteria to continue in the competition went on to compete at the school-level competition. The school-level competition includes a preliminary, final, and championship round. Each round is conducted

using specific procedures set by National Geographic. Only two finalists compete in the final championship round. The champion of the school-level competition must successfully complete all three rounds of the competition.

This year, Michayla Crumley won the 2010 Seville Intermediate National Geographic Bee. Ryan Curtis qualified as one of the two finalists in the championship round. He was recognized as the runner-up in this year's competition.

Michayla will complete a written qualifying test in the hopes of advancing to the state Bee. The winners of the state-level competition will be invited to compete at the national-level. First, second, and third place winners of the national competition will be awarded college scholarships along with other prizes.

The competition was also held at Westfield Intermediate School. Sixth grader, Jett Lacko, won this year's school-level National Geographic Bee and fifth grader, Marshall Heil, finished second. Jett Lacko will have the opportunity to qualify for the state-level National Geographic Bee.

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"Ed's Tech Tip"

Substituting lamps in your AV equipment

- Substituting bulbs in your audio visual equipment must not be done.
- Bulb wattages and voltages vary for each piece of equipment.
- Using the wrong type of lamp can cause serious overheating problems and not be safe.
- Please always use the correct lamp called for by the equipment manufacture.
- When in doubt, please feel free to contact me regarding this matter.

Our New Year resolution tip… Let's check over the AV equipment used in our schools!

- Check over all your AV equipment for proper operation.
- Check the AC cord for chips and breaks in the outside covering. If you are using an extension cord, please inspect this too. AC plugs should have their third ground plug.
- If you have cords going across your floor, please be sure you are using some kind of channeling to cover up these wires.
- Carts that wobble sideways or have loose shelves should be repaired or replaced. Wheels should roll properly and be securely attached to the cart. AC cord assembles should be working and no exposed wires should exist.
- Overheads with broken glass, sharp edges, or noisy fans should be

sent in for service.

- Overheads that use the "skirt" to hold the classroom writing materials and other good stuff need to be secure and not covering the overhead fan exhaust vent.
- TV set wall mounts must be checked to insure they are not pulling away from the wall.
- Laminators should always be turned off and unplugged when not in use.
- A dedicated outlet for your laminator should be created. Do not use an extension cord.

Wireless Microphone Update

According to a Plain Dealer article on January 16, 2009, theaters, churches and other users have five months to stop using their wireless microphones. These wireless microphones transmit on the same frequencies purchased recently by the cell phone companies as part of the digital television frequency transition. The FCC requires that you stop using your wireless microphones and update or purchase new audio equipment. ATT and Verizon purchased these airwaves for 20 billion dollars to buy access to the waves to create better mobile web services. June 12 will be the deadline to stop using your wireless microphones. Many wireless microphone users are concerned that five months will not be enough time to allow them to budget a changeover. About twenty five percent of these microphones will be affected. To find out if your microphone will be affected please visit the FCC site: **www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones** or call 1-888-225-5322.

Your AV Repairs are always welcome

All your AV repairs are always welcome to be sent it to our service department. Please remember to use a blue service tag. Most equipment repairs are covered under the technology funds your district has pre-purchased. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your school district's technology department.

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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