



## What's Happening at the MCSESC

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### Medina County Spelling Bee

The Eleventh Annual Medina County Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7 p.m. at Medina High School. Zoe Penko, a 7th grade student from Highland Middle School was the first-place winner. She won the Bee with the final word of "bowery."

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In addition to Zoe, the following five students were also the top place winners who will travel to Akron to represent Medina County in the NE Ohio Finals on March 13, 2010: Raymond Liu, 6th Grade, Edwards Middle School, and John Shaw, 8th Grade, Willetts Middle School, Brunswick City; Sunny Levine, 6th Grade, Claggett Middle School, Medina City; and Emily Kopchak and Sarah Abshire, 7th Grade, Wadsworth Middle School, Wadsworth City.



Forty-seven Medina County students competed for top honors in the Spelling Bee sponsored by The Akron Beacon Journal and produced by the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center (ESC). The Bee was open to all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in public school districts, and private schools, as well as homeschoolers who met the eligibility requirements of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee and who had won their Spelling Bee at their local district level.

The ESC thanks The Akron Beacon Journal for its sponsorship. We would also like to thank the Rev. Chris Cahill for being the pronouncer for this year's Bee. Rev. Cahill has consistently served as the Bee announcer over the past eleven years. Special thanks are also extended to this year's Spelling Bee Judges Michele Wargo and Jacinda Yonker from the ESC, and Sue Baca from Edwards Middle School in Brunswick.

#### **Mission Statement:**

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

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Medina County Bee, and good luck to our top six spellers who will next compete at the NE Ohio Spelling Bee Final to be held at the downtown Akron Library on March 13th. The winner of this Bee, which also includes students from Portage, Medina, Wayne, and Summit Counties, will travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee on June 2-4, 2010.

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# CSU Professor Majid Rashidi Addresses Students at Westfield Intermediate School

Dr. Majid Rashidi talked with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Westfield Intermediate School on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. His presentation focused on the challenges of energy consumption and how scientists and engineers are working to meet those challenges in the future with alternative energy sources. [Dr. Rashidi](#) is the inventor of the Wind Amplification Turbine System. He is the chair of the CSU engineering technology department and a professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department. During his career, he has received several patents for his work and has developed graduate level courses in both Mechanical and Bio-medical Engineering. He has also received numerous awards for his teaching. His innovative approach to design has earned him the [1999 Thomas Edison Award for Emerging Technology](#). Dr. Rashidi was recently named the [Betty L. Gordon Distinguished Professor](#) for his work in the field of alternative energy, green technology, and sustainability. His current research has been recognized and awarded support by the Ohio Department of Development and the State Capital Budget.



Westfield Elementary

Dr. Rashidi, who has twin sons in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, has a keen interest in what elementary and high school students are learning about in mathematics, science and technology. He welcomed the opportunity to talk to the students at Westfield about energy, designing new technology, and how he goes about solving problems. The students were interested in what he had to say about his inventions, his career, and the advantages of being a college professor.

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## Playhouse Square



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## MCSESC Employee Jennifer Stallard



Jennifer Stallard, [personnel secretary](#), assists all certificated employees in maintaining current certification/licensure, as well as aides applying for permits. She updates and maintains employee files, sends information to our districts, performs background checks, compiles information and answers questions concerning substitutes and distributes a sub list to our school districts bi-monthly, as well as updates teacher information in our PD Express program.

Prior to being the personnel secretary, Jennifer was a substitute courier for the Medina County Media Center and a part-time secretary for the transportation department. Jennifer worked for Hunter Insurance Agency in Medina before she came to work for the Medina ESC.

Jennifer's husband is Rick and they have 5 children, ages ranging 7 to 20 years of age. Jennifer plays a very active role in all her children's after-school activities and when she has "downtime" she enjoys reading, sewing and driving her 1972 Volkswagen convertible "Bug" in the summertime.

## "Ed's Tech Tip"

Hello everyone and welcome to Technology Today. This week we will discuss cold lamination. Here we go!

### **Cold Vs Hot Lamination**

When people think of laminating, they usually think of either big roll laminators used in schools or small pouch laminators used for ID cards and name badges. Although these are two of the most popular types of laminators, many individuals and businesses like to purchase a cold laminator instead. Cold laminators have a variety of uses, such as creating stickers and magnets in addition to simple lamination. The ability to laminate one side of a page while applying adhesive to the back can also be very



helpful in both education and business.

Cold lamination is safer than hot lamination and is something to seriously consider if you have untrained or unsupervised employees using the machine.

In addition to safety, it is simpler to use cold lamination than hot. There is no temperature setting to be concerned about, no need to consider machine speed or paper thickness.

Compared to hot laminators, cold machines require very little maintenance, and they process documents more quickly too. Hot machines can melt some of the plastic laminate onto the rollers. This leaves a residue that must be cleaned off by heating up the machine and scrubbing it. Cold laminators never require this type of cleaning. All you ever have to do is turn a handle.

Another great feature of this type of lamination is that it usually doesn't require electricity. Not only do hot machines require electricity, they can also take up to fifteen minutes to heat up sufficiently to be used. On the other hand, non-electric machines can be used anywhere, and they can be used immediately since there is no need to wait for them to heat up. This portability makes them ideal for crafters, scrap bookers, and home users.

Because they do not use heat, cold laminators cannot harm your heat-sensitive papers and unique documents. You can use them on photos, signs, and a variety of other items without wondering how they will respond to heat. No melting, burning, or curling up will occur. Bubbles and wrinkles are also much less likely to occur.

This type of machine is not only simple, it is also safe. Pressure rollers squeeze the layers of laminate together with no electricity or heat. While cold lamination is not the perfect solution for all document protection needs, it is worth considering because of its safety, portability, versatility, and ease of use.

Have a great day everybody!

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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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