



What's Happening at the MCSESC

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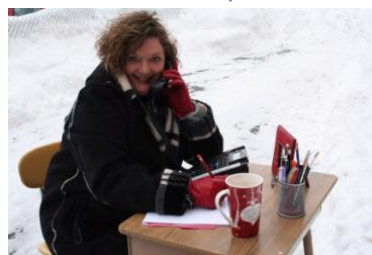
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IDITAROD

February 28, 2010 through March 8, 2010



Jacinda Yonker, Gifted/Talented Consultant to Wadsworth City Schools will be at Alaska's Iditarod from February 28, 2010 through March 8, 2010. Jacinda will be creating an [Iditarod](#) curriculum for teachers to use in their classroom. Jacinda will also be giving us historical information such as how the Iditarod Sled Dog Race starts in Anchorage, Alaska the first weekend of March and the trail is a National Historic Trail, but it had its beginnings as a mail and supply route from the coastal towns of Seward and Knik.



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The dog food company, [Bill-Jac, Inc.](#), along with [Wadsworth City Schools](#), and the [Medina County Schools' ESC](#) are sponsoring this educational event to heighten the culture diversity throughout the world.

Follow Jacinda on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). You can also enjoy reading about Jacinda's adventure on the websites of [Medina County ESC](#), [Bil-Jac Inc.](#), and [Wadsworth City Schools](#) where she will share all her interesting facts.

Medina County Preschool Growing Tree

Medina County Schools' ESC Preschool "The Growing Tree" enrollment is under way for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Our Preschool program is located at the [Medina City School District's Ralph E. Waite Elementary](#) and serves children with and without disabilities ages three through age five.



Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center provides a comprehensive Preschool Program for students in all six of the Medina County School Districts. The Preschool is staffed with a licensed teacher and certified aide who will serve up to six children without disabilities and six children with disabilities in each half day program, which meets four days per week. The students in the program all receive age-appropriate classroom instruction and take part in art, music, and physical education

Mission Statement:

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

programming. For enrollment information please call 330-723-6393 EXT 116. We will be accepting applications.

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Math 24

The 3rd Annual Medina County Math 24 Competition was held at the Cloverleaf Recreation Center on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. The event is sponsored by the Medina County Schools' ESC and coordinated by gifted coordinators, Brenda Magier, Michele Wargo, and Jacinda Yonker. Students from [Cloverleaf Local School District](#), [Buckeye Local School District](#) and [Wadsworth City School District](#) have been playing this math game over the last few months in preparation for this competition. Each district selected the top twenty-four, 4th grade students to represent their district at this event.



Math 24 is a card game where students find a way to add, subtract, multiple, and divide one or two digit numbers to form the number 24. Point values vary depending on the difficulty of the card. A student wins a card when he or she is first to tap the card and provides a correct solution using all 4 numbers. The round is won by the student with the most points after all cards are played.



All seventy-two competitors play the first three rounds of the game. The top 16 semi-finalists compete against each other in the fourth round using double digit cards while the remaining competitors play a fourth round using single digit

cards to determine the winners of their final table round. The winners of the semi-finalist competition go on to compete in the final round. This year's finalists included Chase Gaume and Katherine Hart from Wadsworth and Connor McMullen and Nathaniel Powalie from Cloverleaf. Nathaniel Powalie finished in 1st place and Katherine Hart placed 2nd in this year's competition.



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2010 Solo and Ensemble Festival

The Medina County Schools' Solo and Ensemble Festival was held on Saturday, **January 23, 2010**, at [Buckeye High School](#). 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 six 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.



A total of 230 events were performed in this year's festival. The breakdown by type of event is as follows: 165 solos, 37 duets, and 28 ensembles.

This event was coordinated by the Medina County Schools' ESC and the participating music directors from the local, city, and nonpublic districts in the county. The festival was hosted by the [Buckeye Local School District](#).



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“Ed’s Tech Tip”

Hello everyone and welcome to Technology Today. This week we will go over how to clean your printer and I have some e-mail tips for you too. Here we go!



Let’s keep that printer clean!

- *Locate your printer’s user manual.*
- *Look up the suggested routine maintenance. Be familiar with what you are supposed to do and the location of the toner cartridge and if your printer still uses a fuser cleaner pad.*
- *Verify proper operation and check the print quality of your printer. Are there any smudges or marks on the paper that are not supposed to be there?*
- *Unplug the printer. Remove the toner cartridge and the fuser assembly wiper/cleaner if necessary. Refer to your user manual. You may need to cover up the toner cartridge. No light should enter it anywhere.*
- *With a clean, soft cotton rag, gently wipe out the inside of your printer. Follow the track that the paper will follow. Your rag will get dirty and you may need to get another one. If your printer has one, locate the special mirror cleaner brush, and clean the mirror assembly. Refer to the user manual.*
- *Be careful not to get any toner in your eyes or on your clothes.*
- *Once you have the inside of your printer cleaned up and if the printer has one of these, take the fuser wiper and wipe it off.*
- *If you decide to change your toner cartridge at this time, keep a record of when it was changed. This will be for warranty purposes.*
- *Re-assemble the printer. Do not force anything into place. It should fit very easily. If you have a problem, refer to your user manual or do a visual comparison with another printer.*
- *Clean out the paper tray and load with fresh paper.*
- *Plug your printer back in and turn it on.*
- *Run several cleaning test copies.*

- *Compare before and after cleaning pages.*
- *Did you get the smudges out? Print a report from your computer.*

Everything should be working properly and printing clean!

E-mail tips

Reading and sending e-mail may be a part of your everyday duties. Here are some suggestions that could help you to manage your e-mail more effectively.

- *Spend a specific amount of time each day reading and answering your e-mail.*
- *Check your mail first thing in the morning and once in the afternoon.*
- *Prioritize your important e-mail, and answer these messages first.*
- *Messages that are less important can be answered at a later time.*
- *Use proper language at all times.*
- *Know when to use the bold and italic buttons. Using these buttons could emphasize your e-mail topic or, possibly, change the tone of your message and the meaning of your e-mail.*
- *Follow the chain of command in your office when sending out e-mail messages.*
- *Use file management to store your e-mail.*
- *Do not open any e-mail if you do not recognize the sender's address.*
- *If you receive mail that is inappropriate, do not open it, and contact your network administrator.*
- *If at home, delete the e-mail and empty your trash. You may also want to reply to the sender and request to be taken off their mailing list immediately.*
- *Empty your e-mail trash bin periodically.*

Please be aware of and follow your school district's E-mail policies.

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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