



# What's Happening at the MCSESC

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## 2010 IDITAROD RACE

### Hello from Alaska!

Jacinda Yonker has been working with teachers and writing creative lesson plans centered on the Iditarod Race. The day after her arrival, March 1, Jacinda met with teachers and wrote creative lesson plans centered on the Iditarod Race. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, she visited the Iditarod headquarters in Wasilla, Alaska. Jacinda was able to observe the mushers as they brought their dogs in for a vet check. On Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> she attended the Musher's Drawing Banquet held [at](#)

[Dena'lina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska](#), and watched each musher draw a number from a boot which assigned their starting position. The Iditarod officials decided to give the #1 bib position to Orin Seybert, the 2010 Honorary Musher. Jacinda's duties at the race on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will be as a trail guard, keeping the spectators away from the barriers. Finally, on Monday, March 8, Jacinda was assigned to assist any dogs that have been dropped from the race due to medical issues. Although she doesn't have any medical training, the dogs will need companionship.



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On Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Jacinda joined disc jockeys Fred and Pam live from Alaska on WHBC-1480 in Canton, Ohio. There were various speakers: Rod Perry, pioneer racer and author of the never-told tales of the greatest Iditarod adventure of all time, [The Trailbreaking](#). Later [Jeff King](#), Iditarod Champion "The Winningest Musher in the World" and author of [Cold Hands, Warm Heart](#), gave his perspective on the Iditarod and dog mushing. Later still, [Trent Herbst](#), an Iditarod Musher and teacher from Idaho, talked about how his students play an instrumental role in preparing him for the Iditarod Race. Finally, Dr. Nelson, Chief Veterinarian for the Iditarod, provided images and information about the canine athletes of the race.

### Did you know.....

Rule 16 -- Mandatory Items:

A musher must have with him/her at all times the following items:

- Proper cold weather sleeping bag weighing a minimum of 5 lbs.
- Ax, to weigh a minimum of 1-3/4 lbs., handle to



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- be at least 22" long.
  - One operational pair of snowshoes with bindings, each snowshoe to be at least 252 square inches in size.
  - Any promotional material provided by the ITC.
  - Eight booties for each dog in the sled or in use.
  - One operational cooker and pot capable of boiling at least three (3) gallons of water at one time.
  - Veterinarian notebook, to be presented to the veterinarian at each checkpoint.
  - An adequate amount of fuel to bring three (3) gallons of water to a boil.
  - Cable gang line or cable tie out capable of securing dog team.
  - When leaving a checkpoint, adequate emergency dog food must be on the sled. (This will be carried in addition to what you carry for routine feeding and snacking.)
- Gear will be checked at the ReStart and during the 24-hour layover for conformity to minimum standards as set forth above. Gear may be checked at some other time during the race. Race Gear may be checked at all checkpoints except Safety. Vet books will be signed by a veterinarian or in the absence of a veterinarian may be signed by a designated race official.

The 2010 Iditarod has 71 teams entered. That means 1,136 dogs will be at the starting line on race day. That's 4,544 feet that will need booties. A guess on the number of booties that will be sent out on the trail to protect all these dog paws is somewhere between 75,000 to 100,000. To feed all the dogs in the Iditarod this year will take between 1,700 to 2,275 pounds of food per day before racing. Once they start running during the race they consume more. Of the 71 teams in this year's race there are 13 mushers from countries other than the U.S. and 22 rookies are attempting their first Iditarod.



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## **Inkspot Literary Magazine**

Late this spring the MCSESC will again publish the *Inkspot*, an annual literary magazine designed to showcase student writing and artwork. It also provides an opportunity for Medina County students to see their work published.



This year's Inkspot cover artist is Visintainer Middle School seventh-grader, Matt Zahorai. Matt moved from Delaware to Brunswick, Ohio, last year. Matt has been drawing from photographs just for fun. His subjects have been big cats and he chose to try dogs this time.

Matt's other artistic interests include playing the saxophone. He is currently exploring sculpturing with clay, creating gladiators and military personnel. He would like to continue his studies exploring woodcrafts and carving and working with metals. In the future, Matt would like to pursue art in high school, prepare for the military, and a possible career in



engineering.

To date, 416 submissions of short stories, poems, essays, and black-and-white artwork have been received. The breakdown by district is as follows: Brunswick—78, Buckeye—137, Cloverleaf—4, Highland—44, Medina—83, and Wadsworth—70. The *Inkspot* committee members have evaluated each contribution on the basis of appropriateness, quality, clarity of thought, and flow of ideas for inclusion in the final publication. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed toward this year's edition of *Inkspot*.

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## “Ed’s Tech Tip”

*Hello everyone and welcome to Technology Today.*

### **Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2010**

It seems like we just set our clocks back but once again daylight savings time will begin on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Change those smoke detector batteries too and make sure your CO detectors are clean and working properly.

### **Why is using Summer Service so important?**

Using a yearly maintenance program will increase the life of your equipment, reduce costly repairs, and ensure that your equipment is clean and safe to operate the first day of school.



Please begin to think about what your cleaning needs will be. We will be asking you for a list of equipment to be cleaned. Thank you for using our services here at the ESC. We all care about our customers.

### **Increasing the life of your overhead bulb!**

Your overhead bulb is rated for so many hours of use. For example the EYB bulb is rated for 24 hours of service. After 24 hours you can expect it to burn out. Schools that change bulbs all in one day will see them burn out all at once. Always keep a record of replacing bulbs and see how long they are lasting. Overheads that burn out bulbs sooner than other ones may need some routine service.

### **How to extend a bulb life?**

- Making sure your overheads receive their yearly maintenance will really help. Fans will run faster and allow the inside of the overhead to stay cooler.
- Allowing the overhead to cool properly before rolling it out of the way will keep the bulb filament from breaking.

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## Proper overhead bulb substituting

Many of our customers have asked me if they can substitute overhead bulbs. You may safely substitute the following bulbs.

**ENX** use **ENX-5**

**EYB** use **EYB-5**

**DYS** use **BHC/DYV/DYS**

**DYS** use **DYS-5**

Never substitute bulbs with higher wattages as they will cause overheating and internal damage to your overhead.

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- Don't forget to purchase your bulbs through us. We offer the best quality and prices.

Thank you for reading this week's 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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