



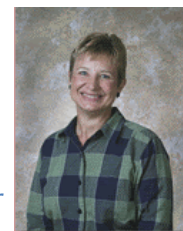
# What's Happening at the MCSESC

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## “SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP & COMMUNICATION”

Medina County Schools' ESC Special Education forum presents Dr. [Denise Uitto](#), Assistant Professor-Education Coordinator for Education Paraprofessional Program from the University of [Akron Wayne College](#) on March 22, 2010, from 2-5 p.m. in the lower-level conference room at 124 West Washington Street, Medina, Ohio. For further information please contact Nancy Nimmo, 330-723-6393.



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## 2010 "All-Star" Bands

The 2010 Junior High/Middle School and High School "All-Star" Bands performed in concert on Thursday, **February 18**, at 6:30 p.m. in the [Highland High School Auditorium](#). [Galen S. Karriker](#), Assistant Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at [The University of Akron](#) was the guest conductor for the High



School "All-Star" Band. The Junior High/Middle School "All-Star" Band guest conductor was [Christopher Burdick](#), Band Director with the [North Royalton City Schools](#).

Directors selected 76 junior high/middle school students and 83 high school students to participate in the ensembles based upon ability, interest, potential for growth, and instrumentation. This year's "All-Star" Bands planning committee members include Marcus Neiman, Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center; Jamie Holcomb, [Highland Local Schools](#); and Steve Hadgis, [Wadsworth City Schools](#).



The performance was recorded by the Huron-based company Soundwaves Recording. CD orders



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may be placed online at [www.soundwaves.org](http://www.soundwaves.org) or by calling 1-877-226-2567.

The event was sponsored by the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center, hosted by the Highland Local Schools, and held with the support of [Royalton Music Center](#).

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## **Medina County Student Winner of the 2010 Regional Spelling Bee**

Sunny Levine won the 2010 Regional Spelling Bee which was held at the Summit County Library in Akron, Ohio, on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Sunny who is 11 and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader from Claggett Middle School, won the competition in the 21<sup>st</sup> round by spelling the word "guillotine" correctly.

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## **Community Information 2010 Medina County Census**

The Medina County Complete Count Committee will be involved in the promotion and education of the 2010 census count which takes place on April 1, 2010. The Committee, sponsored by the County Commissioners and administered by the Planning Commission, is asking and encouraging all social agencies, businesses, private and public schools, churches, and community organizations to publish the Census.2010 LOGO on their websites and letterheads up until the official count date.



The 2010 Census is important. It determines the distribution of \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. It generates thousands of jobs. And it impacts your voice in Congress. Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution places the census at the core of our democratic system of governance by calling for a count of the nation's population every ten years. The census and the related American Community Survey provide information that is the cornerstone of knowledge about the American people. It is the basis for virtually all demographic and socio-economic information used by educators, policy makers, and community leaders.

By supporting the 2010 Census, educators will:

- **Shape school budgets and facilities.** Census data affect distribution of Title I and special education funding and college loan programs and help determine where to build schools and child-care centers. An incomplete count could mean Medina County does not receive its fair share of funding.
- **Define education's voice in government.** Education organizations depend on representatives to advocate on their behalf at all levels of government. Census data will ensure you are accurately represented.
- **Secure jobs for your community.** Benefit the college students you serve or the families in your school system by sharing census employment opportunities.

More information on the 2010 census count may be found online at [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov)

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## “Ed’s Tech Tip”

*Hello everyone and welcome to Technology Today.*

### Summer Service 2010

The summer service information and reservation form has been sent. Please fill out the form and return it to Ed Knowles, Medina County Schools’ ESC A/V Department. Thank you for using our program. We care about our customers and will provide your district with excellent service.



### Summer Service is open to everyone

If you have interest in using our summer service program, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by e-mail at [eknowles@medina-esc.org](mailto:eknowles@medina-esc.org). My office phone number is 330-764-8703 ext. 136. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide you with more information.

### Sun Spots are back!

Those sun spots are back again. They start to affect TV

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reception even in the spring. Sunspots are dark, usually irregularly shaped spots on the sun's surface that are actually solar magnetic storms. These magnetic storms affect satellite reception. TV pictures can get snowy or disappear. The earth is also closest to the sun during the summer and we can get more disturbances. Sunspot activity also produces various disturbances on earth. These include magnetic storms which interfere with radio reception, electric power grids, and disturbances of the magnetic compass. There is not much we can do when sunspot disturbances happen. It is usually over in 15 minutes.

## Repair or Replace

Let's take a look at what you need to know in determining if your equipment is worth repairing or if it's time to replace it. Please take into consideration the following information.

- The amount of use your equipment gets each day.
- The overall condition of the equipment.
- The replacement cost of the equipment vs. the repair estimate.
- Your budget and affordability.
- The present and future teaching and course requirements/needs of your school.
- The latest trends and technology. An example is the change from overhead projectors to video projectors and SMART Boards.

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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