



What's Happening at the MCESC

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College and Career Fair

The 2009 Medina County College/Trade/Tech and Career Fair was held on Tuesday, October 6, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Medina County Community Center. A total of 80 colleges and career/military/service organizations from Ohio and nearby states participated in the fair. Approximately 300 students, parents, and educators attended.

An added attraction this year was the presentation by a panel of current and recent college students, as well as a presentation on financial aid.

Here are some selected comments that we received on evaluations from exhibitors:

- *Great location, easy to find, good directions, great communication of fliers, letters, and information. Very hospitable. Thank you!*
- *Very well put together; the flow of the people was good.*
- *Great fair, set-up, and location!*
- *Very nice!*



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The 12 students from the Medina County Career Center and 2 students from Buckeye High School are to be commended for volunteering their time to assist as student ushers. We also would like to thank the Medina County Community Center personnel for their exceptional assistance.



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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.

Parapro Training

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center is offering another paraprofessional training workshop. The purpose of the paraprofessional study group is to provide participants an opportunity to review and study material in preparation for taking the online Educational Testing Service (ETS) Paraprofessional Assessment. Each session will focus on one subject area (reading, math, and writing). The fourth session will be practice with the ETS tutorial to prepare for taking the online test. Session dates are as follows:

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| Thursday, October 22 | 4:30-6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, October 27 | 4:30-6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 29 | 4:30-6:30 p.m. |
| Monday, November 2 | 4:30-6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, November 4 | 4:30 p.m. (testing) |

All sessions will be held in the first floor board conference room at the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center. Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 20. Please contact Janelle Sailer at the MCSESC (330-723-6393, Ext. 134) for registration details.

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United Way

The Medina County Schools' ESC has kicked off its 2009 United Way Campaign with a focus on increasing participation. Every year we encourage our staff to contribute to this worthy charity and are hoping for 100 percent employee participation this year as we strive to *LIVE UNITED*.

United Way of Medina County has established the following list of community priorities to help them in their mission of advancing the common good.

United Way's Mission

To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities.

Vision

We will build a stronger America by mobilizing our communities to improve people's lives.

To do this we will:

- Energize and inspire people to make a difference
- Craft human care agendas within and across our communities
- Build coalitions around these agendas
- Increase investments in these agendas by expanding and diversifying our own development efforts and supporting those of others
- Measure, communicate, and learn from the impact of our efforts
- Reflect the diversity of the communities we serve

- Promoting Permanent Housing Solutions
- Creating Independence for Older Adults and People with Disabilities
- Connecting People to Services
- Promoting Financial Stability
- Nurturing Growth and Development
- Responding to Personal Crisis and Disaster

Advancing the common good is less about helping one person at a time and more about changing systems to help all of us. We are all connected and interdependent. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, when people are healthy.

United Way's goal is to create long-lasting changes by addressing the underlying causes of these problems. Living united means being a part of the change. It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future.

As an organization, we have been involved in supporting the annual United Way campaign for several years. Our employees are some of the most generous individuals in Medina County, and we have every confidence that they will continue to show their support for this worthwhile organization.

Please look for information in your own school districts concerning the 2009 United Way Campaign. Each district in Medina County has agreed to run an employee campaign, and several have agreed to also run student campaigns. Let's band together as educators and community members to support the United Way vision of living united!

If you have any questions or would like to find out who to contact in your own district, please contact Michelle McNeely at 330-723-6393, Ext. 128.

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Fine Arts

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center offers a complete Fine Arts Tours program to all buildings within each participating district. The Fine Arts Tours program is offered as a savings to each customer. The cost of each booking reflects all reductions in "normal" charges from the artists due to group discounts and grant incentives. In order to facilitate the implementation of the Fine Arts Tours into the schools, the ESC:

- Screens all potential performers and selects only those who demonstrate excellence in performance and fiscal responsibility.
- Submits grants and recruits sponsors as needed to offset performance costs.
- Publishes a Medina County Fine Arts Tours Program Offerings guide and distributes the guides to the customer schools on an annual basis.
- Coordinates all the bookings of talent and assists in joint performances where schools will benefit through reduced billings.
- Provides schools with study guides to help enhance each performance.
- Evaluates the program and its individual components on an annual and biennial basis.
- Publishes an electronic newsletter to: 1) educate readers on the value of the arts in education and 2) keep readers informed of current happenings with the Medina County Schools' Fine Arts Tours and Festivals. This newsletter is sent to administrators, teachers, talent, sponsors, advisory committee members, and other interested parties.



The Medina County Schools' Fine Arts Tours (MCFAT) program was developed in August of 1980 to provide leadership in developing a touring arts program that would serve the students within Medina County. A secondary goal of the tours was to provide school districts with the ability to block book professional artistic performances by companies and artists for school assemblies at a reasonable cost.

Many of the students in our schools who view presentations made possible through MCFAT are minorities or have some type of disability. Special focus is placed on providing performances for students with special needs. In addition, we attempt to "reach out" to home-schoolers, non-public schools, and other special populations. In many cases, MCFAT provides the first, and often only, exposure to professional artists and companies that students will have.

"Technology Today"

Hello everyone. The discussion this week will be inspecting your audio/visual equipment to insure the proper safety standards and operations of your equipment. First of all inspect your equipment at least twice a year.

Here is a list of A/V equipment and what you should inspect.

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The Overhead Projector

- Broken or chipped glass
- Fan vent clearance, no items constricting air flow
- Excessive dust inside
- Foreign objects

AC Plugs and Cords

- Are all the AC cords in excellent condition? No chips or cracks?
- AC plugs in good condition and with the center ground pin.
- No exposed wires anywhere.
- Do not tape AC cords to floor and do not use extension cords.

AV Carts

- Is the cart assembled correctly and in good condition?
- Do the wheels turn correctly? Loose wheels can fall out and cause the TV cart to fall over.
- Check welds and shelf fasteners periodically. Loose shelves will cause the cart structure to lose its integrity and twist in one direction.
- Do not overload cart.
- TV straps or other fastening devices must be tight to hold the TV down onto the cart.

TV and Projector Wall Mounts

- Wall and ceiling mounts can loosen up and allow your TV to drop. Vibrations from hallways or gymnasiums, along with temperature changes, can cause mounting fasteners to loosen.
- You can also check your data and video projector mounts.



If you see any of these problems, please have them corrected immediately. Follow up on the repairs and see that everything is properly taken care of.

Have a great week!

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Thank You

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the events and the latest services that 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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