



What's Happening at the MCSESC

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Chinese Ambassadors

On Wednesday, October 28, 2009, Wadsworth's Central Intermediate School (CIS) hosted visiting musicians from Capital University in Beijing, China. Thirteen musicians and their director, Dr. Jhong, entertained students from CIS, Buckeye Local High School and the Medina County Career Center.



**Chinese Ambassadors
from Capital
University in
Beijing, China**

The day began with opening remarks from Wadsworth's Superintendent Dale Fortner. After being educated and entertained by the Chinese musicians, Zongling Han, discussed the CIS immersion program and the students showcased their language abilities by singing several songs in Mandarin Chinese. The Buckeye High School Jazz Group and Upbeat Group, directed by Mrs. Pam Haberkorn, each performed two selections and wowed the crowd with their musical talents.



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High School Chinese Language I students from the Medina County Career Center and Buckeye had an opportunity to dialogue with the Chinese visitors following the conclusion of the program. When necessary, Jinnan Zu, Chinese teacher at Brunswick High, Buckeye High and the Medina County Career Center, and Zongling Han, Chinese teacher at Medina High and CIS, served as interpreters. Many photos were taken with email addresses exchanged for continued communication.

An All-American meal was served in the school cafeteria with a tour of classrooms throughout the afternoon. The ambassadors were amazed with American schools and were designated honorary Grizzlies by Central Intermediate Principal, Paula Canterbury.

Mission Statement:

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

The foreign language initiative began in earnest last year after two Medina County Schools' ESC consultants, Carol Glickhause and Barbara Gunkelman, returned from a visit to China along with a delegation of nearly 400 educators from the United States in a program sponsored by Hanban and the College Board. They toured Chinese foreign language programs in schools in the United States.



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Afterwards the Medina County Schools' ESC consultants met with curriculum directors and principals from school districts in Medina County and helped to create the offerings for our area schools. Brunswick, Buckeye, Highland and Medina High Schools felt an immediate need to add Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language offering in their schools this year. Wadsworth City Schools chose to offer an introduction to Mandarin Chinese in the intermediate school beginning with fifth grade students.

Wadsworth City Schools' Curriculum Director, Brian Williams, believes beginning Mandarin Chinese at an early age will build an interest and ensure a successful high school language program in the future.

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Health and Benefits Fair for MCSESC Employees

The Medina County Schools' ESC Treasurer's Office hosted their first Health and Benefits Fair on October 30 at the Medina County University Center.

Over 40 employees and family members attended the event. They had the opportunity to meet and speak with several employee benefit representatives and area financial institutions. Maximum Potential Chiropractic did spinal screenings and the Red Cross of Medina County gave blood pressure readings. Lodi Hospital administered over 20 seasonal flu vaccinations and offered bone density scans. Health aides from the ESC performed vision and hearing tests and Medical Mutual of Ohio had a masseuse giving chair massages.

There were door prizes that were selected at the end of the day. John Hovorka won a \$50 gas card from Liberty Mutual, Jacinda Yonker won a digital camera from an anonymous source, and Gerri Edwards won a digital picture frame from Colonial Life. We would like to thank those who attended and special thanks for those who donated the door prizes.

Coming attractions to the Medina County Schools' ESC

The ESC will be host many interesting events in the coming school year.

- Solo and Ensemble Festival in January
- Medina County Spelling Bee in February
- "All Star" Bands Festival in February
- "24" math tournament for fourth grade
- High school and middle school academic challenge tournaments
- Top students will be honored in April
- Model U.N. will be in the spring of 2010
- Publication of the *Inkspot*, which is collection of poetry, prose, and artwork created by Medina County students
- Visual Arts Festival in May 2010



- School bus safety programs such as regional school bus safety Road-e-o in May, advanced bus driver training workshop in June and the all county bus driver in-service during the summer of 2010.

We will have more information on each of these events as they occur.

"Technology Today"

Hello everyone and welcome to Technology Today. This week we look at cleaning the CD player and video projector repairs.

CD/DVD cleaning made easy

- Verify the proper operation of your CD/DVD player.
- Open the CD/DVD player door and examine the inside for dust and dirt. Players should be cleaned regularly, especially in dusty environments.
- With a can of compressed air, remove all the dust bunnies and associated dirt. Dust and dirt causes skipping and scratches on our CD's and DVD disks.
- If skipping occurs, you should check your CD disk for scratches. A light coat of wax or gently cleaning with a scratch free lens cleaner may help.
- Locate and clean the small round optical lens assembly. This laser lens can be cleaned in a variety of ways depending on its application and location. You can use a CD/DVD cleaning disk when the laser lens is not exposed. Follow the directions and insert this disk just like a normal one. Allow your unit to play the disk and then remove it. If you can see your lens assembly, take a Q-tip saturated with head cleaner and gently wipe the lens clean.
- Test unit for proper operation.

Sending out your video projector for service

- When you send out your video projector for repair, you should get a service estimate first either by phone or e-mail. Most service centers will tell you up front the average repair costs for your projector.
- We have found it hard to find parts and locate service for older video projectors.
- Most repair service fees can range from \$900 to \$1200 and require shipping coss for out of state. It is nice to know that now and upfront before sending it out for service.
- When deciding what to do about service, consider the following.
 1. Age and amount of use your projector is currently receiving.
 2. Current value of projector and bulb replacement costs.
 3. Its service record, past and present.

4. Estimated cost of service verses a new projector. Many times your projector will be old enough that a new one should be considered. Your school should have several projectors to use especially if one of them breaks down.

- Use your owners' manual first and contact the manufacture of the projector. They can help you determine the cost of service and direct you to a service center.

On a separate note, last week was the end of daylight savings time and time to change your batteries in your smoke detectors. Please test the detectors to make sure they are in proper working order. Regular AC line smoke detectors and CO detectors should also be checked in accordance with your area fire department requirements.



Have a great week!

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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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