



What's Happening at the MCSESC

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Academic Challenge

The Medina County Academic Challenge League began the 2009-2010 season with four rounds of competition on Monday, October 26, hosted by Cloverleaf High School. Competition continued with three more rounds on Monday, November 23, at Brunswick High School.

The eight teams involved are from the following school districts: Brunswick, Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Columbia, Highland, Medina, Revere, and Wadsworth. The competition includes varsity and junior varsity levels. Each team plays every other team twice over the course of four after-school events, and the team with the best record will win the regular season trophy and advance to regional competition.

The following are the win/loss records and standings:

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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.

Varsity—

- Cloverleaf 7-0
- Revere 6-1
- Medina 5-2
- Brunswick 4-3
- Highland 3-4
- Wadsworth 2-5
- Buckeye 1-6
- Columbia 0-7



Revere



Wadsworth



Brunswick



Buckeye

JV—

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Medina



Cloverleaf



Columbia

We are now at the halfway point of our regular season. The next match will be hosted by Wadsworth High School on Monday, January 11th, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Spectators are always welcome!

The Medina County High School Academic Challenge League is sponsored by the Medina County Schools' ESC and coordinated by Brenda Magier, Michele Wargo, and Jacinda Yonker. Please contact Brenda Magier for more details or to volunteer as an Academic Challenge reader.

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Association of Educational Service Agencies 2009 Conference in Austin, Texas December 2-5

Nancy Nimmo, Director of Special Needs Initiatives for Medina County Schools' ESC, and Deborah Yorke, Special Education Coordinator at Highland Local Schools, attended the Association of Educational Service Agencies 2009 Conference in Austin, Texas, December 2-5, 2009. Nancy and Deborah presented "How to Create the Ultimate Transition Dream Team".



This presentation trained participants in the goal of producing an active transition team by using collaboration with community, agency and business stakeholders for the purpose of developing skills, training and employment for students with disabilities.



Medina County Schools' Education Service Center took a leadership role in this joint effort to bring together county-wide stakeholders to help match individuals with disabilities with the needs of area employers. This partnership works through finding the right person for the right job and preparing the worker and the workplace for a successful placement. Medina Special Students Transition Action Team (M-SSTAT) is a valuable, cost effective and quick solution to filling a variety of staffing needs.

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Relay for Life Cookie Order

Deadline December 11, 2009
Pick-up December 18, 2009

Would you like to serve homemade cookies and candy for your holiday get-togethers, but don't have the time to do it yourself?

We have the answer for you; call Gerri or Michelle, 330-723-6393.

Cookies \$3.00 per dozen: Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Scotchies, Chunky Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter Kisses, Chocolate Pumpkin Bars, Pistachio/Cranberry Biscotti, Spritz Cookies, Frosted Sugar Cookies.





Fudge \$3.00 per pound: Chocolate or Peanut Butter

Specialty \$4.00 per bag: Cashew Brittle, Sugar-n-Spice Nuts, Chinese Walnuts, and Chocolate Covered Pretzels.

The staff at the Medina County Schools' ESC has volunteered to supply cookies and candy for a holiday bake sale with all proceeds benefitting Relay for Life of Medina County.

Pick up will be at the Medina County Schools' ESC, 124 W. Washington St., Medina, Ohio, between 9:00 and 4:30, Friday, December 18, 2009. Please make checks payable to ACS.

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Employee Spotlight

Jessica Wilbraham, Deaf Education Teacher, recently graduated from Bowling Green State University with Deaf and Hard of Hearing certification. Jessica's hobbies are reading and watching movies. Currently, Jessica lives in Cleveland with her father, mother and older brother.



Jessica's responsibilities will be to provide communications between staff and students, as well as facilitating skills of students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

You may reach Jessica at jwilbraham@medina-esc.org



Sharon Reese, RN, is assigned to the Brunswick City Schools. Sharon assists students with daily health needs, treats illnesses and injuries as needed.

Sharon provides information to staff/students on health related issues. She has been a substitute nurse for the district since 1996 and was previously employed by Hospice of Medina County.

Sharon and her husband Tim have been married for ten years and they have two daughters ages 8 and 4.

Reading, hiking, and spending time outdoors is what Sharon enjoys in her spare time.

Her goal is to promote hand washing and minimize spread of infectious illness by educating people.

You may reach Sharon at sreese@bcsoh.org.

"Ed's Tech Tip"

Keeping a camera in your car in case of an accident

Most insurance companies like the idea of having pictures of a car accident scene taken. This allows them to see what happened first hand.

- Before pictures are taken, you may have to move your vehicles off the road and to a safe area.
- Accident victims need immediate attention and a 911 call should be done first.
- Cell phones or pocket cameras can be used to get your accident pictures.



Always follow the directions you are given from the emergency personnel and police officers. When you contact your insurance company, ask them what is the best way to receive your pictures?

We all know it's cold!

Please remember to bring inside all your electronic equipment such as your cell phones, PDA organizers, calculators, and laptops. Do not allow them to be exposed to the cold temperatures. If you have left any items out in the extreme cold, please allow time for your equipment to warm up to room temperature before using.

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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