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"Teacher of Excellence" Award



Mr. Phil Bova receiving his plaque and certificate from Superintendent William Koran and Mr. Homer B. Smith

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center's Governing Board and the Buckeye Local School District were honored to present to Mr. Phil Bova, O.W.E. teacher at Buckeye High School, the 2009 "Homer B. Smith Teacher of Excellence" Award. Mr. Bova was presented with his plaque, pewter mug, and a voucher for an all-expense-paid trip to a national conference at the March 23, 2009, MCSESC Governing Board meeting.

His superintendent, Mr. Dennis Honkala, nominated Phil Bova as an exemplary teacher well deserving of the honor. Part of his statement includes, "Inside of the classroom, Phil is an asset to the Buckeye High School educational community in many areas. He had always been extremely cooperative with the administration and accepted all assignments willingly and proceeded to work hard. He is extremely organized and an excellent record keeper as shown by his detailed lesson plans and accurate grade book. He has an excellent relationship with other staff members, is well respected by them, and works very well with the counselors and parents in communicating his students' academic progress. Students, parents, administrators, and guidance counselors want to have interactions with Mr. Bova because they know that he goes the extra mile to help students succeed."

In addition to Mr. Bova, all "Teacher of Excellence" award winners from the past 25 years were recognized at a 25th anniversary celebration dinner held at the Blue Heron Banquet and Conference Center in Medina.

Congratulations to Mr. Phil Bova on a reward well deserved!

William J. Koran, Superintendent
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Mr. Homer Smith presenting plaque to Mr. Phil Bova



Mr. Phil Bova (center) with retired MCSESC superintendents Homer B. Smith and James Boyes, Buckeye Superintendent Dennis Honkala, and MCSESC Superintendent William Koran

Medina County Teachers' "Hall of Fame"



MCSEESC Employee Spotlight



This week we will meet Deborah Yoriko, our Transition Specialist assigned to Highland High School and Wadsworth High School.

Welcome, Deborah Yoriko



Deb helps to prepare students with disabilities for employment, independent living, and community involvement. She also consults with teachers and county agencies. Deb takes care of everything that a student needs to successfully transition from high school to adulthood.

At Wadsworth High School, Deb is also an assessment specialist for transition-age students. At our ESC, Deb has become a nonviolent crisis intervention instructor.

Deb was previously employed at the Polaris Career Center as a job training coordinator. Her interests include being outside (when it is warm) gardening, swimming, and taking care of her animals.

Deb and her husband, David, have been married for 20 years. They have many pets, including three Labrador retrievers, five goats, one cow, and thirty ducks.

She is a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician for Litchfield. She is also the assistant engineer for the fire department.

Deb loves being here at the ESC and working in Medina County.

You may contact Debbie Yoriko at 330-723-6393, Ext. 129, or dyoriko@medina-esc.org.

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April Events/Workshops



April 1	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class—Re-certs Only (Berea High School)
April 6	LPDC Meeting
April 6-10	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (EHOVE Career Center)
April 9	Medina County Resource Center Committee Meeting
April 13	MCSESC Staff Meeting
April 14	Medina Special Students Transition Action Team Meeting
April 15	Medina County Leadership Academy - "Leadership" (Williams on the Lake)
April 15	Countywide Special Education Directors' Meeting
April 15	Medina County Transportation Supervisors' Meeting
April 15	Online Courses—Session 1 begins (4/15/09-5/29/09)
April 16	Medina/Summit County Curriculum Leaders Meeting
April 16	"Top Scholars" Recognition Dinner
April 20	Compact Meeting
April 20-22	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class—night class (Madison High School)
April 25	Medina County Family-A-Fair (Medina County Community Center)
April 27	MCSESC Governing Board Meeting
April 27-28	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class—night class (Madison High School)
April 30	High School Academic Challenge Coaches' Meeting
April 30-May 20	Visual Art Festival – High School Senior Show

"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today."

A Special Thank-You to Our Technology Personnel

Many times we overlook or take for granted the work of our districts' technology personnel. However, these people are very important to all of us. Almost everything in our schools and offices is impacted by technology. Without their fine work, the things we do every day would be much different.

Take a minute or two today and say thank you to your fine technology staff. It will mean a lot to them to show that you appreciate their fine work each day.

Summer Equipment Maintenance Program Reservation Forms

Please complete the Summer Equipment Maintenance Program reservation form we have sent to your school. They will need to be returned to me by April 1. Please remember to include your equipment cleaning lists when you return your form.

Using Our Routine Yearly Maintenance Program

Here are some of the advantages of using a routine maintenance program.

- Your teachers will always appreciate clean equipment that is ready to use in their classrooms.
- Your equipment is inspected for any safety concerns. This is very important, since we do not want any injuries caused by broken or unsafe equipment.
- Overall yearly repair costs are reduced or eliminated. We see very few repairs needed from equipment cleaned and maintained by our program.

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- Some school districts have pre-paid for the service. Please check with your Technology Department for more details as to whether your district has these funds available.

Have a great week, and thank you for reading our weekly Internet newsletter. Spring is here and summer is just around the corner!

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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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