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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.

ESC Scholarship Winners

On Monday, April 27, 2009, the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center Governing Board presented scholarships to the following students:

- * **Peter J. Galassi Scholarship**
Anna Wiley – Highland High School
- * **Harold A. and Louise C. White Scholarship**
Michelle DiGeroloma – Buckeye High School/MCCC
Ellen Oldfield – Cloverleaf High School
Brittany Jobanputra – Highland High School
- * **Clarence H. Horn Scholarship**
Nykole Chihil – Medina High School
- * **Delmar C. Graff Scholarship**
Jarred Grant – Cloverleaf High School
David Wagar – Highland High School
- * **Margaret Ford and Lloyd K. Smucker Scholarship**
Bradley Miller – Cloverleaf High School/MCCC
Kristen Dailey – MCCC/Black River High School
Lauren Harbaugh – Wadsworth High School



Congratulations to each scholarship winner!

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Medina County Family-A-Fair



"Buster the Bus" was the star of the 2009 Medina County ESC's booth at the annual Family-A-Fair, which was held on Saturday, April 25, at the Medina County Fairgrounds. Children and their families learned about how to make safe, smart choices, with an emphasis on school bus safety. Children received a die-cast metal school bus, which was very popular, along with a coloring book, crayons, and a handout on school bus safety.

The ESC also made available school district information to parents, such as the distribution of area school calendars for 2009-2010 and available summer school programs. All local and city school districts in Medina County had the opportunity to answer questions and distribute material about their district. Approximately 600 families visited the ESC booth this year.

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School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Beginning in 2002, the state has set aside the first Monday in May as "School Bus Driver Appreciation Day." The Ohio Legislature made this designation to increase public recognition of the important function that school bus drivers serve in safely transporting children to and from school.

This year, Monday, May 4, 2009, is Ohio "School Bus Driver Appreciation Day." School districts throughout Ohio will be planning various activities to say thank you to their transportation personnel. All are encouraged to remember to thank a bus driver on this day for his/her diligence in keeping Ohio's bus riders safe each day. The 20,000 school bus drivers in Ohio transport more than 1,000,000 students over 1,000,000 miles each year. Consider making this day special in your district and recognize the many school bus professionals in our state who provide a valuable service for our school children on a regular basis.

To qualify to become a school bus driver in Ohio, an applicant must complete Pre-Service training and certified on-bus training, pass a driving evaluation, and obtain a commercial driver license. In addition, drivers must pass pre-employment background and drug screenings. Drivers are required to be recertified every six years.

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May 2009 Events/Workshops

May 1-20	Visual Art Festival - High School Senior Show
May 2	Regional School Bus Safety Road-E-O (Midview Local Schools)
May 5	Fifth-Grade Environmental Education Gifted Event (Buffalo Creek)
May 5-8	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (Lorain County JVS)
May 6	Medina County Curriculum Leaders Meeting
May 8	Medina County School Bus Driver In-Service Planning Meeting
May 11	MCEESC Staff Meeting
May 11	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (Lorain County JVS)
May 12	Medina Special Students Transition Action Team Meeting
May 16	State School Bus Safety Road-E-O (Westerville City Schools)
May 18	Compact Meeting
May 18	Visual Art Festival Reception and Scholarship Awards Presentation (Medina General Hospital Medical Center)
May 20	Online courses start (5/20/09-7/3/09)



May 20	Countywide Special Education Directors' Meeting
May 20	Transportation Supervisors' Meeting
May 21	Medina/Summit County Curriculum Leaders Meeting
May 21	MCCC Graduation
May 26	IEP Training for Parents
May 26	MCSESC Governing Board Meeting
May 26-29	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (Brecksville-Broadview Heights Bus Garage)
May 31	Buckeye HS, Cloverleaf HS, Medina HS, and Wadsworth HS Graduation

"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week we will take a look at the importance of cleaning your overhead projectors. We also have an update on the digital TV signal change.

Why do we need to clean our overheads?

Overhead projectors accept a lot of dust and dirt each year. Each projector has an intake vent to allow air to flow through and cool the bulb. A cooling fan blows out the hot air. This passage of air is necessary in order for the projector to operate properly and not overheat.

Dust and dirt will settle inside your overhead. As dust accumulates, the Fresnel lens will become dirty, and your picture on the wall will become poor and hard to see.

A fire hazard could develop due to an excessive amount of dust, and fans could stop working from lack of lubrication.

Overheads will be safe to operate, last longer, and remain reliable if they are cleaned regularly.

Digital TV Update

Those of you with no cable or satellite service may want to invest in an outside TV antenna. An outside TV antenna is recommended to optimize your incoming digital signal. You will also need the converter box. If you are using the converter box and have good reception of the TV stations currently transmitting in both signal formats, you should be okay. However, if you are not getting a good picture, you may want to put up an outside TV antenna.



The FCC has asked the local television stations to notify those households which will be affected by the switch. It is not clear how they will notify you.

These households are in the fringe TV reception area. Any weak signal currently received will be nonexistent, because the new digital signal will not travel this far and will drop off, leaving your TV screen blank.

The new digital signal switchover date is June 12. If you have cable TV at home, you are ready for the digital signal changeover.

We will have more updates soon.

Have a great week and thank you for reading our weekly Internet newsletter.

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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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