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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.

National Nurses Week

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6 (also known as National Nurses Day and National School Nurses Day) through May 12 (the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing). **Nurses: Building a Healthy America** is the theme for this year's Nurses Week.

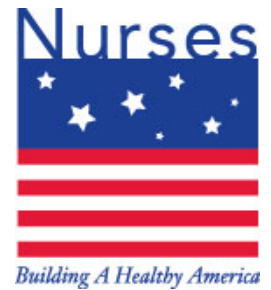
Often described as an art and a science, nursing is a profession that embraces dedicated people with varied interests, strengths, and passions. Nurses work in emergency rooms, school-based clinics, and homeless shelters, to name a few. They have many roles—from staff nurse to educator to nurse practitioner and nurse researcher—and serve all of them with passion for the profession and with a strong commitment to patient safety.

Today's nurses must have the strength to care for patients during times of disaster and crisis; the commitment to remain involved in continuing education throughout their careers; and the compassion to provide hands-on patient care at the bedside—as they have done throughout the centuries. Moreover, at 2.9 million strong, nurses represent the largest group of health care workers in America, and we have the power to achieve much-needed reform in nursing and in health care. That is why it is important to take time out during National Nurses Week to thank nurses for what they do and to remind the public just how vital our nation's nurses are to patients, their families, and society.

The Medina County Schools' ESC Governing Board appreciates the caring attitude and compassion that our school nursing staff members display within our local and city school districts. They demonstrate excellence every day with their commitment to children and their health and wellness.

For more information from the American Nurses Association concerning the history of National Nurses Week and suggestions on how to celebrate it, go to: <http://www.nursingworld.org/FunctionalMenuCategories/MediaResources/NationalNursesWeek.aspx>.

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Teacher Appreciation Week



Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-9) is a week in the academic calendar that is dedicated to all teachers around the world. It is a time to say thank you to our teachers for all of their help and show our gratitude for all the time and effort that they have put in our education. Showing our appreciation towards our teachers can be done through a variety of ways. It could be anything from a simple card to a formal presentation in front of the entire school.

Teacher Appreciation Week encourages everyone to learn about the teaching industry, which can be of special interest for those who want to become a teacher. It is also a great opportunity to learn about other cultures, because teaching is a popular international profession.

Teacher appreciation brings people together and, more importantly, teachers can learn from it too. They can learn why they are appreciated by their students, which would be a highlight in their teaching profession.

Select <http://www.teacher-appreciation.info/> for information concerning the 2009 Teacher Appreciation Day and Teacher Appreciation Week, as well as teacher news, events, and worldwide associations.

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Regional School Bus Road-E-O

The Ohio Department of Education annually holds a regional Road-E-O, a competition designed to advance and showcase area drivers demonstrating their skills and knowledge of laws and safety issues. The 2009 Ohio School Bus Road-E-O was held at Midview Local Schools in Grafton on Saturday, May 2. The Regional Road-E-O for the North Region included ten counties—Ashland, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Ottawa, Richland, and Sandusky.



Twenty-five schools were represented, with 122 drivers participating in the Road-E-O. Brunswick City Schools, Buckeye Local Schools, Medina City Schools, Medina County Board of MR/DD, and Wadsworth City Schools had 20 bus drivers that participated in the Road-E-O. Desire Bradford from Wadsworth City Schools placed fifth, and Lisa Gannon from Medina City Schools placed ninth.



Six drivers who qualify to participate in the State Road-E-O (pictured above from left to right):

Debbie Burns, Orange City Schools
Chuck Santa Maria, Orange City Schools
Nancy Hunt, Olmsted Falls City Schools
Joseph Maji, Orange City Schools
Desire Bradford, Wadsworth City Schools
David Gordyan, Orange City Schools

The six winners (highest scores) from each of the eight school bus driver training regions will be eligible to participate in the State Road-E-O on Saturday, May 16, 2009. The top two winners from the state competition will then go on to compete in the National School Bus Safety Road-E-O being held in July 2009. Participants who score 80 percent or more of the total possible points at a regional or state competition may use that event toward their six-year recertification.

During the Road-E-O, each region also acknowledges the Regional Driver of the Year. The Driver of the Year is an award sponsored by the Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation (OAPT). The driver is recommended by the superintendent or transportation supervisor. This year we had three nominations. Although they were all three very good nominations, the one that stood out and was chosen by the selection committee was Karen Keller from Margaretta Local Schools. Karen was nominated by her supervisor, Leroy Carroll, who stated, "Karen runs Safety Village each summer and helps teach driver in-services with bus discipline with all drivers. As an OBI, she works with

new drivers and re-cert's to make sure they have all the information they need to do the job right. . . . She is so important to our school function each and every day."

The School Bus Driver Safety Road-E-O is sponsored by the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE), Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation (OAPT), Ohio Department of Education Transportation Section (ODE), Ohio Education Association (OEA), and Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association (OSBMA). The purpose of the Road-E-O is to develop an organizational plan which makes the School Bus Driver Safety Road-E-O available to all school bus drivers for the promotion of safety, professionalism, and recognition through the cooperative effort of school districts, OAPSE, OAPT, ODE, OEA, and OSBMA.

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Administrative Professionals



Administrative Professionals Week and Administrative Professionals Day call attention to the important workplace role of administrative professionals. The 2009 Administrative Professionals Week theme was "Excellence in Action." Two members of the MCSESC's classified staff were part of an audience of 100 who attended the local Administrative Professionals Day event on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at The Galaxy Banquet Center in Wadsworth.

The evening began with displays by local vendors and a light dinner. After the welcome by Debra Friedrichsen, CPS/CAP, Robin Laubaugh, Mayor of Wadsworth, read an Administrative Professionals Week resolution and expressed her personal appreciation for the support and talent of administrative professionals.

The main speaker was Christine Kurth of Community and Career Services at the Medina County Career Center. She presented "It's Not About the Coffee: What It Takes to Become Extraordinary!" (Coffee trivia: It takes 2,000 coffee cherries to produce one pound of beans.) We learned the importance of the following principles:

1. Make it your own (be welcoming, be genuine, be considerate, be knowledgeable, and be involved).
2. Everything matters (detail, felt sense, quality, playful culture, everyone matters).
3. Surprise and delight (the little things people do when they take the time to care).
4. Embrace resistance (accept criticism and resistance as a valuable developmental tool).
5. Leave your mark (volunteerism does not happen by chance).

To conclude, Christine Kurth encouraged us to ask ourselves:

- ☆ How consistently welcoming am I?
- ☆ What details do I tend to overlook?
- ☆ Where can I offer more surprise or delight in my workplace?
- ☆ In what situations do I embrace resistance, and when do I run from it?
- ☆ What mark am I leaving at work, at home, and in my community?

Following the main presentation, two IAAP members gave their testimonials. The evening concluded with a drawing for door prizes.

The program was hosted by the Medina County Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP). IAAP is a professional national organization committed to developing career-minded administrative professionals with a mission, purpose, objective, and vision. IAAP's objectives are to elevate the standards of all administrative professionals and to promote their working relationships with management through continuing education, authorized programs, and publications. The Medina County Chapter was chartered in November 2001.

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Staff Development Preview

ONLINE COURSES

Session 2: May 20 – July 3, 2009

Registration Deadline: May 13, 2009

Registration and Course Fee: \$130

Session 2 of our online staff development courses will begin on May 20. You can take online courses at the times that are most convenient to you. All online courses run for six weeks, with a two-week grace period at the end. Two lessons are released each week for the six-week duration of the course. Two (2) graduate credit hours will be available at the cost of \$260 through Ashland University or The University of Akron, or 24 CEHs will be available at no charge. You may sign up for any of these online staff development courses:

Classroom Teaching:

- A to Z Grant Writing
- An Introduction to Teaching ESL/EFL
- The Classroom Computer
- Creating the Inclusive Classroom: Strategies for Success
- The Creative Classroom
- Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom
- Enhancing Language Development in Childhood
- Guided Reading: Strategies for the Differentiated Classroom
- Guided Reading and Writing: Strategies for Maximum Student Achievement
- Guiding Kids on the Internet
- Integrating Technology in the Classroom
- Ready, Set, Read!
- Response to Intervention: Reading Strategies That Work
- Singapore Math Strategies: Model Drawing for Grades 1-6
- Solving Classroom Discipline Problems I
- Solving Classroom Discipline Problems II
- Survival Kit for New Teachers
- Teaching Math: Grades 4-6
- Teaching Science: Grades 4-6
- Teaching Students With Autism: Strategies for Success
- Teaching Writing: Grades 4-6
- Understanding Adolescents
- Using the Internet in the Classroom
- Working Successfully With Learning Disabled Students

Technology:

- Creating a Classroom Web Site
- Creating Web Pages I
- Creating Web Pages II
- Designing Effective Web Sites
- Introduction to Microsoft Access 2007

- Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007
- Making Movies With Windows XP
- Microsoft Excel 2007 in the Classroom
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 in the Classroom
- Microsoft Word 2007 in the Classroom
- Photoshop Elements 5.0 for the Digital Photographer
- Photoshop Elements 6.0 for the Digital Photographer

For more information or to download a registration form, click on the following link: <http://www.medina-esc.org/vnews/display.v/ART/496cefcd9a8>. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Sailer at 330-723-6393, Ext. 134.

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"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week we will be going over summer storage tips for your classroom audiovisual equipment. Here we go!

Summer Storage Tips for Your Classroom Equipment

Let's go over some housekeeping and storage tips for your classroom equipment.

- ✓ Test all of your classroom equipment, and verify proper operation. Check all glass for cracks or chips.
- ✓ Report any problems you may have in your classroom before you leave for summer break.
- ✓ Unplug and cover up your equipment.
- ✓ Unplug your TV from the wall socket, and disconnect the antenna cable. Cover up your TV with a plastic bag.
- ✓ If your TV is wall mounted (most of them are now), check to see that it is secured properly to the wall. Report any problems.
- ✓ Remove the batteries inside your remote control. Put your remote control away in a safe place for the summer.
- ✓ Return all computer software that is not assigned to your classroom.
- ✓ After checking with your school's technology department, disconnect your classroom computers and cover them up. **Please note:** At most schools, computers are moved out into the hallway so that the floors in the classrooms may be cleaned. Covering them up will help secure your computers and insure they remain clean.
- ✓ Servers must remain on and not be covered up!
- ✓ Move all AV equipment that is not inside your classrooms into a secured area.
- ✓ Keep a record of all equipment taken home.
- ✓ Inspect all wall sockets, screens, and light fixtures. Report any problems to your office or building custodian.



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Summer Equipment Maintenance Program Centralization

We are asking our customers, where possible, to centralize their AV equipment to be cleaned through our Summer Equipment Maintenance Program.

- This will be mainly for the overheads used in your classrooms.
- TVs and DVD/VCR's located in the classrooms on carts can also be moved to a centralized area.
- All other equipment, such as computers, ceiling video projectors, and TV/VCR/DVD's attached to a wall mount, will need to be cleaned in the classrooms.

Please contact me if you have any questions. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to seeing you this summer!

Thank you for reading this week's Internet newsletter. Have a great day! Go Cavs!

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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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"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." – Mark Twain