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2009 College and Career Fair

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The 2009 Medina County College/Trade/Tech and Career Fair is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, **October 6**, from **6:30 to 8 p.m.** at the Medina County Community Center (located on the Medina County Fairgrounds). Over one hundred colleges and career-enhancing organizations are expected to be represented at the fair. High school students (particularly freshmen, sophomores, and juniors) from all Medina County school districts are being invited to participate.

The Medina County College/Trade/Tech and Career Fair is sponsored by the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center, the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling, and the Medina County Economic Development Corporation.

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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.

2009 Inkspot

Copies of the 21st annual edition of the *Inkspot*, Medina County's collection of student writing and artwork, are being delivered this week to students who are featured in this year's publication. Building principals and teachers of published students will also receive a copy of the book that features work from 142 students in Medina County public schools. Over 400 entries were submitted by young artists and authors for consideration. The *Inkspot* publication, facilitated by the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center, is a showcase of poetry, prose, and artwork by students in Medina County schools, Grades K-12.



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The Medina Sunrise and the Medina Rotary Clubs have purchased an additional 300 copies of this year's *Inkspot* to be placed in waiting rooms and offices throughout Medina County. The clubs purchased these books to promote literacy within our community. Extra copies of the *Inkspot* can be purchased for \$5. Please contact Keturah Zacharias at 330-723-6393, Ext. 102.

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2009-2010 Annual School Bus/Van Driver Physicals



As the end of the school year quickly approaches and everyone starts getting excited about summer, there are still a few things that need to be done. One of the biggest things is meeting all of the bus drivers' annual requirements before the start of the new school year. These requirements include each driver having a physical and completing four hours of in-service training.

Van drivers are included in these physicals. Van drivers also have to meet annual requirements to retain their certification of completion for the upcoming school year. As with the bus drivers, van drivers are required to have a physical and complete two hours of in-service training.

Section 3301-83-07 of the Ohio Revised Code states that all school bus/van drivers are required annually to have a complete physical. The time line for the required medical examinations stipulates that these exams are to be scheduled after May 1 and must be accomplished before drivers will be qualified to operate a school bus with passengers on board for the next school year.

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center assists the districts in the certification and yearly health physical required for all bus/van drivers. This year the physicals will be done on site at each district according to the following schedule:

Brunswick City Schools - Thursday, June 4, and Monday, June 8
Buckeye Local Schools - Wednesday, June 3 (morning)
Cloverleaf Local Schools - Wednesday, May 27, and Thursday, May 28 (morning)
Highland Local Schools - Monday, June 1
Medina County Career Center - Wednesday, June 3 (afternoon)
Wadsworth City Schools - Friday, June 5

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"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to another edition of "Technology Today." This week we want to address AV equipment safety concerns. Here we go!

Please Send in All Your AV Repairs Now

You are welcome to send in all your audiovisual repairs to me. The last day we will be accepting repairs will be **May 29**. After the Summer Equipment Maintenance program is completed, I will once again accept your repairs. Thank you for using our Audiovisual Service Department this past school year.

Addressing Safety Concerns

Many times safety concerns are often overlooked on our AV equipment. Please take time to make these inspections before you leave on summer break.

Electrical Cord Inspection

Unplug your equipment's AC cord from the wall socket. Physically and visibly check your AC cord for chips in the outside covering or any breaks in the cord. Examine where the AC cord enters the equipment for signs of

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breakage. If you find problems, please discontinue using your equipment. You may send it in to us for repair.

AC Plugs

Check your AC plug to see if the center round ground terminal is missing. If it is, the plug should be replaced. You can also check your plug to see if the cord is pulling out of the plug. Both of these problems are very common. Replacement plugs should be installed properly and by experienced personnel. When we replace AC plugs, I use Hubbell plugs that are designed for safety and easy installation.

Equipment Cart Electrical Strips

Inspect the outlet strip, cord, and plug for any kind of problems. Plugs that fit loosely in the outlet strips indicate worn out sockets. You should replace the outlet assembly. Cords are often in need of replacement because of chipping and breaks in the outside covering. Replacement outlet strips are available and install easily.

The Use of Extension Cords in the Classroom

Many of you may not realize this, but most safety inspectors will not allow you to use extension cords of any type in our classrooms. Cords taped to the floor are not acceptable. Contact your building's maintenance department and ask for a socket to be added to your classroom.

TV Sets Mounted to the Ceiling or Wall

Inspect your TV wall mounts and ceiling mounts regularly. These mounts can work loose and allow the TV set to fall down. Normal daily hallway vibration and building temperature changes can loosen up mounting bolts and fasteners. Always have your TV sets mounted by qualified personnel who specialize in this type of service. Locate your students' desks away from your TV.

2009 Summer Equipment Maintenance Update

- We will be creating a master schedule and sending it to you soon.
- Every school district in Medina County will participate in this year's program.
- Special thanks to our friends at Copley-Fairlawn and Columbia Schools for joining us once again.
- Our program will begin on June 8 and should be completed by August 14.
- The week of August 17-21 may be used for additional requested cleaning.
- Thank you to all our customers who have signed up to use our program. We appreciate your continued business and care about you, our customers!

Thank you for reading this week's weekly 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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