



What's Happening at the MCSESC!

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MCSESC Employee Spotlight

This week we will meet Emily Askea, who is a new Transition/Work-Study Coordinator assigned to Medina City Schools.

Welcome, Emily Askea

Emily assists disabled students and their families with planning for the transition from high school to adult life.

She was previously employed with the Copley-Fairlawn City Schools and the Kent State University Community Support Services.

Emily's husband, Matt, is a firefighter/paramedic for the city of Akron. They have a daughter, Macy, who will be five years old in February. They also have a dog named Badger that is a Jack Russell Terrier. Emily and her husband would like to visit all the national parks. They have been to about eight so far.

Emily is thoroughly enjoying her job and all the people with whom she works. We welcome Emily to our staff here at the ESC. She provides our schools with a very special service.

You may contact Emily Askea at 330-636-3200 or easkea@medina-esc.org.

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Inkspot Deadline Reminder

This is a reminder to submit your students' exceptional and unique poems, short stories, and black-and-white artwork, as well as essays in the sciences, social studies, or the arts, created by individual students for publication in this year's issue of the *Inkspot*. The deadline for submissions is **February 2, 2009**. Submissions should be sent as follows:

1. Send written entries by **e-mail** to kzacharias@medina-esc.org.
2. Send artwork entries via the **courier** to Keturah Zacharias at the Medina County Schools' ESC. Complete an entry form and attach it to each submission. Only **ORIGINAL** artwork will be accepted.

We ask your help in screening your students' work. Please check each contribution for quality and accuracy before sending it to us. It is not possible for us to edit and revise contributions sent to us. Also, be sure that all materials submitted include the student's name, grade, school, and teacher's name. We look forward to hearing from you and your students!

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Staff Development Preview

CRACK THE CODE TO CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS

Dates: January 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Location: Lower Level Conference Room

Presenter: Elizabeth Grafious

Registration Deadline: January 20, 2009

Registration Fee: \$60

A proactive look at discipline in the classroom, this workshop will reference the specifics of various Behavior Management strategies. You may use them collectively or focus on a single strategy that can address a particular concern. Enjoy a collection of terrific tips and advice. Effectively teach required behavior skills while managing the myriad of tasks and situations that occur in the classroom each day. This will help you reduce stress and permanently find yourself teaching in front of a respectful class.



One (1) graduate credit hour will be available at the cost of \$130 through The University of Akron or Ashland University, or 12.5 CEHs will be available at no charge.

For more information or to download a registration form, please visit our Web site at <http://www.medina-esc.org/vnews/display.v/ART/48755bf50e07b>. If you have questions, please contact Janelle Sailer at 330-723-6393, Ext. 134.

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2009 Solo and Ensemble Festival



The Medina County Schools' Solo and Ensemble Festival is scheduled to be held on Saturday, **January 31, 2009**, at Highland High School beginning at 8 a.m. This festival provides participants with an opportunity to showcase their musical talents. It also serves as preparation for the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) district six adjudicated events at the high school and junior high/middle school levels. OMEA-qualified adjudicators give performance ratings and verbal comments to students participating in the event.

A total of 282 events are scheduled for participation in this year's festival. The breakdown by type of event is as follows: 209 solos, 36 duets, and 37 ensembles.

This event is being coordinated by the Medina County Schools' ESC and the participating music directors from the local, city, and nonpublic districts in the county. It is being hosted by the Highland Local School District.

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"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week I will update you on laminator operating and safety tips. Here we go!

A Coupon Waiting List

The government announced recently that they had run out of money for the digital converter box coupons. A waiting list is now being developed. Over 103,000 coupons have already been requested.

Laminator Operating and Safety Tips

Here are some laminator operating and safety tips for you to use.

- Never leave your laminator on and unattended.
- Only authorized people who are trained to operate your laminator should use it.
- If you find your laminator being used by people not authorized to use it, locking it up may be a solution to your problem.
- When your laminator is not in use, unplug it from the wall.
- Most new laminators will have a reverse switch, and you might be able to back up your jammed lamination.
- If you need to use scissors or a razor blade knife to cut away a jam, follow this procedure.
 1. Unplug the laminator.
 2. Allow it to cool.
 3. Carefully cut the film away from the rollers.
 4. If you cannot remove the entire laminated product, please call for service.

Routine service and inspection are very important and should be done at least once a year.

Have a great day, 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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"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world.
For, indeed, that's all who ever have." – Margaret Mead