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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.

## MCSEESC Employee Spotlight



**Michele Wargo, Gifted Coordinator/Education Specialist**



We have asked all of our new employees to be part of the MCSEESC Employee Spotlight of our weekly Internet newsletter. This week we get to meet Michele Wargo, who is our Gifted Coordinator/Education Specialist for Cloverleaf Local Schools.

Michele's main responsibilities include the identification of gifted students, assisting in the development of curriculum programs, and the continuum of services for gifted students. She is also responsible for other curriculum duties that are assigned to her. Michele enjoys the intellectual challenge of learning new responsibilities associated with her position.

Michele was previously employed as a gifted coordinator for the Mansfield City Schools.

Her personal interests include sewing, swimming, and baking.

Michele is one of eight children. She has a 26-year-old daughter who is a practicing Intellectual Properties Litigation Attorney in Cleveland. Michele also has a son-in-law who is enrolled in law school at Case Western Reserve University.

We welcome Michele to our staff here at the ESC. You may contact Michele Wargo at either [mwargo@medina-esc.k12.oh.us](mailto:mwargo@medina-esc.k12.oh.us) or 330-723-6393, Ext. 138.

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**Give. Advocate. Volunteer.**

**LIVE UNITED.**



The Medina County Schools' ESC has kicked off its 2008 United Way Campaign with a focus on increasing participation. Every year we encourage our staff to contribute to this worthy charity and are hoping for 100 percent employee participation this year as we strive to *LIVE UNITED*.

United Way of Medina County has established the following list of community priorities to help them in their mission of advancing the common good.

- Promoting Permanent Housing Solutions
- Creating Independence for Older Adults and People with Disabilities
- Connecting People to Services

- Promoting Financial Stability
- Nurturing Growth and Development
- Responding to Personal Crisis and Disaster

Advancing the common good is less about helping one person at a time and more about changing systems to help all of us. We are all connected and interdependent. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, when people are healthy.

United Way's goal is to create long-lasting changes by addressing the underlying causes of these problems. Living united means being a part of the change. It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future.

As an organization, we have been involved in supporting the annual United Way campaign for several years. Our employees are some of the most generous individuals in Medina County, and we have every confidence that they will continue to show their support for this worthwhile organization.

Please look for information in your own school districts concerning the 2008 United Way Campaign. Each district in Medina County has agreed to run an employee campaign, and several have agreed to also run student campaigns. Let's band together as educators and community members to support the United Way vision of living united!

If you have any questions or would like to find out who to contact in your own district, please contact Michelle McNeely at 330-723-6393, Ext. 128.

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## Reminder

You may still sign up for the educator workshop "**Empowering Children and Adolescents Using Social Skills**" with Jay Berk, Ph.D.

**Date: November 14, 2008**

**Time: 7:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

**Cost: \$50 (Medina County school districts)  
\$75 (out-of-district, including Wadsworth)**

**Site: Williams on the Lake (Lakeside East)  
787 Lafayette Road, Medina**



Jay Berk, Ph.D.

Jay Berk, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist and an internationally recognized specialist in the child/adolescent behavioral field. Attend this workshop and understand why some children lack certain social skills, how to teach these skills, and how to motivate the child to want to acquire these skills. Learn and practice effective strategies for working with individuals, small groups, and large populations. In addition to focusing on the "normal" population, you will also examine special social challenges of children with ADD, ADHD, learning disabilities, trauma, depression, bipolar disorder, and Asperger's syndrome.

To register, contact Janelle Sailer at 330-723-6393, Ext. 134. Registration deadline is **October 31, 2008**.

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## Educational Resources Available

- "Science Snacks" are **miniature versions of popular exhibits at San Francisco's Exploratorium**. To find out more, visit [www.exploratorium.edu](http://www.exploratorium.edu) and type "snacks" into the search box.
- For dozens of **middle school science activities** ranging from studying smog formation to a cantilever building competition, visit the Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach Web site, [www.scienceoutreach.org](http://www.scienceoutreach.org). Click on "Classroom Resources" and then on "Middle School Science Mania."



- *Discovering the Food System* from Cornell University is an **experiential program for ages 12-18** to learn where our food comes from. Suitable for Scouts and other youth groups as well as for classrooms, the program is accessible at <http://foodsys.cce.cornell.edu>.
- To order **math- and science-related books for pre-K through second grade**, visit [www.wilbooks.com/catalog](http://www.wilbooks.com/catalog) and click on "Receive Free Math & Science Books." The books themselves are free, but not the postage.
- *Inside the Cell* is a **free educational booklet** from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. To download the PDF or order a copy, go to <http://publications.nigms.nih.gov/insidethecell>.



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## "Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week we will discuss our new AV tri-fold, a future customer service survey, and the two-phone tip! Here we go!

### AV Services Tri-Fold

This week our customers will receive our new AV Services tri-fold brochure. It will have all the information you will need to use in determining all your AV repair needs. I hope you will put it on your desk and use our services on a regular basis. We appreciate your business and care about our customers.

### Customer Service Survey

Our customers will receive a customer service survey in **November**. The survey will cover the services provided by the audiovisual repair department, including our daily repair service, the summer cleaning service, and our warranty repair services.

When you receive this survey, please fill it out based on the type of service you have received and return it to us. Your input will help to improve our current services.

### Audiovisual Repairs Are Always Welcome

You may send your audiovisual repairs to me. Please use a service tag to identify your equipment. If you are using our daily courier service, please send your smaller equipment to me. Larger equipment may be repaired on site, or I can pick it up before or after our daily courier routes.

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## November Is Reader Request Month

We are taking requests from our readers for article suggestions during the month of November. If there is something you want me to cover in a future edition of our newsletter, please free to contact me.

### The Two-Phone Tip!

Always have a regular phone hooked up at home. A regular phone should be used when giving information like credit card numbers or your social security number. This phone will work when your power goes off.

The cordless phones will not work when the power fails. However, these phones can be taken and used anywhere in your home.

Thank you for reading "Technology Today." Have a great week!

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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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"Whatever reason you had for not being somebody, there's somebody who had the same problem and overcame it." – Barbara Reynolds