

# What's Happening at the MCSEESC!

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## MCSEESC Employee Spotlight



### Sheryl Menke, ESL/LEP Teacher



This week we get to meet Sheryl Menke, who is our English as a Second Language teacher for the MCSEESC servicing Wadsworth City Schools and Medina City Schools.

Sheryl assesses and instructs all Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in Wadsworth and Medina schools.

Currently she has 27 students per week. The tutoring sessions are fun and full of variety. One day she will teach a Chinese senior concerning OGT's and then go to a German first grader and practice speaking. Next is an

Arabic-speaking second-grade student who will learn how to read. Sheryl goes to four to five schools per day.

Sheryl taught advanced ESL composition at The University of Akron last spring. She also was in Bulgaria last year at this time teaching at the American English Academy for their fall semester. Sheryl was also teaching before all this in Tonga, Moldova, and the Ukraine for 15 years.

Her personal interests are swimming, traveling, and walking with her husband, Gary, who is a pastor. He has taught in Bible schools and worked in villages overseas strengthening national works in orphanages and education. Their oldest daughter, Abby, is finishing an M.B.A. in Boston in International Economics. Abby is engaged and planning to be married on April 18. Mary, their youngest daughter, has graduated from college and is job hunting in Orlando.

Sheryl would like to thank everyone for all the IT support and friendliness from the competent and caring staff here at the ESC. She hopes to get to know everyone better.

We welcome Sheryl to our staff here at the ESC. She provides our schools with a very special service appreciated by everyone. You may contact Sheryl Menke at either [smenke@medina-esc.k12.oh.us](mailto:smenke@medina-esc.k12.oh.us) or 330-723-6393, Ext. 213.

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"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap,  
but by the seeds you plant." - Robert Louis Stevenson

## Media Center Services

The Media Center has added three new series to its collection: "Space Exploration," "The Working World for Young Adults," and "Independent Living for Young Adults." We are also incorporating materials from the Lorain County ESC Media Center, which has ceased operations. Teachers have requested more titles. During this past summer, media center representatives from Wadsworth, Brunswick, Medina, Cloverleaf, and Highland selected 150 titles from our collection to be deleted because the material was outdated or was not used in two years.

Two more schools have joined in using the video-streaming products from Discovery—Willetts and Edwards Middle Schools in Brunswick. This means that 56 percent of the Medina County schools are now using Discovery.

Media Center staff members are duplicating some materials for Brunswick. Brunswick has a site license for the product SNAP IT, and each teacher in the district was able to get a copy of the DVDs. The Media Center is able to duplicate DVDs from a classroom project. We are also developing a pilot program, "Daily 5," with Wadsworth.

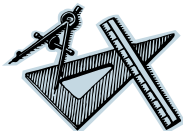
The University of Akron Bierce Library loans books and other resources for three weeks at a time to educators. Based on information entered in The University of Akron Libraries Catalog (ZipLink), library materials can be ordered via the Internet. Then, through the Medina County Media Center courier service, materials from The University of Akron Bierce Library can be picked up and delivered directly to the school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Books are loaned for two weeks at a time and can be renewed for another two weeks. This service is especially valuable for those who are teaching advanced high school courses or teachers taking classes on-line for additional graduate credits for their certification.



If you are interested in a ZipLink card for The Akron of University's Bierce Library or if you need help getting into or setting up your ZipLink account, please contact Gerri Edwards at 330-723-6393, Ext. 139. All district teachers are eligible for ZipLink.

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## Educational Resources Available



- The Department of Engineering at the University of Cambridge in the U.K. presents **games and resources about engineering** for children aged 9-11 and their teachers at [www.engineeringinteract.org](http://www.engineeringinteract.org).
- For **simple physics experiments for students**, visit Britain's Institute of Physics Web site at [www.physics.org](http://www.physics.org) and click on "Marvin & Milo."
- **Physics4kids.com**, a Web site created by Andrew Rader Studios, provides introductions to a wide range of physics topics for students of all ages.



- Little Shop of Physics is Colorado State University's **hands-on physics** outreach program for all grade levels. Visit the Web site at <http://littleshop.physics.colostate.edu> and click on "Online Experiments."
- The Federal Communications Commission provides **information and games** for kids on its Kids' Zone Web pages. Visit [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) and scroll down to find Kids' Zone on the left side of the page.

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## "Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." November is reader request month. This week we discuss overhead bulb replacement and clarify the use of your technology money. We also tell you when to purchase an extended warranty, and it is time for our Customer Satisfaction Survey. Here we go!

### Overhead Bulb Replacement

- When you replace your overhead projector bulb, please be sure it is seated properly into the socket. If it is not installed correctly, the bulb contacts will arc each time the power switch is turned on. This will shorten the life of the bulb and cause damage to the lamp socket.
- Push your bulbs all the way into the socket. Never touch the bulb with your fingers. The oil from your hands will cause hot spots. This will shorten the life of the bulb. Touch the base only.
- Always unplug your overhead before you change the bulb.

### Using Your Technology Money

All the Medina County school districts have technology money balances with us.

- We want you to use your technology money throughout the school year.
- Your technology money can be used for audiovisual repair services, Summer Service, etc. We recently sent to all of our schools a tri-fold explaining our services and estimated cost.
- Some school districts will allow you to purchase supplies like printer cartridges, laminating film, or bulbs with this money.

In many cases, purchase orders are no longer needed. All we need from you is a request and approval from your district. If you have any questions, please contact me.

### When Should I Consider Purchasing an Extended Warranty?

- For all larger priced electronics items, you could consider purchasing an extended warranty.
- Your local TV shop is gone now and authorized factory service is necessary.
- Smaller electronics are now throwaways and do not make sense economically to have repaired.
- Big screen TV's cannot be put in the trunk of a car. They must be delivered in a proper vehicle.
- Service must be done onsite or by an authorized service center. Your warranty should cover this important aspect.

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- Remember, you always have time after the sale to purchase an extended warranty.

### Customer Satisfaction Survey

Our Customer Satisfaction Survey will be sent to you soon. It will cover your service experiences with our AV Repair Service and the Summer Service Program. Please complete it and return it to me. I need your input to improve our services. Thank you for your assistance. We care about our customers.

Thank you for reading Technology Today. Have a great day!

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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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