



What's Happening at the MCSESC!

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There will be no Internet newsletter for the weeks of December 22 and 29 due to the Winter Break. We will resume publishing our newsletter during the week of January 5, 2009.

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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.

Board-Staff Recognition Awards

During this year's Staff Recognition Dinner on December 13, the 2008 Medina County Schools' ESC Carl W. Breyley Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Mr. James Hedrick**, Technology Director assigned to Brunswick City Schools. After an "I Spy" game, Mrs. Leslie DeDauw, last year's Distinguished Service Award recipient, "crowned" Jim, presented the award, and shared the following comments from his four nominators:

Jim Hedrick has more computer/technology knowledge than anyone I have ever met. When it comes to technology, Jim is our "go-to" guy. We just don't know what we would do without him. He is a real asset to our district. If Jim has one fault, it is not knowing how to say no.

Jim Hedrick is a wonderful person who is always willing to help when you need it. It doesn't matter how detailed your request is, he is always able to help you figure out a way to get the information. I work in the Treasurer's Office, and Jim is wonderful about following the correct procedures for purchasing items. He not only has a great deal of knowledge but he is willing to share it and teach others, and at no time has he ever made me feel stupid.

Over the past 10 years, I've had the honor of working with Jim Hedrick. He is one of the most selfless, gracious individuals I have ever met who consistently gives of himself not for personal gain, but to make our district better. A few of Jim's many contributions include our district website, installation of the new technology labs in the High School, and Jim's after-school involvement as the "voice" of the Marching Blue Devils.

He is the first person contacted whenever there is a malfunction in our systems. Brunswick City Schools has thirteen buildings that he services, and he will greet you with a joke or trivia quip as he arrives. He is an outstanding role model for any he meets--staff, student, or parent. He is the voice of the High School football team. He has been active with the marching band and is currently the choral treasurer. He brings a great ray of light with any task he encounters!



James Hedrick receiving the
2008 Carl W. Breyley
Distinguished Service Award

Jim was one of eight staff members nominated for this year's award. We congratulate him on this accomplishment.

The following service awards were also presented:

5-Year Service Awards: *Brenda Bandy* – Gifted/Talented Coordinator
Joshua Cramer – Technology Technician
Sharon Dey – Tutor
Sandra Larson – Tutor
Sandra LeMasters – Communications Specialist
Keith Sooy – Alternative School Instructor
Rebecca Stolarski – OGT Coordinator
Karl Walker - Technology Technician
Bryce Weber – Gifted/Talented Teacher

10-Year Service Awards: *Jack Howell* – Sr. Technology Engineer
Lisa Kovalsick – Sr. Technology Consultant
John Wasylo – PR Director

15-Year Service Award: *Keturah Zacharias* – Secretary/Receptionist

35-Year Service Award: *Janice Good* – Governing Board Member

Congratulations to all of our award recipients!

William Koran, Superintendent
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NAPT Annual Conference

Mike Redfern and Bonnie McNeely represented Medina County Schools' ESC at the Pre-Service Bus/Van Driver program at the 34th Annual National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) Conference. The conference was held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, at the end of October. This conference supports representatives from all over the country and Canada.

The highlight of the program was representatives from Homeland Security and CIA agents on National School Bus Security. South Carolina's Department of Education Office of Transportation supplied all attendees with DVDs on school bus security, which both Mike and Bonnie brought back and distributed to all Medina County schools.

"We continue to receive valuable information and training tools from all of these conferences," stated Mike and Bonnie.



Registration



Bonnie McNeely attending the National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training class



Photo source: www.napt.org

Bonnie McNeely, Regional Bus Coordinator Secretary
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Staff Development Preview

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT 2007 INTRODUCTORY

Dates: January 17 and 24, 2009

Time: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Computer Lab

Registration Deadline: January 9, 2009

Registration Fee: \$60

Book Fee: \$29

Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 is a presentation program that transforms your ideas into dynamic professional, compelling presentations. With PowerPoint you can create individual slides, speaker notes, and audience handouts. Participants will begin hands-on with creating a presentation with PowerPoint 2007, modifying a presentation, inserting objects, and completing a presentation. Begin working with advanced tools and masters; enhance charts; and insert illustrations, objects, and media clips using advanced features.

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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January Events/Workshops

January 5-9	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (Ellenwood Rec Center)
January 6	Safety and Violence Prevention Train-the-Trainer Seminar
January 7	Curriculum Leaders' Meeting
January 7	Reading Circle Workshop
January 7	Inclusion Strategies That Work for Students With Special Needs Workshop
January 12	MCSESC Staff Meeting
January 12	Compact Meeting
January 12	Special Education Forum
January 13	Medina Special Students Transition Action Team Meeting
January 14	Inclusion Strategies That Work for Students With Special Needs Workshop
January 17	Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 Introductory Workshop
January 20-23	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class—New Drivers Only (Westlake City Schools)
January 21	Countywide Special Education Directors' Meeting
January 21	Inclusion Strategies That Work for Students With Special Needs Workshop
January 21	Online Courses—Session 5 begins (1/21/09-3/6/09)
January 22	Region 8 Curriculum Leaders' Meeting
January 24	Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 Introductory Workshop
January 26	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class—New Drivers Only (Westlake City Schools)
January 26	MCSESC Governing Board Meeting
January 27	Crack the Code to Classroom Discipline Problems Workshop
January 28	Inclusion Strategies That Work for Students With Special Needs Workshop

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"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to the last "Technology Today" for this year. Here we go!

My New E-Mail Address

My new e-mail address is eknowles@medina-esc.org. Please update your address book so we can stay in touch.

Thank You

Thank you all for using the services of the MCSESC Audiovisual Service Department. We appreciate your continued business with us and look forward to meeting your service needs in 2009.

One of My Favorite Christmas Memories

When I was younger, Santa would fly to Conley's in his helicopter. We had to go see Santa and so did everyone else; the crowds were huge. Santa would always arrive and get out of his chopper. He would throw out candy to everyone. One year he had candy inside a plastic ball. I yelled, "Hey Santa, throw one over here!" He did and it bounced right off my forehead! I went home with a big bump on my head! I know how Ralphie felt when he shot his eye out. It always makes me remember when I was younger!

Happy Holidays!

Don't forget to remember someone who may need a little bit of extra help over the holiday season. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. A little help will mean a lot to them.

I hope you all have a great holiday and a Happy New Year.

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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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