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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.

## "All-Star" Bands



The 2009 Junior High/Middle School and High School "All-Star" Bands will perform in concert on Thursday, **February 19**, at 6:30 p.m. at Brunswick High School Performing Arts Center. Howard Meeker, Director of Instrumental Music at Cleveland State University and conductor of the Cleveland State University Wind Ensemble, is scheduled to be the guest conductor for the High School "All-Star" Band. The Junior High/Middle School "All-Star" Band guest conductor will be Dr. William Bauer, Director of Music Education and Associate Professor at Case Western Reserve University.

Directors selected 85 junior high/middle school students and 84 high school students to participate in the ensembles based upon ability, interest, potential for growth, and instrumentation. "All-Star" Bands planning committee members include Marcus Neiman, Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center; Ed Marquette, Highland Local Schools; and Jay Wardeska, Brunswick City Schools.

Admission is complimentary. The performance will be taped by the Huron-based company Soundwaves, and CD recording order forms will be available the night of the performance.

The event is sponsored by the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center and hosted by the Brunswick City Schools. For further information on this program, contact Neiman at 330-723-6393.

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## Surrogate Parent Training

**DATE:** February 20, 2009

**TIME:** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (lunch "on your own")

**SITE:** Medina County University Center  
6300 Technology Lane, Suite 309, Medina



Children with disabilities who are without parents are entitled to the appointment of a surrogate parent. Surrogate parents, appointed by the superintendent in the district, must have "knowledge and skills" in order to adequately support the child. Training is provided by State Support Team Region 8 so that surrogate parents understand the special education process. Persons who are trained receive certification to perform the duties as a surrogate parent for school districts. This training is also useful for other parents whose children are on an IEP.

Participants will gain an understanding of:

- The legal requirements relative to the role of a surrogate parent,
- The special education process and what surrogate parent responsibilities are within that process, and
- The important materials and resources available to assist and support the surrogate parent.

Register by phone or e-mail to Linda Gehring at (330) 723-6393, Ext. 125, or [lgehring@medina-esc.org](mailto:lgehring@medina-esc.org).

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## Cloverleaf Bright Ideas Event

The second Bright Ideas Event, which was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, offered the creatively gifted students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 at Cloverleaf a chance to learn about ice sculpting, green technology, and environmental art. The day began with a tour of the Elegant Ice Creations Company and a mini lecture from Ranger Craig Lane at the Brushwood Pavilion at Furnace Run Metro Park. While at Elegant Ice Creations, the students learned about ice making, the design development, programmable ice sculpting machines, and the everyday concerns of running a small business. At the end of the tour, the students had a chance to watch Aaron Costic, the Gold Medal winner in Ice Sculpting at the 2006 Winter Olympics, prepare an ice sculpture for the Medina Ice Festival. At Furnace Run, Ranger Lane talked with the students about composting toilets, deconstruction of buildings, solar energy, and the limitations of wind technology in heavily treed areas.



The students continued their day at the Cloverleaf Recreation Center. During lunch they learned about artwork created by British environmentalist, sculptor, and photographer Andy Goldsworthy while viewing the documentary *Rivers and Tides*. The students were then given the opportunity to apply what they learned during the day in written expression. Students had the opportunity to develop a script, create descriptive poetry, or write a short story. Learning activities designed around the theme of "Snow, Water & Ice" also provide the students with creative challenges. The day ended with an ice and snow sculpting extravaganza.

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## Congratulations to Revere H.S.!



Revere High School 2009 Academic Challenge Team

Revere High School's Academic Challenge team advanced through seven rounds of Academic Challenge competition to win the first-place trophy at the Twenty-Third Annual Medina County Academic Challenge Tournament on Friday, February 6, 2009, held at the Medina County University Center. Ellen Friery and Jeff Fry are the advisors of the winning team. As the first-place winner, Revere will advance to the regional Ohio Academic Competition on

April 18, 2009. Regional winners and runners-up will be invited to the state competition on May 2.

Eight high schools (including Brunswick, Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Columbia, Highland, Medina, Revere, and Wadsworth) participate in the Medina County Academic Challenge League. This year four league matches were played to determine a league winner, and the final all-day double elimination tournament designates a tournament winner. The Revere High School team also won the league title and trophy and was presented with the traveling trophy at the tournament.

Cloverleaf High School's Academic Challenge Team won the second-place trophy at the tournament. The team is coached by teacher Cameron Flint. In addition, the team from Columbia High School, coached by Andrew Purdum, won the 2008-2009 Sportsmanship Award. Cloverleaf, Medina, and Wadsworth JV teams tied for first place in regular season JV competition.

Medina County University provides an outstanding host and location for the tournament. Medina County Schools' ESC is the sponsor of the Medina County Academic Challenge League. Gifted Coordinators Brenda Bandy, Michele Wargo, and Jacinda Yonker organize the event.

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Cloverleaf High School Academic Challenge Team with Cameron Flint, advisor

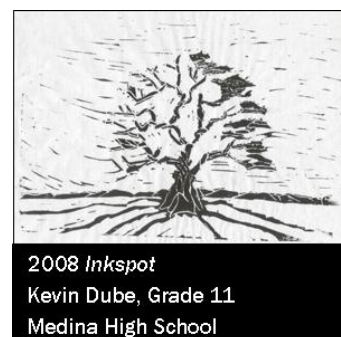


Columbia High School Academic Challenge Team with Andrew Purdum, advisor

## *Inkspot* Literary Magazine

This spring the MCSESC will again publish the *Inkspot*, an annual literary magazine designed to showcase student writing and artwork. It also provides an opportunity for Medina County students to see their work published.

To date, 419 submissions of short stories, poems, essays, and black-and-white artwork have been received. The breakdown by district is as follows: Brunswick—56, Buckeye—161, Cloverleaf—27, Highland—9, Medina—90, and Wadsworth—76. The *Inkspot* committee members are now evaluating each contribution on the basis of appropriateness, quality, clarity of thought, and flow of ideas for inclusion in the final publication. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed toward this year's edition of *Inkspot*.



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## "Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week we will discuss weather radios and warming up your frozen electronic equipment. Here we go!

### Weather Radio

We all should have a working NOAA weather radio at home and even at work. This radio should be turned on 24 hours a day and receive all the special weather bulletins.

NOAA broadcasts continuous weather information in our area from a National Weather Service forecast office in our area. Using a weather radio, you can pick up the Canton/Akron area broadcast office on frequency **162.400** MHz. In the Cleveland area, NOAA uses the frequency of **162.550** MHz.



The weather broadcast is updated regularly and will keep you informed with our ever-changing weather. Weather radios can be purchased from your local electronic store as well as many fine retail establishments.

### Frozen Equipment?

If you have left any items out in the extreme cold, please allow time for your equipment to slowly warm up to room temperature.



- Do not put your equipment directly in front of a heat register. Instead, let it warm up overnight at room temperature.
- Do not charge batteries that have been frozen. Batteries will not accept a charge unless they have been warmed to room temperature. You may try to warm them up to room temperature and then charge them up.

Please remember to bring all of your electronic equipment inside, such as your cell phones, PDA organizers, calculators, and laptops. Do not allow them to be exposed to the cold temperatures.

### Summer Service 2009

Here is the first Summer Service update for you.

- ✓ Please begin a prioritized list of equipment you would like to have cleaned. We will contact your district's technology department to gain permission to use your pre-paid technology funds for this program.
- ✓ The most popular types of equipment we have been cleaning are your computers, printers, overheads, DVD/VHS combos, and laminators. School bus VCR's and camera cleaning are also being done.

I will send more information to you soon regarding our program. We also will have updates in our weekly newsletter and on our Web site.

***Thank you for using all of our services here at the ESC.  
We care about our customers.***

That's all for this week. Thank you for reading our Internet newsletter and 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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"Burn brightly without burning out." – Richard Biggs