



What's Happening at the MCSESC!

Dr. Nunley to Present at Buckeye



Dr. Kathie F. Nunley is a nationally known speaker and author on brain-based learning and differentiated instruction. She will be presenting a workshop at **Buckeye High School** on **Friday, March 6, at 9 a.m.**

Dr. Nunley delights teachers from around the world with her practical and inspirational solutions to the challenges of today's diverse classrooms. Her popular seminars and workshops combine classroom experience with her current brain-imaging research. She is the developer of the Layered Curriculum® method of instruction and has spent over 15 years as a classroom teacher in both urban and suburban schools. A noted speaker at state, national, and international conferences, Dr. Nunley is the author of many books and articles on the brain and teaching in mixed-ability classrooms.

This presentation is primarily designed for area teachers, but community members and parents with an interest in student learning styles are also welcome. Cost is \$25 for Medina County residents and \$50 for residents outside Medina County. Also, 0.5 CEU's will be available for participants. For more information, contact Barb Gunkelman at bgunkelman@medina-esc.org.

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Leadership Medina County

Wednesday, February 11, 2009, was "Education Day" for the 2008-2009 Leadership Medina County class. The community leaders visited the Medina County University Center, Medina County Career Center, and Highland High School. Topics presented to the class included: Special Needs Population Challenges, Arts and the Schools, Student Transportation, and Gifted and Talented Programming. In addition to the building tours, the class was able to meet with district administrators, including the superintendents of the districts. Class members also were able to interact with various student groups throughout the day.

The Leadership Medina County Education Day Planning Committee and other Medina County educators provided this year's Leadership Class with a comprehensive overview of what it takes to provide our students with a "world class" education. Our students and our county in general are, indeed, fortunate to have such dedicated professionals to provide guidance, leadership, and programming in the education field.

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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.

Staff Development Preview

SMARTBOARD INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD

Dates: March 7 and March 14, 2009

Time: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Computer Lab

Registration Deadline: February 27, 2009

Registration Fee: \$60

Create a dynamic learning environment by combining the power of a computer with the simplicity of a whiteboard. You have the resources that allow you to interactively present curriculum and shared ideas. In this class, you will experience hands-on training. This SmartBoard class is geared to use the board and all the components of the board, create a lesson plan, and use the board as if in a classroom environment. Be prepared to create a lesson plan and save it to the SmartBoard. Bring the materials, URLs, and resources you may need to create your lesson. Class project: presentation of lesson plans.



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.

To download a registration form, please visit our Web site at <http://www.medina-esc.org/vnews/display.v/ART/491867a0edf91>. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Sailer at 330-723-6393, Ext. 134.

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ParaPro Training

Once again, the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center is offering a paraprofessional training workshop. The purpose of the paraprofessional study group is to provide participants an opportunity to review and study material in preparation for taking the online Educational Testing Service (ETS) Paraprofessional Assessment. Each session will focus on one subject area (reading, math, and writing). The fourth session will be practice with the ETS tutorial to prepare for taking the online test. Session dates are as follows:

Tuesday, March 3	4-6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4	4-6 p.m.
Thursday, March 5	4-6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11	4-6 p.m.
Thursday, March 12	4 p.m. (testing)

All sessions will be held in the first floor conference room at the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center, 124 West Washington Street, Medina. Please contact Janelle Sailer at the MCSESC (330-723-6393, Ext. 134, or jsailer@medina-esc.org) for registration details.

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March Events/Workshops



March 2	LPDC Meeting
March 3-5	ParaPro Training
March 3-6	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (University Cntr.)
March 4	Medina County Curriculum Leaders Meeting
March 6	"Brain Biology and Differentiating with Layered Curriculum" by Dr. Kathie Nunley (Buckeye High School)
March 7	SmartBoard Interactive Whiteboard Workshop
March 9	MCSESC Staff Meeting
March 9	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (Medina Co. Univ. Center)
March 10	Medina Special Students Transition Action Team Meeting
March 11	Medina County Leadership Academy - "International Benchmarking Project" and "What's New in Staff Development/Human Resources" (Williams on the Lake)
March 11	ParaPro Training
March 11	Countywide Special Education Directors' Meeting
March 12	Parapro Testing
March 12	Medina County Spelling Bee
March 14	SmartBoard Interactive Whiteboard Workshop
March 16	Compact Meeting
March 16	Special Education Forum - "Emotional Disabilities"
March 16-20	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (Ellenwood Recreation Center)
March 17	"Empowering Children and Adolescents Using Social Skills" parent workshop by Jay Berk, Ph.D. (University Center)
March 18	Medina County Transportation Supervisors' Meeting
March 18	Online Courses—Session 7 begins (3/18/09-5/1/09)
March 19	Medina County Resource Center Committee Meeting
March 23	MCSESC Governing Board Meeting
March 28	Middle School Academic Challenge Tournament (Univ. Cntr.)
March 30	Special Education Staff Meeting
March 30-31	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class—Re-certs Only (Berea High School)

"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week we will look at the "gold standard," daylight-savings time, and how to extend the life of your overhead bulb. Here we go!

The "Gold Standard"

When replacing audio and RF connectors, I recommend the gold-plated types. Using the gold connectors enhances the performance of your components by reducing signal loss and interference. These gold, low capacitance types of connectors deliver the most dynamic, distortion-free signals, which means clear sound and a strong picture! Go with the "gold standard!"

March 8 Begins Daylight-Savings Time

It seems like we just set our clocks back, but once again, daylight-savings time will begin on March 8 at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 7. Change those smoke detector batteries too, and make sure your CO detectors are clean and working properly.



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Why Is Using Summer Service So Important?

Using a yearly maintenance program will increase the life of your equipment, reduce costly repairs, and ensure that your equipment is clean and safe to operate the first day of school.

We will be asking you for a list of equipment to be cleaned. Please begin to think about what your cleaning needs will be. Thank you for using our services here at the ESC. We all care about our customers.

Increasing the Life of Your Overhead Projector Bulb!



Your overhead projector bulb is rated for so many hours of use. For example, the EYB bulb is rated for 24 hours of service. After 24 hours, you can expect it to burn out. Schools that change bulbs all in one day will see them burn out all at once. Always keep a record of replacing bulbs and see how long they are lasting. Overheads that burn out bulbs sooner than other ones may need some routine service.

Here are two suggestions for extending a bulb's life:

- Making sure your overheads receive their yearly maintenance will really help. Fans will run faster and allow the inside of the overhead to stay cooler.
- Allowing the overhead to cool properly before rolling it out of the way will keep the bulb filament from breaking.

Proper Overhead Bulb Substituting

Many of our customers have asked me if they can substitute overhead bulbs. You may safely substitute the following bulbs.

ENX use ENX-5

EYB use EYB-5

DYS use BHC/DYV/DYS

DYS use DYS-5

- 💡 Never substitute bulbs with higher wattages because they will cause overheating and internal damage to your overhead.
- 💡 Remember to purchase your bulbs through us. We offer the best quality and prices.

Thank you for reading our weekly Internet newsletter. 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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