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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.

Wadsworth "Idita-Read"



A yearly reading event mirroring the annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race will take place in Wadsworth, Ohio, during the weeks of February 9 through March 20, 2009. The regular classroom teacher is listed as the musher, with "Idita-Read" students relying on reading minutes to travel the distance along the trail from Anchorage to Nome. Reading minutes are transferred into mileage along the trail. The annual event also provides a tracking chart and literary log to each participant. Book review guideline rubrics are provided to teachers to encourage students to write quality book reviews. Fifty teachers in Wadsworth are participating in this enrichment activity. This reading endeavor is a portion of a curriculum unit based on the Iditarod Race, which begins Saturday, March 7, 2009.

If you are interested in charting the progress of participants, please visit www.wadsworth.k12.oh.us/administrativeDepartment.aspx?aid=40.

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Cloverleaf Junior Great Books

The response to this year's Junior Great Books Explorer Program at Seville Elementary School has been tremendous. Approximately one hundred students have returned permission slips. All of these students will be offered the opportunity to participate in one of the three sessions being planned.



The first five-week session started the week of January 12, 2009, with 32 students. Mrs. Van Meter, Mr. Gladden, Mr. Gill with Mrs. Leuschel, and I are facilitating the first session. Students meet with the volunteers once a week to discuss and reflect on short stories that explore the struggle between good and evil. The readings and discussions are intended to generate reflective conversations, improve reading comprehension skills, and improve the students' evaluation skills. We hope that providing the opportunity to participate in Junior Great Books will also give them a chance to look at reading from a new perspective.

The second session begins the week of February 23, and the third session is scheduled to start on April 20.

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Staff Development Preview

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF WEB 2.0

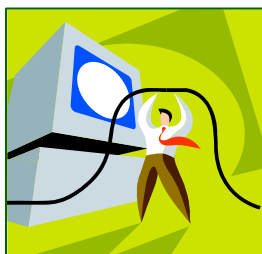
Dates: February 21 and 28, 2009

Time: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Computer Lab

Registration Deadline: February 13, 2009

Registration Fee: \$60



Are you harnessing the new shape of information? Curious about Web 2.0? What is it? Web 2.0 is about changing the way people interact with each other on the Web and makes the Internet the tool of choice for efficient collaboration and communication. It is a catch-phrase to represent the "next generation" of Web tools that allow users to dynamically shape the content and functionality of their Web experience.

A few examples of Web 2.0 are: Blogs, Wikis, Webcasts, Podcasts, RSS Feeds, and Social Networks. This class will introduce you to an awareness of Web 2.0 technologies. As a class, we will create a blog using Google Blogger. In addition, individuals will experiment with several Web 2.0 components, such as widgets, gadgets, RSS, and podcasts.

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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February Events/Workshops



February 2	Special Education Staff Meeting
February 2-6	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (Mid-Ohio ESC)
February 3	Crack the Code to Classroom Discipline Problems Workshop
February 4	Reading Circle Workshop
February 6	High School Academic Challenge Tournament (Univ. Cntr.)
February 9	MCSESC Staff Meeting
February 9	Compact Meeting
February 10	Medina Special Students Transition Action Team Meeting
February 10	Crack the Code to Classroom Discipline Problems Workshop
February 12	Medina County Resource Center Committee Meeting
February 16-20	Pre-Service Bus Driving Class (EHOVE Career Center)
February 17	Crack the Code to Classroom Discipline Problems Workshop
February 18	Countywide Special Education Directors' Meeting
February 18	Medina County Transportation Supervisors' Meeting
February 18	Online Courses—Session 6 begins (2/18/09-4/3/09)
February 19	Medina/Summit County Curriculum Leaders Meeting
February 19	"All-Star" Bands Festival (Brunswick H.S.)
February 20	Surrogate Parent Training
February 21	A Day in the Life of Web 2.0 Workshop

"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week we will cover paper shredders, AV lamp substituting, our servicing overheads, and how to change that bulb in your video projector. Here we go!

Paper Shredder Update

I recently purchased a new paper shredder. It is the cross-cut design and has all the new safety features. My older shredder did not have as many safety features, and you could get your fingers or tie caught in it. My new shredder has a cover on the top that will only allow access of paper for shredding. A safety switch is also part of the shredder. This allows the unit to operate when the shredder is back in the waste basket that is designed for the shredder unit.

For more information on paper shredder safety, please visit this Web site: www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/5127.html.

Substituting Lamps in Your AV Equipment

Substituting bulbs in your audiovisual equipment must not be done. Bulb wattages and voltages vary for each piece of equipment. Using the wrong type of lamp can cause serious overheating problems and is not safe. Please always use the correct lamp called for by the equipment manufacturer.

We Are Still Servicing Overhead Projectors

Most of our customers' overhead repairs have been related to defective voltage reducing diodes, cracked glass, AC cord replacement, fan assemblies, lamp sockets, and general cleaning.

When servicing your overhead projectors, we will use exact manufacturer replacement parts for safety and continued reliability.

Before we repair your overhead projector, we consider the following items:

- The current age of the projector
- If parts are going to be available
- Estimated cost of service
- What the replacement cost for a new overhead would be in relation to the repair cost
- Gaining permission to repair your overhead

One of the most important parts of our service is the safety factor. Keeping the operator of the equipment safe from injury is one of our continuing goals. Having equipment serviced through our department allows us to detect and correct any safety concerns we find.

Video Projector Bulb Replacement

Let's take a closer look at the replacement of your video projector bulb.

- Read the user's manual for your projector, and use appropriate safety precautions when replacing your video projector bulb.
- Bulb replacement should be done by qualified personnel if available.

- Never touch any of the bulb surfaces with your hands. Always hold the bulb by the metal wire holder or other device that is designed to help you remove or install the bulb.
- You will know when it is time to change your lamp. Projected pictures will become darker. The lamp monitor may also tell you it is time.
- Sometimes older lamps may blow up inside the projector. This could happen when the projector air intake gets blocked. Your lamp will overheat and blow. If this happens, carefully remove all the bits and pieces and try to determine what caused your bulb to blow.
- Maybe something blocked the fan air intake or the fan stopped working. New bulbs are expensive, and you certainly do not want to blow them up too!

Replacing Your Video Projector Bulb

- Locate your user's (instruction) manual for the video projector.
- Read carefully the instructions for replacing the bulb and resetting the lamp life monitor.
- You must have on hand the correct new bulb replacement. Your user's manual should have the correct bulb replacement type part number.
- Unplug your video projector. The old bulb and projector must be cool before you begin.
- Remove the lamp cover assembly door. Set this aside.
- Locate the screws that hold in the lamp assembly.
- Unscrew these screws. The lamp assembly can be removed and set aside.
- Compare the new bulb with the old one. Is it the same type?
- Following the re-installation instructions included with your new bulb. Most bulbs simply plug back in. Make sure the bulb is seated properly and tighten down the screws that hold the lamp assembly in. Remember, do not touch the bulb directly. Use the metal handle or other device provided by the bulb manufacturer.
- Re-install the lamp cover. If it fits, your bulb is installed correctly.
- Locate the air intake filter. This must be cleaned. Follow the instructions in the user's manual for proper cleaning. A new filter could be included with your bulb. Clean and reinstall the air intake filter.
- Plug the video projector back in and start it up. Make sure you hear the fan running and that the projector's lamp lights up.
- As long as everything is operating okay, you may follow the instructions and reset the lamp life monitor.
- Make sure you note the date and time of your bulb replacement. Bulbs have warranties too.

Where Can You Get a Bulb Replacement for Your Projector?

- Please ask your school's technology department.
- If they direct you to us, we have a supplier that sells all types of video projector bulbs. I can get you a price.
- It is a good idea to have on hand a replacement bulb and an extra video projector at all times.

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Thank you for reading our weekly Internet newsletter. Have a great day!
Remember to keep all your electronic gear warm.

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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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