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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.

MCSESC to Participate in the 2009 Medina County Relay For Life®



Relay For Life® is the American Cancer Society's signature event. It is a time and place where people come to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those we have lost, and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives. Thanks in part to the donations from Relay For Life® and other events, the Society is saving lives, helping those touched by cancer, and empowering people to fight this disease all over the world.

This year marks the 25th anniversary for Relay For Life®. In honor of that milestone, the Medina County Relay For Life® will last for 25 hours instead of 24. It will be held at the Medina County Fairgrounds beginning on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at 10 a.m.

Several staff members from the Medina County Schools' ESC have agreed to participate in this wonderful opportunity to give back to the community. Team members will be relaying in honor of staff members of the ESC, friends, and family members who have survived, been lost to, or are fighting cancer. If you are interested in joining our team or making a donation, please visit our team Web page at www.main.acsevents.org/goto/mcsesc.

In addition to personal donations, the ESC team is also conducting several fundraisers. The first fundraiser is a **Pie in the Face** contest involving our expanded administrative team. If you would like to participate, choose the administrator whom you would like to see take a pie in the face to help fight cancer.



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Donate money to their donation containers located at the Professional Building in the Board Conference Room. If you would like to send in money for their containers, you can send it to the attention of Leslie DeDauw. The two administrators who collect the most money win. In addition, if you would like to be the person delivering the pie to one of the lucky winners, raffle tickets are being sold for \$1 each and will be drawn on the day of the event, March 30, 2009.

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Robofest Regional Competition



One of the Buckeye teams that competed in the Exhibition portion of the competition designed a group of robots to demonstrate organic gardening.

Eighteen teams of middle school students from Wadsworth, Buckeye, and Highland school districts and one team of Wayne County homeschooled students competed in the Robofest regional competition on Saturday, March 7, at Highland High School. The students who participated in the regional competition were vying for the opportunity to compete in the world championships to be held in Michigan on May 9. Two teams from Buckeye, three from Highland, and the team from Wayne will advance to the world championships.

Robofest is an annual national autonomous robotics competition focusing on learning STEM (Science,

Engineering, Technology, and Math). Robofest challenges teams of students to design, build, and program robots. The Buckeye Education Foundation, the Highland Foundation, and many individual and corporate donors made this opportunity possible for the students. Kim Clendaniel, gifted intervention specialist at Highland Middle School, was the director of this regional Robofest Competition.

Thanks to all the donors, teachers, volunteers, and students who participated! We hope to see all of you back next year. For more information about Robofest, see www.robofest.net.

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Educational Resources Available

- Students can learn about **materials science** at www.strangematterexhibit.com, a Website that accompanies the traveling exhibit, Strange Matter, developed by the Ontario Science Centre.
- For ideas on **integrating engineering into the classroom**, go to www.engineeringk12.org, a Website of the American Society for Engineering Education. Click on "K-12 Educators."



- To see a video on what happens when you **pop a water balloon in space**, visit www.sciencefriday.com, a National Public Radio Website.

- The American Physical Society's Public Outreach Group offers two **free, downloadable books** for students in the early elementary grades, *Color Me Physics: Coloring Book* and *Color Me Physics: Activity Book*. Go to www.physicscentral.com and type "color me physics" into the search box.

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"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to another edition of "Technology Today." I am using a new program, Office 2007. This will be my first newsletter with this new program. Here we go!

Coupons Are on the Way Again

The government has begun to send out coupons for the digital converter box program again. The new digital switchover date will be June 12.

Summer Service News

Denise Valerio and Gloria Schultz have sent out our Summer Service information and reservation form to our customers. Please complete your form and return it to me. Thank you for using our program. We care about our customers and will provide your district with excellent service.

Summer Service Is Open to Everyone

If you are interested in using our Summer Service program, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by e-mail at eknowles@medina-esc.org. My office phone number is 330-764-8703, Ext. 136. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide you with more information.

Maintaining Your Digital Camera

Cleaning the outside case of your camera is an easy process. I use Glance cleaner and a soft cotton grade computer cleaning rag.

For cleaning and maintenance procedures, always refer to the user's manual for your camera. Use proper ventilation and protective eyewear when using Glance cleaner.

- Please be sure your camera is turned off and batteries are removed.
- Sit down to clean your camera. Use a table surface to work on.
- Never spray the cleaner directly onto the camera case surface. You do not want any cleaner to enter the camera.
- Spray your soft, clean cotton rag with glass cleaner.
- Gently clean the outside of the camera case. Avoid getting any cleaner into the camera.
- You may clean the view finder with your rag and cleaning solution. Spray the rag with the cleaner and wipe off the view finder screen. Be careful not to scratch the viewfinder screen.
- The focus lens may be cleaned with a clean soft rag and glass cleaner. Special lens wipes are also available for this purpose from your camera dealer. Never use compressed air to clean off the dust inside the camera lens.
- Install your batteries and test your camera for proper operation.

Proper maintenance of your camera is important. You can do it easily.

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Have a great week and thank you for reading "Technology Today." Spring is almost here.

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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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"It's choice—not chance—that determines your destiny." – Jean Nidetch