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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.

Governor Strickland Visits Medina County

On February 27, the Medina County Schools' ESC, in conjunction with the Brunswick City Schools, hosted a visit to Medina County by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland. During his 2½-hour visit to Brunswick High School, the Governor visited two technology-related classrooms, addressed an audience of over 500 guests, and held a press conference in the district's television studio.

The presentation portion of the visit gave the Governor the opportunity to present his new school funding and reform proposal. The Governor's education reform proposal is built upon a reformed education funding model designated as the "Ohio Evidence-Based Model" (OEBM).

According to the Governor's presentation, the model links educational research on academic achievement and successful outcomes with funding components to achieve results. The OEBM was developed using models found in other states in combination with what the Administration believes works for Ohio and the values that Ohio places on fiscal accountability and student outcomes.

This funding model could replace the long-standing school foundation formula that is per-pupil based. Under this new model, the state will no longer be funding students but, rather, will fund four types of organizational units (elementary school, middle school, high school, small district) and recommended staffing levels based on an effective schools model that is then costed out and funded. Under this approach, one must "back into" determining a per pupil cost. This is a heavily input-reliant funding model (e.g., student-teacher ratios, core teachers, specialist teachers, school nurses, building and district administrators, enrichment activities, and more). The OEBM model of funding is currently being debated in the Ohio Legislature.

Medina County was pleased to welcome Governor Strickland and welcomes him back whenever he has the opportunity.



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"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." - Robert Brault

"24" Math Tournament

The second annual multi-district "24" math tournament was held on February 24, 2009. Three districts from Medina County participated in this event, bringing 24 fourth-grade students from Buckeye, Cloverleaf, and Wadsworth to the Cloverleaf Recreation Center for competition. The "24" math game requires students, who are presented four single- and/or double-digit numbers, to figure in three steps a combination of division, multiplication, addition, and/or subtraction for which the answer is "24."

The day began with three rounds of single-digit play while Buckeye and Cloverleaf Middle School students served as table judges. After lunch students went into the semi-final round. The top 16 students from the initial three rounds played a double-digit round of competition. The other participants continued to play single digits, while all competed for the title of table winner. The table winners were: Gabi Stefanko, Sean Morton, Nathan Timmerman, Isaac McCourt, Madison Busse, Jared Parke, McKenzie Keaton, Kyle Hibinger, Matthew Shook, Olivia Hartley, David Nugent, Kellie Herron, Craig Rench, Jonathon Hill, Riley Freeland/Dustin Dugan, Erica Chambers, Rachel Sholer, and Mariah Braman.



Isaac McCourt (left) and
Sean Morton (right)

During the final round, the crowd watched the four finalists vie for the title of "24 champion." They included Gabi Stefanko (Cloverleaf), Sean Morton (Wadsworth), Nathan Timmerman (Wadsworth), and Isaac McCourt (Wadsworth). After a grueling round, the runner-up was Sean Morton, Isham Elementary. Isaac McCourt, also from Isham Elementary, won the tournament.

Thank you to Mrs. Kelli Johnston (Buckeye), Mrs. JoAnn Boruvka (Cloverleaf), Mrs. Barb Taylor (Cloverleaf), and Mrs. Debbie Allen (Wadsworth) for the investment of their time in coaching and participating with this fourth-grade competition. This event was organized by the Medina County Schools' Gifted Coordinators.

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AESA National Conference

The Medina County Schools' ESC sent staff and Governing Board representatives to the AESA (Association of Educational Service Agencies) National Conference on



December 3-6, 2008, in Phoenix, Arizona. AESA represents educational service providers in 48 states. The conference allowed MCSESC attendees to participate in over 100 seminars presented by service providers across the country.

The highlight for the Medina County Schools' ESC was our presentation on gifted and talented programs that take place outside of the traditional classroom. The presentation was developed by Brenda Bandy and Jacinda Yonker, Gifted and Talented Coordinators, and presented by Jacinda and Denise Valerio, Director of Technology. A special guest appearance was made during the presentation by Brenda's "avatar," who introduced the program.

The 2009 AESA Conference will be held in Austin, Texas.

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Staff Development Preview

ONLINE COURSES

Session 7: March 18 – May 1, 2009

Registration Deadline: March 11, 2009

Registration and Course Fee: \$130

Session 7 of our online staff development courses will begin on March 18. You can take online courses at the times that are most convenient to you. All online courses run for six weeks, with a two-week grace period at the end. Two lessons are released each week for the six-week duration of the course. Two (2) graduate credit hours will be available at the cost of \$260 through Ashland University or The University of Akron, or 24 CEHs will be available at no charge. You may sign up for any of these online staff development courses:

Classroom Teaching:

- A to Z Grant Writing
- An Introduction to Teaching ESL/EFL
- Big Ideas in Little Books
- Creating the Inclusive Classroom: Strategies for Success
- The Creative Classroom
- Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom
- Enhancing Language Development in Childhood
- Guided Reading: Strategies for the Differentiated Classroom
- Guided Reading and Writing: Strategies for Maximum Student Achievement
- Ready, Set, Read!
- Singapore Math Strategies: Model Drawing for Grades 1-6
- Solving Classroom Discipline Problems I
- Solving Classroom Discipline Problems II
- Survival Kit for New Teachers
- Teaching Math: Grades 4-6
- Teaching Science: Grades 4-6
- Understanding Adolescents
- Working Successfully With Learning Disabled Students
- Writing for Children

Technology:

- The Classroom Computer
- Creating Web Pages I
- Creating Web Pages II
- Designing Effective Web Sites
- Guiding Kids on the Internet
- Integrating Technology in the Classroom
- Intermediate Dreamweaver CS3
- Introduction to Dreamweaver 8
- Introduction to Dreamweaver CS3
- Introduction to Dreamweaver MX 2004
- Introduction to Microsoft Access 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007
- Introduction to Photoshop CS2
- Introduction to Photoshop CS3
- Making Movies With Windows XP
- Microsoft Excel 2007 in the Classroom
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2003 in the Classroom
- Microsoft Word 2007 in the Classroom
- Photoshop CS2 for the Digital Photographer
- Photoshop CS3 for the Digital Photographer
- Using the Internet in the Classroom



For more information or to download a registration form, click on the following link: <http://www.medina-esc.org/vnews/display.v/ART/496cefcd9a8>. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Sailer at 330-723-6393, Ext. 134.

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"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week we will discuss the digital change-over date, Summer Service, a keyboard spill, and our estimate policy. Here we go.

Digital Change-Over to Be on June 12, 2009

On **June 12, 2009**, your favorite TV station will begin transmissions in the digital format. The new stimulus package passed by our government includes more money for the converter box coupons. Some stations may switch over early to the all-digital signal. We have one station in our area that has asked the FCC to change over now. More updates later!

Summer Service 2009 Update

Please begin to develop a prioritized list of equipment you would like to have cleaned for this coming summer. We will send a letter explaining our Summer Service program and a reservation form to you soon.

You can use the following suggestions to help make your cleaning selections.

- Clean within your budget.
- Clean equipment that is used the most and is the dirtiest.
- Clean equipment that requires yearly maintenance.
- Follow your district's rotational cleaning plan.

We can also help you determine what your cleaning needs might be. Please call me to schedule a visit and equipment inspection.

A Keyboard Spill!

Always be very careful when you have any beverage near your computer keyboard.

- If you spill anything inside your keyboard, you will most certainly need to replace it.
- Acids and liquid will affect the operation of the keys and other components inside the keyboard.
- Carefully turn your computer off and unplug it from the wall.
- Call your technology department for assistance, and clean up the spilled liquid.
- Keep all liquids away from your computer.

Equipment Estimates

As a general rule, when I receive a piece of equipment to evaluate/repair, I waive the estimate cost if I repair the equipment. There are a few exceptions to that rule.

- If I need to travel to your school to do an onsite estimate, you will be charged a one-hour estimate fee.
- If a piece of equipment is sent in for an estimate, and disassembly of the piece is required to determine the problem, you will be charged a one-hour estimate fee.

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I will use the following criteria to determine whether repairs to your equipment are warranted:

- The extent of the problem.
- The current age of the equipment to be serviced.
- If parts are going to be available.
- Estimated cost of service versus overall replacement value.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions.

Thank you for using our services. We appreciate your business and care about our customers.

Your AV Repairs Are Always Welcome

All of your AV repairs are always welcome to be sent in to our service department. Please remember to use a **blue** service tag. Most equipment repairs are covered under the technology funds your district has pre-purchased. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your school district's technology department.

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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