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## Middle School Academic Challenge Tournament



**Root Middle School Academic Challenge Team**

The seventh annual Middle School Academic Challenge Tournament was held on Saturday, March 28, 2009, at the Medina County University Center. Teams from Buckeye, Brunswick, Cloverleaf, Medina, and Wadsworth districts participated in the academic rivalry contest.

A. I. Root Middle School won the competition with an undefeated record. The team advisor is June Trenty, and Chad Wise is the principal. Claggett Middle School received the second-place trophy, with only one loss during the tournament. The team advisor is Pat Sciarini, and Craig Komar is the principal.

Thank you to our coaches for planning and advising our middle school teams. We also wish to thank the Medina County University Center for hosting the tournament; Denise Testa, Associate Director of the University Center, for her guidance and support; and Debbie Ruhe for the tournament setup accommodations. Our readers were Heidi Connolly, Amy Lloyd, Tom Magier, Phyllis Radke, and Michele Wargo.

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center sponsors the Middle School Academic Challenge League to provide middle school students an opportunity to test their knowledge in friendly academic competition and to encourage increased participation at the high school level. For more information, please contact Gifted Consultants Brenda Bandy, Michele Wargo, and Jacinda Yonker, organizers of the event, at the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center.

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## Family-A-Fair

Saturday, April 25, 2009, is the date for the annual **Medina County Family-A-Fair** event to be held at the Medina County Fairgrounds. The Medina County Schools' ESC will, once again, be providing a booth at this event as a public service to the six public school districts in the county. The event is geared toward families of children aged 4-13.

The ESC will be handing out educational materials to families with an emphasis on district and state services. For example, the Ohio Department of Education publication *A Standards Guide for Families* will be distributed at our booth. Other presentations include coloring books, transportation safety for children, and appearances by 'Buster the Bus.'



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## Cloverleaf Junior Selected to Attend Ohio's Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted



Grant Brodnik, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Cloverleaf High School, has been selected to participate in the Essex School, which will be held at the Ohio State University campus in Columbus from June 21 to June 27, 2009. Grant is 1 of 70 students who have been selected to participate in the program from more than 600 public school districts in the state of Ohio.

The Essex School provides gifted students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, social awareness, and academic skills. While at the school, students will participate in workshops, activities, and extended projects. Grant will have the opportunity to study in-depth components of a particular field, as well as to participate in special field trips, independent study, interest groups, and supervised recreational activities. Grant is looking forward to attending the Essex School and looks forward to meeting other students with similar interests. He also hopes that this experience will help him determine his future career goals.

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## Staff Development Preview

### INTRO TO CHINESE CULTURE

**Dates:** May 2 and May 9, 2009

**Time:** 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Conference Room

**Registration Deadline:** April 24, 2009

**Registration Fee:** \$60



China's new economic and political importance creates new opportunities and demands for U.S. business. Part of the new challenge is the need to raise the number of Americans who can demonstrate a functional proficiency in the Chinese language. China serves as a very large market for American goods and services, as well as a supplier to American manufacturers and consumers. Therefore, the public and private sectors are recognizing the need to produce a workforce with the necessary skills to compete in tomorrow's global economy. As a result, more schools are taking the step to integrate Chinese within their language programs. This workshop will provide an overview of China's economy and political importance in a global age. Also, it will present a panorama of China's history, society, and traditions. The goal is that this workshop will help develop a better understanding of the culture and its relevance to our students' future workplace. As part of China's traditions, the workshop will include an interactive mini-lesson of Chinese language and a hands-on presentation of Chinese calligraphy.

One (1) graduate credit hour will be available at the cost of \$130 through The University of Akron or \$130 through 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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## "Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week we want to thank the schools that have signed up for the Summer Maintenance Program. I also have some wonderful tips that you can use each day at work. Here we go.

### Thank You

I want to thank those schools which have signed up for the Summer Maintenance Program.

- \* Buckeye Local Schools
- \* Cloverleaf Local Schools
- \* Medina County Schools' ESC
- \* Medina City Schools
- \* Brunswick City Schools
- \* Highland Local Schools
- \* Copley/Fairlawn City Schools
- \* Wadsworth City Schools' Transportation Department

You may still sign up to use our program by calling me at 330-764-8703, Ext. 136, or by sending an e-mail to me at [eknowles@medina-esc.org](mailto:eknowles@medina-esc.org).

### Please Send in All Your AV Repairs

You are welcome to send in all of your audiovisual repairs to me. Your continued support of our year-round service is greatly appreciated. Thank you. We care about our customers.

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## TV's and Laminators

We have asked our daily courier service not to bring in the heavier, larger types of AV equipment. Please contact me when you need to have service on your school's TV's or laminators. I can service these onsite in your building.

### Tips to Use Every Workday!

- Being pleasant, helpful, caring, and understanding to everyone will create a **positive attitude** for you and your coworkers.
- Begin each day by thinking ahead a bit and writing a small list of things you would like to accomplish each day.
- Helping your coworkers out will make you feel good. They will also appreciate you. That is very special.
- No finger pointing. Take responsibility for your mistakes, take time to understand them, and learn how to do things better.
- When your workday is completed, please spend as much time as you can with your family. Strong family values are very important.

Thank you for reading "Technology Today." Have a great week.

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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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