



What's Happening at the MCSEESC!

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MCSEESC Employee Spotlight



Tom Magier, Alternative School Teacher



This week we get to meet Tom Magier, who is one of our Alternative School teachers. Tom is responsible for the daily classroom instruction of the Alternative School students.

He was previously employed at the Buckeye Local Schools as a junior high school teacher. Tom also coached track, football, wrestling, and golf.

His personal interests include family, softball, biking, hiking, running, doing Sudoku puzzles, working on home repairs, nature and environmental issues, recycling, and traveling.

Tom's son, Jacob, lives in Oregon. His daughter, Nicki, and son-in-law, Tim, live in Seville.

Tom really enjoys working in our office. He says that everyone here is friendly and interesting. He feels very welcome here.

We welcome Tom to our staff. He provides our students with an alternative way to continue and finish their education. You may contact Tom Magier at either tmagier@medina-esc.org or 330-723-6393, Ext. 220.

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Energy Drinks: BEWARE!



This popular new beverage has been linked to health risks! Super-caffeinated energy drinks, with names like Red Bull, Monster, Full Throttle, and Amp, have sparked growing concern among health researchers and school officials around the country.

At \$3 to \$4 a pop and with twice as much caffeine as a cup of coffee, it is easy to see why children are downing two or more a day. In addition, the caffeine content on the nutrition labels does not include the other stimulants that energy drinks contain, such as guarana, taurine, maté and kola nut. Energy drinks are being used by students for enhanced performance in sports, school, and socials; however, they are dehydrating and often replace nutrition, hydration, and rest.

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Consumption of these beverages often leads to increased anxiety, nervousness, irritability, stomachache, and eventually a decrease in performance. Health officials warn that these drinks are only okay in moderation and fear abuse of these drinks could serve as a gateway to future stimulant abuse. For more information, visit www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus and search "energy drinks."

Be AWARE of what your child is consuming and the quantity.

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Academic Challenge Standings

We thank Nick Baldwin and Buckeye High School for hosting our match on Monday, December 8. It was great to see several Buckeye teachers participating as readers!

The cumulative win-loss records are as follows:

Varsity:

Brunswick—3-8

Buckeye—3-8

Cloverleaf—6-5

Columbia—3-8

Highland—6-5

Medina—8-3

Revere—11-0

Wadsworth—4-7

JV:

Brunswick—2-9

Buckeye—2-9

Cloverleaf—9-2

Columbia—0-11

Brunswick (#2-subbing for Highland)—2-2

Medina—8-3

Revere —7-4

Wadsworth—9-2



The next match comprised of three rounds will be hosted by Medina High School on Monday, **January 12**, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Audience members are welcome!

The Medina County High School Academic Challenge League is sponsored by the Medina County Schools' ESC and coordinated by Brenda Bandy, Michele Wargo, and Jacinda Yonker.

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"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to another year of "Technology Today"!

My New E-Mail Address

As a reminder, my new e-mail address is eknowles@medina-esc.org. Please update your address book so we can stay in touch.

Your AV Repairs Are Always Welcome

All your AV repairs are always welcome to be sent it 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.

We All Know It's Getting Cold

Please remember to bring inside all of your electronic equipment, such as your cell phones, PDA organizers, calculators, and laptops. Do not allow them to be exposed to the cold temperatures.



Your electronic equipment is designed to operate at room temperature. Turning on equipment that has been exposed to the extreme cold will cause a possible electrical hazard. If you have left any items out in the extreme cold, please allow time for your equipment to warm up to room temperature.

Older Equipment Disposal Guidelines

When disposing of your older audiovisual equipment, please remember to follow these guidelines.

- Follow your district's policies and procedures.
- Remove equipment from your inventory.
- Remove all inventory tags.
- Remove all identification markings
- Contact your maintenance department for removal.
- Batteries will require special handling and disposal following local or federal guidelines.
- You can also offer your older equipment to other school buildings in your district.

It's AV Safety Inspection Time!

Equipment inspections are always important! Let's all take a close look at some of the AV equipment used in our school buildings. A safety inspection will ensure the proper, safe operation of our AV equipment. Here is what to look for when inspecting your equipment.

Overhead

Please check for the following problems:

- Chipped, cracked, or loose glass
- Melted fan vent
- Large amount of dirt and dust inside machine
- Broken cord or plug
- Correct lamp being used

TV Wall Mount

Please check your TV mounts regularly for the following:

- TV mount is secured properly to the wall.
- Desks are not located around or under the TV mount.
- Mounting screws and hardware are secured to the wall correctly.

TV and Cart Combinations

Please check your TV and cart combinations to ensure:

- TV is secured properly to the cart.
- Wheels and welds are in good condition.
- Shelves and braces are tight.
- AC cord assembly is good working order, with no frayed wires or bad AC sockets or plugs.

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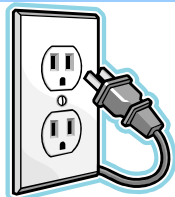
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Extension Cords

The use of extension cords in our classrooms is frowned upon by the fire marshal. Please avoid using them unless it is only for temporary use. For permanent applications, please receive permission from the fire marshal or your building grounds manager.

All AC Cords

If you are using an AC cord, periodically check it for chips, cracks, or other damage. Cords that are in poor condition must be replaced.

Safety inspections are very important. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Have a great day, and thank you for reading our weekly Internet newsletter.

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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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