



What's Happening at the MCSESC

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College and Career Fair

Representing Ohio and nearby states, 93 colleges and career/military/service organizations registered to participate in this year's Medina County College/Trade/Tech and Career Fair. The fair was held on Wednesday, October 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Medina County Community Center. In attendance were approximately 525 students, parents, and educators.



Sponsors thank the area high school guidance counselors for their excellent support in planning this event, as well as personnel at the Medina County Community Center for their on-site assistance. Also to be commended are the students from the Medina County Career Center who volunteered their time to assist as ushers.

The fair was coordinated by the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center and Medina County Economic Development Corporation. It was authorized by the Ohio Association for College Admission Counselors.

Student Transportation



Medina County Schools' ESC is dedicated to the transportation of children with disabilities and special needs. The provision of transportation services for children with special needs is the most regulated and often changing area of education.

Administrators and supervisors of special needs student transportation programs are charged with an awesome and expensive task. Namely, to provide the safest possible transportation service for all children that need special arrangements for travel to and from school by school bus or school van. Secondly, special needs transportation services must comply with the seemingly endless list of federal and state laws, local guidelines, and policies relating to the transportation of students with disabilities. This all adds up to transportation costs that are five times that of regular route students. Special needs transportation can account for more than a quarter of a school district's total transportation costs in a given school year.

The goal of the MCSESC Transportation Department is to work with school districts by providing transportation services that are dependable and affordable. Each transportation request is considered individually in determining which route will work best for the student involved. In doing so, students are routed together when possible, resulting in cost savings for districts using the MCSESC service. Qualified aide services are also available for any student that may require them.

Contact Bonnie McNeely Supervisor of Transportation Services, at (330) 723-6393, Ext 147, to learn more about transportation services available through the MCSESC.

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Academic Challenge

2012 marks the 27th of the Medina County High School Academic Challenge League Tournament. This three-county academic competition of the minds was conceived as a means of drawing attention to area students, providing them with recognition, and allowing them a new challenge. Student teams from the following districts will be participating this year: Brunswick, Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Columbia, Highland, Medina, Revere, and Wadsworth.

On Monday, October 15, the first Academic Challenge match of the 2012-13 season was held at Medina High School from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Throughout the course of the season, which spans four different matches, teams will play each other two times. Team members will be competing at both the varsity and junior varsity levels. This cerebral contest will travel to Revere High School on November 5 for the next league match-up.

Medina County Schools' ESC Autism/Behavior Consulting



Rachael Krauss

Our Autism/Behavior Services assist administrators, teachers, other school staff, and parents in creating an optimum learning environment for all students. Consultants look at all aspects of the student's educational setting to develop an individualized intervention plan to promote student learning and social success. This service includes but is not limited to the following: designing, implementing, and monitoring FBA's and BIP's; 1:1 discrete trial training programs; teacher assistance in developing class-wide behavior management strategies, curriculum adaptations, and classroom design using a multi-methodology approach; on-site professional development on topics including classroom management, data collection, paraprofessional training, social skills, and ABA in the school environment;

serving as an objective team member at MFE and IEP meetings; planning and facilitating social skills groups; and providing support for families in the community.

School Nurses' Conference

Join us for our Ruby Anniversary Celebration!
40th Annual Conference of the Ohio Association of School Nurses
April 19 - 21, 2013
Cleveland Marriott, West 150th St., Cleveland OH

Keynote Speaker:
Michael Roizen, M.D. of the
Cleveland Clinic, Co-founder
and Chair of the RealAge,
Inc. and Bestselling Co-
Author of YOU: The
Owner's Manual with
Dr. Mehmet Oz



Save the Date!
Registration begins
January 2013

OHIO SCHOOL NURSES: BALANCING THE HEALTH TRIANGLE

Did you know.....?

Nurses' Corner

Facts about lice

Did you know that lice cannot fly or jump?

- Lice are contagious!
- Avoid head to head contact
- Don't share combs, brushes, hats helmets or other personal care items.
- Your pet can't catch head lice or give it to you!

Lice are treatable, but call your doctor first

He/she may recommend:

- Medicated shampoo, cream rinse or lotion formulated to kill lice
- Combing out the nits with a fine tooth-comb

If your child has head lice don't do this:

- Don't use a hair drier...some lice products maybe flammable
- Don't wash your child's head for 1-2 days following treatment
- Don't use pesticide sprays to get rid of lice
- Don't use the medicated for more than 3 times, call your doctor for another recommendation

It is a very common problem, so don't be ashamed lice have become a problem.

- Lice do not play favorites; they can happen to anyone, any age
- Lice are not a sign of poor hygiene

To prevent lice from coming back

- Wash all clothing and bed linens in very hot water
- Dry freshly laundered items in the hot cycle for at least 20 minutes
- Vacuum carpets and upholstered furniture

School Bus Safety Corner

WARNING: Drawstrings may catch on objects and increase danger of strangling!

PARENTS: IMPORTANT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ALERT

The Issue: Across the United States, children are being injured or killed when their clothing or accessories are caught in their school bus's handrail or door as they exit the school bus. As a result, they may fall and be violently dragged by the bus and run over by its rear wheels.

The most common piece of clothing that can be snagged on the handrail is a jacket with a drawstring at the waist. These drawstrings commonly have a large bobble or knot at the ends that can become lodged in the handrail. However, other articles of clothing such as scarves, long straps on backpacks, or dangling key chains can also be snagged on the handrail.

Especially dangerous are:

- Long, dangling jacket or sweatshirt drawstrings
- Long backpack straps
- Long scarves or other loose clothing
- Dangling chains on clothes or backpacks

In recent years, a number of children across the U.S. have had their clothing caught as they exited the bus. Several of these children lost their lives.

Please take time to check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe.

Also, please talk with your child about the following safety rules:

- Avoid the Danger Zones around the bus.
- Don't try to pick up something dropped in front of the bus – the bus driver might not see you.
- Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus – be careful whenever getting on or off the bus.