

What's Happening at the MCSESC

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2011 Homer B. Smith Teacher of Excellence Award

On Monday, March 28, the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center Governing Board and the Buckeye Local School District were honored to present to Mrs. Michelle Acks the Homer B. Smith Teacher of Excellence Award for 2011. Mrs. Acks is the Guidance Counselor for the Buckeye Jr. High School students.



Her principal, Mr. Roger Cramer, nominated Michelle, in part, for the following reasons. "Mrs. Acks does an outstanding job as the only counselor in our building. She is a very positive, energetic person who has the best interests of staff and students in mind at all times. She comes early and stays late, long after the staff has left the building and beyond her required time, and is committed to helping improve the educational environment at Buckeye Junior High School."

At the March Buckeye school board meeting held at Buckeye High School, Mrs. Acks was presented with a plaque, commemorative mug, and a voucher for an all-expense-paid trip to a national conference of her choice.



Congratulations to Mrs. Michelle Acks for a recognition well deserved.

Realeyes (Continued)

Sight program. When renewing license plates, Ohioans are asked to donate to Save Our Sight, which provides funds for statewide programs that dealt with children's vision. School health staff displayed posters that promote eye safety and the importance of vision care. Students' vision is a key component to learning and the school health staff does vision screenings, but it is also important for every child to have a comprehensive eye exam from an Optometrist. Lori Hogue, Director of Nursing Services from the Medina County Schools' ESC, implemented the program to come to Medina County in March. The response was tremendous; over 70 classrooms participated. It was interactive and engaged the students to learn about the importance of good vision.



Realeyes

Elementary schools in the Cloverleaf Local, Buckeye Local and Medina City districts participated in the Realeyes presentations for "Save Your Vision Month" in March. Staff from the Ohio Department of Health Save Our Sight program in Columbus provided age-appropriate curriculum about the importance of eye health and safety for students in grades PreK, 2, 4 and 6.



Funds for Realeyes are provided through the Ohio Department of Health Save Our

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Technology Director

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center is seeking a dynamic, visionary leader to fill the position of Director of Technology for the Cloverleaf Local School District. The successful candidate will provide leadership and assume responsibility for the direction, coordination, integration, and implementation of technology. This individual will evaluate and implement technology solutions to provide instructional, administrative, and technology support services. Additionally, the appointee will oversee technical support staff and collaborate closely with administrators and teachers to support instructional practices and foster digital learning. Furthermore, the successful candidate will demonstrate outstanding interpersonal and organizational skills, intellectual flexibility, and a clear understanding of the key issues surrounding technology education within an academically rigorous school environment.

This is a hands-on position with responsibilities that range from conducting strategic and long-range planning and the implementation of system-wide technology solutions, to facilitating professional development and one-on-one and in-group training sessions.

A successful candidate will have education and/or experience in and be able to:

- Administer multiple virtualized Windows & Novell servers (VMware) ~3000 users
- Install/maintain all computers (troubleshoot/fix hardware and software, imaging, remote access)
- Maintain network infrastructure
- Manage network firewall & Web filter
- Manage technology help desk & its technicians (a working supervisor)
- Work closely with ITC to manage WAN connections, hosted email service, serve on ITC Tech Advisory Committee
- Provide one-to-one user training with teachers/staff
- Develop and manage yearly technology budget
- Evaluate, recommend, purchase, and implement new technology purchases along with maintaining an inventory of current technology equipment/software license
- Facilitate meetings to develop district technology plan/vision
- Coordinate with outside engineers, technicians and contracted vendors
- Promote use of technology within and outside of classroom & office settings
- Complete & submit essential government grants/programs applications &/or forms

Salary Range: commensurate with experience
Start Date: As soon as possible
Bachelor's Degree required, Masters Degree preferred. Professional IT Certifications are beneficial (MCSA/MCSE, CISSP, A+, Security+, Network+, VCP).

Three to five years experience preferred.

By April 30, 2011, please submit a cover letter, resume, and reference letters to:

Mrs. Denise Valerio, Director of Technology Services
Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center
124 W. Washington St.
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The Advantages of Substitute Services

Previous issues of "What's Happening" have provided information about the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center's (MCSESC) first year of providing a collaborative substitute teacher service to school districts in Medina County. The program operates as a part of the Personnel Department at the MCSESC; its comprehensive service package includes all pre-employment processes, hiring, training, supervision in the field, re-training and disciplinary proceedings if needed, and all payroll functions for substitute teachers.

In addition to time and cost savings to participating districts, the collaborative substitute services program also offers advantages to substitute teachers. Guest teachers are able to work in schools in multiple districts "under the umbrella of" a single employer: the MCSESC. They complete only one set of tax and payroll records instead of one set for each district, and they receive one paycheck from the MCSESC for all work in participating districts. As a result, the substitutes have a greater likelihood of accruing the number of days needed to receive credit for a year in STRS. They also have the Substitute Services office personnel as resources for assistance as needed. The Substitute Services Coordinator offers opportunities for substitutes to have one-on-one meetings, coaching in the classroom setting, and help with identifying useful resources. Consolidation of services has also resulted in easier tracking of difficulties with substitutes' performance in multiple districts and a common approach to intervention, remediation, and discipline with substitutes when these have been necessary.

The ESC staff believes that the collaborative substitute services program offers greater job satisfaction for guest teachers. Substitutes have reported informally that they feel more confident in their abilities and more

comfortable that they are fully knowledgeable about what is expected of them as guest teachers after they take the Substitute Orientation Training Program (required of those guest teachers who are not trained as educators and who hold "substitute only" licenses). They also appreciate receiving a single paycheck and feeling like they have a specific supervisor and office to which they are accountable and to which they can come for support.

Kim Tomaszewski
Personnel/Substitutor Coordinator

Upcoming Articles

2011 Academic Challenge Results

Inkspot Publication

2011 Culture Talk Schedule

2011 Top Scholars Recognition

Bus Driver Road-e-o, May 7, 2011

Mission Statement

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center will be the leader in providing services and products that promotes excellence in education.

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Additional Opportunities with the MCSESC

Medina County Educational Service Center presents

学会中文! A VISIT TO CHINA WITHOUT LEAVING HOME!

Learn Chinese!

5 DAYS
 June 13 - 17, 2011
 9:00am - 12:00pm
 Medina County ESC
 124 West Washington Street
 Medina, Ohio 44256

only \$25

For A Registration Form call:
330-723-6393
 extension **134**
 or log on to:
www.medina-esc.org

Basic Chinese Language and Culture Class for Adults

- are you planning a trip to China?
- do you want to learn some basic Chinese?
- do you want to learn more about the Chinese culture and geography?
- do you want to expand your business in China?

designed for ages 16 and over for people who want to expand their horizons
 class size limited to 20 people

1 semester hour of credit available from Ashland University for an additional fee

Medina County Students: Grades 9-12

offered by Medina County Educational Service Center in partnership with Highland Local School District

Physical Education Summer School - 2011

Ten Days, M-F • June 13-24, 2011 • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Students - Get your PE requirement out of the way during the summer and free up your academic schedule next fall!

\$220 per student in Medina County

Activities Include: Canoeing * Team Building * Bowling * Hiking * Field Trips * Fitness * Golf * Biking * Swimming * Discipline & Responsibility * AND MORE!!

For A Registration Form call:
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 or log on to: **www.medina-esc.org**

Thank you

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the events and the latest services our ESC offers. Through this newsletter, you are learning about our ESC and what type of services we can provide to you, our customers.

What's Happening at the MCSESC! is a service of the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center and may be copied and distribute to every-one.



Accepting applications for 2011/2012 school year
 Morning Class 8:50—11:20 a.m.
 Afternoon Class 12:50—3:20 p.m.

Nine Monthly Payments
 1st payment 9/1/2011—Last Payment 5/1/2012

1 Student	\$160.00
2 Students	\$240.00
3 Students	\$320.00

Requirements
 Student physical must be completed 30 days before the start of school, September 6, 2011.

See Special Education section on website for application:
www.medina-esc.org

If you have any further questions, please contact Nancy Nimmo, Director of Special Needs Initiatives, at (330) 723-6393, ext. 116.