

Match Wits with Medina County

On March 22, 2012, Project Learn will be holding the 2nd annual Match Wits with Medina County at Williams on the Lake from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit Adult Literacy for Medina County.

Last year the winner of the competition was Westfield Ins. Co and the runner up



was the Independent Law Offices of Barera, Gedrock and Rakic. Westfield will defend their title against 11 other teams including a second team from Westfield Insurance. The additional teams that will be vying for the championship this year is Western Reserve Bank, Independent Law Offices of Barbera, Berock and Rakic, Lodi Hospital, Medina County District Library, Brunswick Library, Medina County Auditor's Office, Post Newspaper, Tri-C Brunswick City University Center, Medina County Schools' ESC, and J³.

A special thanks to Westfield Companies for sponsoring the competition this year. This sponsorship made it possible for Project Learn to purchase a buzzer system to be used for this event each year.

Finally, Project Learn announced that Jason Nicholas, who hosts Academic Challenge, will be on hand to read the questions in final few rounds.



Math 24 Competition

The fifth annual Medina County multi-district "24" Math Tournament was held at the Cloverleaf Recreation Center on Thursday, February 23, 2012 between Cloverleaf Local and Wadsworth City Schools.



- 1st Emilee Berchtold, Cloverleaf Local
- 2nd Brycen Holliday, Cloverleaf Local
- 3rd Benjamin Prochaska, Cloverleaf Local
- 4th Ethan Wise, Wadsworth City



The event is sponsored by the Medina County Schools' ESC and coordinated by gifted coordinators Debbie Allen, Kris Rutledge, and Jacinda Yonker. The top 24 fourth-grade students from each district were selected to represent their school.

Additionally, the 24^o Game Single Digits app can be purchased from iTunes App store for the iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad devices with iOS 3.2 or later for 99¢. The "i" version of the Single Digits game plays like its card game predecessor and FIM cousin, but players are 'on the clock.' Games offer three levels of difficulty, which are indicated by dots. Object of the game is to make 24. You can add, subtract, multiply and divide. Use all four numbers on a card,

Van 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 student transportation programs are charged with an awesome and expensive task. Namely, to provide the safest possible transportation service for all children who need to travel to and from school by school bus or school van. Secondly, to 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.

Our goal is to work with the districts by
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"Safe Sitter" Classes

The Medina County Schools' ESC is scheduling classes for those teens between 11 and 15 who are interested in receiving training for babysitting. The Director of Nursing, Lori Hogue, RN BSHCA Med., for the Medina County Schools' ESC has arranged for classes to be held on:



Saturday, May 5, 2012

10 am – 3 pm

Medina County District Library
 210 S. Broadway
 Medina, Ohio 44256
 Registration Deadline: April 27

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

10 am – 3 pm

Brunswick District Library
 3649 Center Road
 Brunswick, OH 44212
 Registration Deadline: June 6

Better sitters today.

Better parents tomorrow.

The Safe Sitter Classes will be taught by RNs and the curriculum will include information, as well as materials for success on the job, baby-sitting as a business, choking—child and infant (hands-on mannequin practice), preventing problem behavior, injury management, rescue skills, interactive learning, role playing, games, and safety for the sitter.

Class \$50

T-Shirt \$15 (Optional)

Register by contacting Kathy Mowery
 330-723-6393, Ext. 103 or E-mail:
 kmowery@medina-esc.org

RoboFest Competition

On Saturday, March 3, 2012 the RoboFest competition was held at the Medina County University Center and the Medina County Schools' ESC sponsored the event.

Students in grades 5-8 competed in one of three categories: Exhibition, RoboFashion and Dance, or Robots to the Rescue.

Those students competing in Exhibition built and programmed their robots in any fashion they wanted as long as the program used science or math in their presentation.



Teams who compete in (RFD) Robo-Fashion and

Dance choreograph multiple robots as well as their own dance moves to music.

Robots to the Rescue set up the premise that there was



an earthquake and in order to save "people" from the top of the buildings "rocks" had to be removed. Teams programmed their robots to use light, touch and sound sensors to accomplish these tasks.

Teams advancing to the regionals will submit a video of their presentation for judging. World Championships will be held at Lawrence Technical University on May 19, 2012.

Transportation (cont'd from Page 1)

providing transportation services that are dependable and affordable. We treat each transportation request individually in considering which route will work best for the student involved and customize our services to that student. In doing so, we route students together when possible which results in cost savings for transporting a student.



Currently we are transporting students throughout Medina County to various schools and organizations. We are also available to transport students outside of Medina County.

All of our drivers have received their Ohio Pre-Service Van Driver certification along with specialized training in bloodborne pathogens, first aid and CPR procedures.

Our drivers know that they are the first people to say good morning to the student on their way to school and the last to bid them good-night as they drop them off back home.

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RoboFest Competition (cont'd)

Winners of Competition

RFD - RoboWaiters

Robots to the Rescue - Waite Earthquake

Rescue Tecnobeses

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The Robo Nerds Snack Attack