



What's Happening at the MCSESC!

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CRM Grant Winner—Wadsworth's Isham Elementary

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Mrs. Nance Watts, principal of Isham Elementary School, submitted a CRM grant titled, "Isham's Backyard Garden." Its proposal was to "...teach science while opening the door to future careers (in science)." The proposal successfully laid the groundwork to combine the excitement found in Isham's backyard with science, technology, engineering, and math. Specifically, the money will go toward the construction of a weather station, bird houses, bird baths, a sundial, and planting specific flowers and plants to attract insects to the outdoor science garden. The rest of the money will go towards materials for students to research these topics.



Several students spoke on behalf of Isham Elementary in regards to what the grant will mean to the entire school. Brandon N. said, "We will have our very own weather station to read the temperature, air pressure-barometer, wind speed-anemometer, rain gauge, and wind vane to check the direction of the wind. There will be a six-foot tall kiosk or a station that will have the weather instruments on it." Austin M. continued by saying, "We will have bird baths, bird feeders, a bat house,

butterfly flowers, and squirrel corn to attract animals to our garden. We will have a garden club to help fill feeders, weed, and keep this area beautiful."

Mrs. Watts stated that Home Depot of Wadsworth will be partnering in the project with materials and construction.

The Medina County Schools' ESC would like to, once again, thank Clinical RM for their generous support of the Medina County school districts and students.

Inspirational Quote

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

B.B. King

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Excellence in Education Leadership Award

Congratulations to Superintendent William Koran on his receipt of the Excellence in Education Leadership Award from Leadership Medina County!

As Superintendent of the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center, Mr. Koran has developed a strong rapport with school administrators across the county and listens carefully to their needs. In response, the ESC has collaborated with a vast array of local businesses and civic groups, as well as with the ESC's of neighboring counties, enabling dramatic growth in the range of programming and economy-of-scale services that the ESC is able to offer county districts. Schools in Medina County now save taxpayer dollars by sharing nursing services, behavioral specialists, substitute teacher services, gifted programming, fine arts festivals, language instructors, and much more. In addition, Mr. Koran's work with the Medina County Commissioners helped pave the way for the passage of the 0.5 percent sales tax initiative, which provides a significant source of funding for permanent improvement projects for each district.



Mr. Koran has created staff development programs, including Future Leaders Forum, the Leadership Academy, and the Special Education Forum to help administrators, teachers, and coaches become better leaders. He also developed the Inspiration Award, giving the top graduating seniors from the seven Medina County high schools the opportunity to honor the educators who have inspired them the most. Mr. Koran's innovative approach to "training the trainer" emphasizes the importance of passing along the gift of inspiration from one leader to future leaders.

Leadership Medina County is a nonprofit, educational and leadership development organization that exists to build and maintain a countywide network of talented, responsible, and dynamic leaders who learn firsthand about issues facing Medina County and who serve by addressing those issues. The awards event was held on December 5, 2012, at Weymouth Country Club.

Medina County Schools' ESC Substitute Services



The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center (MCSESC) is now in its third year of providing a collaborative substitute teacher service to school districts in Medina County. The substitute services program operates as a part of the Personnel Department at the MCSESC. The comprehensive service package includes all pre-employment processes, hiring, training, supervision in the field, retraining and disciplinary proceedings, if needed, and all payroll functions. An alternate service that provides only pre-employment processing and MCSESC Governing Board approval for employment in the schools is also available to districts in the county.

The substitute services staff includes a part-time administrator, two full-time secretaries who also manage all the other personnel functions, and a treasurer's assistant who is responsible for all payroll activities related to substitutes, but who also has other responsibilities in the Treasurer's office. Frontline Technologies' Aesop program is currently in use as the online management system for the substitute services provided by the MCSESC.

The Spirit of Giving at the Medina County Schools' ESC

The time of year when we reflect on the things we are thankful for, as well as consider helping those less fortunate, is upon us. The spirit of giving can be seen everywhere, including at the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center. Staff members at the ESC look for ways to give back to the community throughout the year, but the spirit of giving really kicks into high gear during the holiday season.

The ESC staff is again conducting its annual United Way Employee Campaign. The staff has always supported the United Way of Medina County and continuously gives generously to this worthwhile organization. MCSESC is looking forward to matching or exceeding its contributions from last year.

Additionally, the MCSESC staff has adopted two families through the Children's Place Adopt a Family program again this year. The staff looks forward to shopping for less fortunate youth and ensuring that they have a very happy holiday season.

New this year, the ESC staff has decided to make a "giving tree." The premise is to decorate a Christmas tree with hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for disadvantaged children and adults to keep them warm during the cold months ahead. In the same vein, the staff has also participated in the Coats for Kids campaign conducted by the Medina County Commissioners by donating cash to provide winter coats for needy children.



MCSESC treasurer, Michelle McNeely, remarked, "As a recipient of the ESC's generous spirit this year, I can attest to the caring, giving nature of our staff. The staff started a meal train for me after my heart surgery. Several staff members took turns bringing meals for my family and me. Not only are they helpful but they also take the spirit of giving to the next level."

The MCSESC Governing Board and administration commend the staff's giving efforts and take pride in all the staff members do on the job and in the community.

Technology Employment Opportunities



The Medina County Schools' ESC Technology Department is seeking candidates to fill the following positions:

Part-Time Technician – Cloverleaf Schools



Full-Time Technician – Medina City Schools

Director of Operational Technology – Medina City Schools



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