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Fine Arts Display

The ESC of Medina County—in partnership with Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital, CBRE Group, and Medina County visual arts teachers—is coordinating a display of artwork by over 330 students from the following school districts:

- Black River
- Brunswick
- Buckeye
- Cloverleaf
- Highland
- Medina City
- St. Francis Xavier School
- Windfall School



This display of artwork is an example of how visual arts teachers are developing creativity skills in this 21st century. Additionally, it is making an important contribution to our community's Art awareness.

You may view these beautiful works of art at the South Medical Office Building (970 East Washington Street, Medina), Entrance D, during visiting hours. Artwork will be on display through Friday, December 30.

For further information on this display, please contact:

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Inspirational Quote

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

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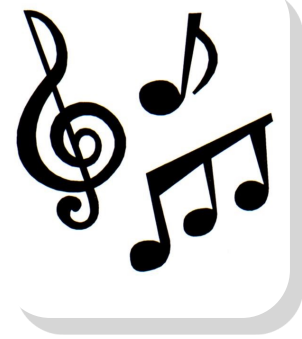
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2017 Solo & Ensemble Festival

The Medina County Solo and Ensemble Festival is scheduled to be held on Saturday, **January 28, 2017**, at Buckeye High School beginning at 8 a.m. This festival provides participants in grades 5-12 with an opportunity to showcase their musical talents. OMEA-qualified adjudicators give performance ratings and verbal comments to students participating in the event. A total of 85 events submitted by 13 music directors involving 171 students were featured in last year's festival.



Please consider joining your friends and neighbors in supporting the Medina County Solo and Ensemble Festival campaign. You can do this by becoming a patron. Donation levels include: 1) piano—\$10, 2) mezza forté—\$20, and 3) forté—\$25. We truly appreciate whatever you can give, and we know these young musicians will too! To download a pledge card, click here: <https://drive.google.com/a/medinaesc.org/file/d/0B2MUBu0urgXhNHFuODNTS1JOYms/view?usp=sharing>

This event is being coordinated by the ESC of Medina County and participating music directors from the public and nonpublic districts in the county.

Buster the Bus

Buster has had a busy school year so far. He went to Medina City Schools' Spirit Night on September 16. Also, Buster the Bus enjoyed being in the Medina City's Homecoming Parade on October 15.

On Thursday, October 13, Brunswick Educational Support Professionals Association Union (B.E.S.P.A.) volunteered at the annual Halloween Spooktacular, which is held at Brunswick High School. Many other organizations participated in this event. Parents brought their children trick-or-treating. Buster reminded students about bus safety as well as trick-or-treating tips. He also helped pass out candy and stickers to all children.



B.E.S.P.A. had a photo station set up so the children could talk to Buster and get their picture taken by their parents. Buster took a ride about the school, checking out the other organizations, playing games, eating pizza, and getting tattoos. He even saw a balloon man making awesome hats!

Everyone had a great time. At the end of the evening, Buster was tired and ready to head back to his office to recharge. It was another successful day for Buster.

Professional Development Offerings Through the ESC of Medina County

The following items are being offered through the ESC of Medina County. Please contact Janelle Sailer at 330-723-6393, ext. 134, or jsailer@medinaesc.org.

- **January 9-Trauma Informed Care Train-the-Trainer**
- **January 24-Minecraft / Piper Student-Created Raspberry Pi Computer**
OPTION 1 (FULL DAY) - **Piper & Minecraft Sessions**
OPTION 2 (AFTERNOON ONLY) - **Minecraft Session Only**
- **January 27-Art at Cliffside Museum**
- **February 14-Co-teaching Series**
- **March 7-Ian Byrd**
- **March 8-Coding with Sphero**
- **March 13-Trauma Informed Care Train-the-Trainer**
- **April 21-Augmented Reality Sandbox**
- **May 8-Trauma Informed Care Train-the-Trainer**



Academic Challenge

On Monday, October 10, at Medina High School, students from both the varsity and jr. varsity teams of Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Medina, Highland, Wadsworth, Black River, Brunswick, and Revere of Summit County participated in the first Academic Challenge match of the year. The students are really gearing up for the challenge, and it looks like it will be a close call to the finish line.

College/Trade/Tech and Career Fair

From Ohio and nearby states, 80 colleges and career/military/service organizations participated in this year's Medina County College/Trade/Tech and Career Fair. The fair was held on Wednesday, October 19, from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the Medina County Fairgrounds Community Center. In attendance were over 400 students, parents, and educators.

As these young people make decisions concerning their post-high school education, undoubtedly some will be directed toward the career-enhancing organizations that were represented.



Ohio BWC Safety Award

The Medina County Safety Council in coordination with the Greater Medina Area Chamber of Commerce presented the ESC of Medina County with the 2015 Special Award Certificate for the ESC's effort in preventing accidents and injuries in the workplace from 10/3/1996 to 12/31/2015, with 2,426,019 hours without any injuries. The next business closest in safety hours to the ESC of Medina County had 1.3 million safety hours.



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ClinicalRM Supports Schools of Medina County

Wadsworth Middle School

CRM Grant - Ecosystem for Inner Courtyard



Each year ClinicalRM awards a \$5,000 grant, in each county, to a K-8 teacher or team of teachers in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subject areas. This year in Medina County Wadsworth Middle School received the grant for their Ecosystem for Inner Courtyard project. Peri Jurey, science teacher and Dr. Michelle

Evans, Director of Instruction for Wadsworth City Schools completed the application.

Ms. Jurey reported, "the premise behind renovating our courtyard is to make it a more usable space for students, staff, and parents." Students in seventh-and eighth-grade science classrooms will be intimately involved in this project. The seventh-grade curriculum has a life science focus of ecosystems, and the enhancement of the courtyard will provide classes with a living, changing ecosystem right at the school. Classes will construct terrariums with various forms of



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plant life, specifically organic herbs, that will be transplanted to the courtyard throughout the year. Additionally, eighth-grade science standards include Mendelian genetics in life science, and the classes will put in pea plants in order to observe, cross pollinate, and create purebred and hybrid pea flowers. 8th-grade pre-engineering classes, with assistance from the high school carpentry classes, will design and build birdhouses, bird feeders, planters, and signage. This will involve sketching, CAD, laser engraving, and molding/construction of concrete planters. Through our Career-Tech expansion into the middle school, eighth graders have the opportunity to take a Healthy Foods class. Seventh-and eighth-grade Family Consumer Science students will be involved in growing, harvesting, and cooking with herbs from the herb garden in the ecosystem. With the establishment of this ecosystem and water feature, the courtyard at Wadsworth Middle School will be eligible for certification as a Project Wild site from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources through Medina County Soil and Water Conservation. We will also be incorporating solar-powered lights to add another component to self-sustainability in the courtyard. Our goal is to create a sanctuary that invites creativity and inquiry among our staff and students.

ClinicalRM

ClinicalRM was founded by Victoria Tiff in 1994 with the purpose of making a difference. That heritage still runs deep in the culture of the company as a natural extension of the passion for giving and helping that embodies the individuals who make up ClinicalRM. In 2007 Ms. Tiff created the Make a Difference program at ClinicalRM. Through this program we strive to enrich and make a positive difference in the lives of our employees, customers, communities, and the world through charitable giving, volunteerism and community programs. One of these programs is our STEM grant. Our goal is to create an interest in careers in science and research by offering grants to grades K-8 in our local school districts in Medina County Ohio and Frederick County Maryland. ClinicalRM is a full-service Contract Research Organization (CRO) specializing in preclinical through Phase IV support of clinical

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research and clinical trial services for biologics, drugs and devices. The organization helps customers get their products to market faster with a wide array of research, regulatory, and sponsor services both within the U.S. and around the globe. From international partnerships and affiliates, to government relations and local alliances, ClinicalRM delivers a unique synergy in the global market with projects spanning the government, academic and commercial marketplaces. The company has a distinct ability to provide boots-on-the-ground, rapid response efforts to global health crises. To learn more about ClinicalRM, visit www.clinicalrm.com.