

## Veterans Day Observance

On November 11, 2015, Retired Sgt. James Esper of the United States Marines spoke with the Alternative School students about his tour of duty, which lasted eight years. He informed the students of the places he was stationed, including Iceland, Greenland, Turkey, Germany, Russia, Greece, and Italy. He told the students not only of his basic training that was held at Paris Island, North Carolina, but also the meaning of being a Marine and what it instills in each man/woman: HONOR, RESPECT, and SELF-



## Transportation Conference in Richmond, Virginia

During the week of November 9, Bonnie McNeely, Mike Redfern, along with Debbie Miller from the Wadsworth Transportation Department, attended the NAPT Conference in Richmond, Va. The conference presented information about many vital changes that are coming to transportation, both at the driver level as well as the supervisory level.

The following are just a few of the discussion topics:

- \* Forget ABC and XYZ: Specialized Transportation Begins and Ends with IEP—Alexandra Robinson, DCPT, Director of Transportation, Fairport CSD (NY)
- \* New Entry Level Driver Training Requirements for CDL Holders—Ronna Weber, Executive Director, Nations School Transportation Association (NSTA)
- \* Managing Seizures on the Bus—Suzanne Bischoff, Ph.D., Executive Director, Epilepsy Association of Virginia
- \* because I said I would: Bullying Prevention—Alex Sheen, Founder, Cleveland, Ohio
- \* For more information, contact: <http://www.napt.org>.

**Inspirational Quote:**

*True sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.*

*Albert Einstein*

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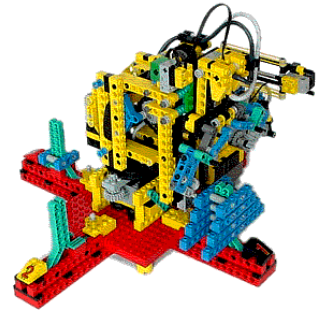
## Safe Sitter® Classes



Safe Sitter® classes are scheduled to be held at the Medina County Library, 210 S. Broadway Street, on Saturday, December 5, 2015. RNs with Safe Sitter® instructor training will teach youths ages 11-15 techniques on the following topics: choking, prevention of problem behavior, safety for the sitter, and more! Cost is \$60, which includes a Safe Sitter® manual and completion card. To register, call Kathy Mowery at 330-723-6393, Ext. 103.

## STEM Initiative—Robotics

We are pleased to announce that Cloverleaf High School, Medina County Career Center, and the Black River School District are embarking on a STEM-Robotics partnership with our ESC. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) focuses on the infusion of high-level mathematics and science into curriculum. Our organization will supply the LEGO Robotics kits to the teachers and students as provided through a grant from MTD Corporation, which is headquartered in Valley City near Cleveland. MTD is a worldwide leader of outdoor power equipment with facilities in Europe, North America, Asia, and Australia producing equipment for both residential and commercial markets. They also provide distribution of products throughout South America. The grant from the Moll Foundation will also provide teachers the opportunity to be professionally trained by a LEGO representative for classroom integration of the Robotics kits.



## OAGC Governing Board Member



Congratulations to Kris Rutledge on her election to the OAGC Governing Board! The Ohio Association for Gifted Children (OAGC) is unique among education associations in the state because the focus is about children rather than educators. The organization reflects the many voices that make up the gifted community in Ohio: coordinators, teachers, parents, students, and members of the higher education community. It is the hope of the OAGC governing board that the established divisions will allow each constituency to develop strengths in its own area of interest while still maintaining the overall mission of the umbrella organization. The underlying mission for OAGC has been and will continue to be the support of and advocacy on behalf of gifted children in the state of Ohio regardless of the educational setting. Kris is currently the ESC gifted coordinator for Buckeye and Cloverleaf school districts.



**When:** December 3, 2015, 6:30 - 8: 30 p.m.

**Where:** ESC of Medina County

**Cost:** \$10.00

**Registration Deadline:** November 26, 2015

## The Social Needs of Gifted Children

The Educational Service Center of Medina County will be hosting Dr. Sherri McClurg, Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, as well as the Managing Director of the Family Center by the Falls. Dr. McClurg is specialized in child and adolescent clinical psychology, as well as forensic psychology. Dr. McClurg provides counseling and psychological testing services to children and adolescents.

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### The Social Needs of Gifted Children

#### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (best contact): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Method of Payment:

- Check       Money Order  
 Visa          MasterCard

Please make payable to Medina County Schools.

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please send registration with payment to:

Educational Service Center of Medina County, Attn: Torie Griffith, 124 West Washington Street, Medina, OH 44256



## **Safe Sitter® Babysitting Classes**



*Better sitters today. Better parents tomorrow.*

Held at Medina County District Library  
210 S. Broadway, Community Room B  
Wednesday, December 5, 2015  
10 am—3pm

**Cost  
\$60  
T-Shirt:\$15  
(optional)**

Instructors are nurses who have completed the Safe Sitter Instructors Workshop. Classes are for girls and boys ages 11-15.

**Curriculum:**

- ⇒ Success on the job
- ⇒ Babysitting as a business
- ⇒ Choking –child and infant
- ⇒ Preventing problem behavior
- ⇒ Injury management
- ⇒ Safety for the sitter

Price includes hands-on mannequins practice, rescue skills, small group interactive learning, role-playing, and games. Students will receive a safe sitter manual and course completion card.

**Ways to Register**

Call: Kathy Mowery: 330-723-6393, Ext. 103

E-mail: [kmowery@medina-esc.org](mailto:kmowery@medina-esc.org)

Website: [www.medina-esc.org/  
SafeSitterbabysittingcClass.aspx](http://www.medina-esc.org/SafeSitterbabysittingcClass.aspx)

Mail registration form and check to:

**ESC of Medina County  
124 W. Washington St.  
Medina, Ohio 44256**