

October Is Cancer Awareness Month

Get In Touch Girls' Program and Daisy Wheel were presented at Buckeye Jr. High School on October 13, 2015, by Lori Hogue, Director of Nursing Services at the ESC of Medina County. The breast health initiative educates girls on breast self-exams. The Daisy Wheel is an innovative tool that teaches the importance of and how to do a breast self-exam. Students received a Daisy Wheel and a pink awareness bracelet with a reminder card. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and every eighth-grade girl in Michelle Acks' health classes received this training.



THE
GET IN TOUCH
FOUNDATION

Behavior/Autism

Christine Combs provides behavioral assistance to classroom teacher(s), support staff, and administrators. Each child is unique; therefore, her services are different for each child. Some of the services provided include:

- Direct observations.
- Written summaries including suggestions.
- Functional Behavior Assessments.
- Participation in the development and implementation of Positive Behavior Support Plans.
- Participation on the IEP team.
- Training for staff on strategies used in the school setting
- Development of data collection tools and analysis of data to drive decision-making.

Currently, Mrs. Combs is working directly with one student to provide support in the area of social skills. She'll beginning two new social skills groups at Cloverleaf Middle School and Cloverleaf High School as well as continuing a group at Wadsworth's Central Intermediate School.

Inspirational Quote:

Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Anonymous

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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 11-15 techniques on the following topics: choking, problem prevention 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.

Safe Days School Bus Rider Safety Book with Oliver Owl

Mr. Mike Redfern, North Region Pre-Service Coordinator, created a booklet in conjunction with the Oliver the Owl coloring book demonstrating to students in kindergarten through third grade how to safely ride in a school bus. Each year school bus drivers must instruct the young students on various practices in riding the school bus: the Danger Zone, rules and behavior while on the school bus, how to exit the school bus in an emergency, where to stand when waiting for the bus to arrive or depart, and how to watch the driver when crossing a road safely.

The instruction booklet can be located and downloaded from the ODE website: <https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Finance-and-Funding/School-Transportation/School-Transportation-Safety/Mikes-beginning-booklet-6-17-14kFinal.pdf.aspx>



Staff Development at Cliffside Art Museum



On September 18, art teachers from Black River, Highland, and Wadsworth met at Cliffside Museum for a creative day of professional development. The teachers were greeted by Mrs. Sara Kass, president of Cliffside Artist Collaborative and 2015 State Recipient of the Distinguished Citizen for Art Education. After a brief collaboration between districts, professional artists discussed techniques and their specialty areas: Cathy Welner (watercolors), Bob Moyer (watercolors), John Smolko (colored pencils), and Pat Rohrbacher (pencils/pastels and other mediums). The teachers were then divided into groups for a museum tour with the artists discussing the skills and processes of other artwork on display. Teachers were encouraged to ask the artists to elaborate on their craft and the techniques that have led them to be successful. Following a working lunch, teachers discussed gifted identification, grade level questions, enrichment opportunities, supplies, and how to utilize the museum. Our next professional development opportunity will be held in January.



Coffee, Tea & Autism

Join us for our first

Autism Support Group

Monday, November 2, 2015

6:00pm-7:30pm

Cool Beans Café

On the Square in Medina

This group is for individuals, family members, caregivers, and anyone impacted by autism.

Facilitated by:

Rachel Krauss

Parent, Educator, Behavior Specialist

For more information, contact Rachel at

krauss618@gmail.com or go to

www.AutismAkron.org



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.

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