



What's Happening at the MCSESC!

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Ohio Educators' Symposium Coming to Medina County

The Medina County ESC is currently planning a big event for teacher professional development to be held on four consecutive days in June 2013 at the Medina County University Center—University of Akron. On June 17-20, the MCSESC is excited to provide the 2013 Ohio Educators' Symposium for all Ohio teachers. Each day, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., participating teachers will have several professional development opportunities to enrich their professional growth and earn semester hours from The University of Akron. The program is currently under development and registration will be available in January. A few of the currently scheduled topics are listed below. Additional topics will also be available.

- FIP Your School—Ohio!: Keynote Speaker Barb Gunkelman, Director of Curriculum/Buckeye Local SD.
- The Important Role of the Classroom Teacher: Keynote Speaker Jim Tressel, University of Akron Vice-President for Strategic Engagement/ Former head football coach, Ohio State University.
- Singaporean Education—Teach Less, Learn More!: Charlie Wilson, School Board Member, Worthington City Schools/President-elect, OSBA (Ohio School Boards Association).
- Understanding Value-Added Reports: Dr. Mary Peters, Senior Director of Research Services, Battelle for Kids, Columbus, Ohio.
- COSI—Get EXCITED About Science!: Center of Science and Industry, Columbus, Ohio.
- Relations Bullying: What Is It and What Can We Do About It?: Moria Ice, Guidance Counselor, Highland Local SD.

The cost for the entire symposium is \$490, which includes 2 graduate semester hours from The University of Akron. If semester hours are not requested, the cost is \$210 and includes an activity certificate for 2.8 CEUs. Complete information will be published and advertised in January 2013. Questions may be directed to Dan Vincent at dvincent@medina-esc.org or 330-723-6393, Ext. 113. To place your name on an email list to receive the symposium brochure when it becomes available, please send Janelle Sailer your contact information at jsailer@medina-esc.org.

Inspirational Quote

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

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FIRST® LEGO® League Competition

On Saturday, November 17, the Medina County Schools' ESC sponsored FIRST® LEGO® League at Buckeye Intermediate School. Teams competing came from Medina, Cuyahoga, and Portage Counties.

Teams competed in four areas: Core Values, Robot Design, Project, and Robot Performance. Each area had separate judging criteria, which the teams had to take into consideration during the months leading up to the competition.

The competition was fierce, but in the end, Slightly Different, from Aurora, Ohio, won the Champions Award! They, along with the Robucks (Buckeye Local Schools) and the Cyber Tooth Tigers from Solon, Ohio, will compete at the District Tournament on January 12-13, 2013, at The University of Akron.



The following awards were also announced:

- Project Award - Robucks
- Robot Award - Mind Blasters
- Robot Performance Award - Slightly Different
- Core Values Award - 5 Star Lego League
- Judges Award - Earthlings
- Ambassador Award/Advancing to District Tournament - Cyber Tooth Tigers
- Alternate Invitation to District - 5 Star Lego League
- Invitation to District Tournament - Robucks
- **Champions Award - Slightly Different**



Math “24” Competition

The “24” Math Tournament will be coming to Medina County on Thursday, January 24, 2013. The 24® Game was created to help children sharpen basic math skills, such as computation, problem solving, number sense, critical thinking, and pattern sensing. Students must use mathematical functions to manipulate four given numbers. The end result should always equal 24. Medina County's “24” Math

Tournament, sponsored by the Medina County Schools' ESC, will be held at the Cloverleaf Recreation Center. Teams of 24 fourth-grade students from the Brunswick City, Cloverleaf Local, Medina City, and Wadsworth City Schools have committed to this year's tournament. Each school is preparing its students for the tournament in varying ways. The “24” Game is being practiced on the computer through apps and as a card game. Students can practice their math skills by playing the “24” Game on their own or against partners.



Annual North Region On-Bus Instructors' Meeting

Michael Redfern, North Region Ohio Pre-Service Instructor, has scheduled five mandatory On-Bus Instructor (OBI) in-services for the month of December. Topics to be covered are law changes, requirements, distracted driving, emergency procedures, and more.

Ohio requires that all school bus owners select a person(s) to be trained as an OBI(s). The recommended number of OBI's is 1 per 20 drivers. An OBI must have a current bus driver certificate. All OBI's are held to the highest standard for bus drivers and must set a good example for all school bus drivers.

OBI's must be **re-certified** by the Pre-Service Instructor and issued a new certificate upon successful completion of the requirements **every six years**.



Did You Know..?

English Language Corner

- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- "I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- The "sixth sick sheiks sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- The longest word in the English language, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanocon.
- "A man a plan a canal panama" spelled backward is still "a man a plan a canal panama."
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

Technology Corner

Save your iPad battery

- Do not leave your iPad in direct sunlight for too long. The iPad's optimal temperature range is between 32 and 95 degrees. When you are not using your iPad, make sure you store it in a place where the temperature is between 0 and 110 degrees. Do NOT leave it in a hot car during the day.
- Battery: The screen is one of the most significant drains on the battery. You can reduce the amount of power the screen uses by turning down the brightness. First, open the multitasking bar by double-pressing the home button, and then swipe to the right. This shows a slider you can use to increase or decrease the brightness of the iPad screen. Adjust to the level that is least bright, but still comfortable for your eyes.
- Camera: The Camera App allows you to take still photos and videos quickly and easily, but you can also focus the camera for more accurate stills. When using the Camera app, tap the screen where you would like to focus. This brings up a small blue box showing the area the camera is now focused on. Remember, the picture is captured when you lift your finger off the button. You can also use the volume up button on the side of the iPad to snap your picture.

School Bus Safety Corner



Here is a game for you to share with your students!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

B__S S__O__

21 20 16

D__N__E__

1 7 18

N__E__ R__

5 22 18 21 14

R__ L__H__

5 4 9 7 20

P__ A__D S__V__

21 19 8 14 8 15 5

E__G__Y D__O__

13 5 18 5 14 3 15 18

S__K Q__T__

16 5 1 21 9 5 12 25

F__O__ B__E__

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ST__G__

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