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Transportation

The Pre-Service Department is gearing up for the Annual Regional School Bus Driver Safety Road-e-o. The School Bus Driver Safety Road-e-o is a friendly competition amongst school bus drivers that includes written tests along with a driving course. The driving course highlights several maneuverability skills that are designed to test drivers' abilities. The Road-e-o is designed to promote safety, professionalism, and recognition through the cooperative effort of school districts, Ohio Association of Public School Employees, Ohio Association of Pupil Transportation, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Education Association, and the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association. The School Bus Driver Safety Road-e-o takes place in April; the site is to be determined. The top six drivers from the region will then qualify for the State School Bus Driver Road-e-o. If you are interested in helping with this event, please see the Transportation Department or email April Johnson at ajohnson@medinaesc.org or Gerri Edwards at gedwards@medinaesc.org. It is not required to be a school bus driver or even a Transportation Department employee to help out!



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Safe Sitter® Classes

Medina County District Library was the site of a Safe Sitter® Essentials babysitting class held on Saturday, January 21. Nineteen students aged 11-14 from Brunswick, Buckeye, Medina, and Wadsworth attended and benefited from the training provided. Tara Elkins, RN, and Tonya Bollin, LPN, were the instructors. The curriculum has been updated and includes: 1) safety skills, 2) child care skills, 3) first aid and rescue skills, and 4) life and business skills. Future classes are scheduled for February 4 for a Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio club in Munroe Falls and on March 18 and May 13 at local library branches.



First Aid/CPR Training

On Friday, January 27, Lori Hogue, provided American Heart Association First Aid/CPR/AED training to Community Action Wayne/Medina staff members. Topics covered include: 1) CPR; 2) use of an automated external defibrillator; 3) choking; and 4) basic first aid. The 15 participants received completion cards, which are good for two years.



Inspirational Quote

You must do the things you think you cannot do.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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William J. Koran

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Math “24”

Thursday's magic number was “24.”

"It's an incredible experience," said Mindy Hartzler, gifted intervention specialist at Wadsworth Elementary School. "They get to meet students with the same abilities from other school districts, and it's a great competition."



A total of 84 fourth-graders from six Medina County school districts -- Black River, Brunswick, Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Medina, and Wadsworth -- participated in the Medina County "24" Math Tournament at the Cloverleaf Recreation Center on January 19 . It was the ninth year of the event.

The " 24" game requires players to calculate the number “24” from four numbers on a card. They may add, subtract, multiply, and divide. They use all four numbers on the card, but use each number only once. Not all four math operations are required.

The first student who taps the card and provides a correct solution using all four numbers wins that card. The student with the most points after all cards are played wins the round.

Dots on the card signify the level of difficulty for that card -- one being easy and three difficult.

Students competed in five, 18-minute elimination rounds.

The top 16 semifinalists competed against each other using both single- and double-digit cards. Those winners then competed in the final round.

The overall results were:

- First place - Troy Hlucky, Cloverleaf
- Second place - Talan Posey, Medina
- Third place - Everett Rodriguez, Medina
- Fourth place - Kate Beard, Medina

Math “24” (cont.)

Previous Experience

Some school districts had "24" tournaments in the elementary schools and sent the top 14 students to the county tournament. Other schools selected 14 students to compete.

"We have a good group here today," said Mike Paffumi, fourth-grade math teacher at Medina City Schools' Ella Canavan Elementary School. "They put a lot of time and work into this."

Paffumi said his fourth-grade students look forward to playing the game every year.

"They come in asking when '24' starts," he said. "Kids get good at it; they love the game, buy their own deck, and play all the time."

Canavan fourth-grader Talan Posey, 10, said he likes playing the "harder cards because it's fun and makes the game more interesting."

School officials say the game allows students another way to practice math.

"They're so focused on their math skills and I'm so impressed with the intensity," said Kristine Rutledge, gifted/talented coordinator at the Educational Service Center of Medina County. "The basic math facts come in at the right level, and they develop strong skills and move forward."

Northrop Elementary fourth-grader Isabella Seedhouse, 10, agreed. "I like the game because I get better at math," she said.

In the end, the day was about practicing skills and having fun.

"I told my students when we got here that they have already demonstrated their success to me and no matter what happens, they should be proud of themselves and have fun," Hartzler said.

The event was sponsored by the Educational Service Center of Medina County.

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MARCH 7, 2017
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Ian Byrd taught gifted students in Garden Grove, California where he grew up as a gifted kid himself. On his journey to become a teacher, he earned a degree in Computer Science, briefly played bass in an almost successful rock band, and married a fashion designer. He writes about gifted education at Byrdseed.com to an audience of over 30,000 monthly visitors and develops videos at Byrdseed.TV.

DIFFERENTIATING WITH COMPLEXITY

EDUCATOR WORKSHOP

8:00-8:30 Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:00

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:30

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30-2:00

2:00-2:15 Break (beverages & snacks)

2:15-3:30

Fee: **\$125** (continental breakfast & lunch included)

CREATING FUTURE INNOVATORS

PARENT SESSION

5:00-7:00

Fee: **\$10** (coffee and cookies included)

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**** Registration Deadline: February 21, 2017 ****

Name: _____

Full Address (home): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School District: _____ Building: _____

Educator Workshop: Differentiating With Complexity—March 7, 2017—8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Fee: **\$125**

Parent Session: Creating Future Innovators—March 7, 2017—5-7 p.m.—Fee: **\$10**

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