

# Educational Service Center of Medina County

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## School Bus Safety Road-E-O

The North Region School Bus Safety Road-E-O was held on April 22 at Buckeye Local Schools. Two Medina County school bus drivers placed high enough to qualify for the state competition, which was held on May 6 in Galloway, Ohio. At the State School Bus Safety Road-E-O, the North Region team came in first place, and Steve Temple from Buckeye Local came in second place, thus earning a spot at the International School Bus Road-E-O that will take place in July in Indianapolis, Indiana. The School Bus Safety Road-E-O is a friendly competition that consists of a written test as well as a maneuverability course.



## Transportation

The ESC Transportation Department has created an in-service type program entitled "Positive Interactions." It is designed to encourage those involved in school transportation to enhance their knowledge of transporting those with special needs. "Positive Interactions" focuses on teaching vital tools that can be used to promote a safe environment and encourage positive interactions during times of difficulty. In addition, participants will learn how to recognize a potential behavior, how to handle a behavioral episode, and what to do after the behavior subsides. Anyone interested in this program may contact April Johnson at 330-723-6393, Ext. 147, or email [ajohnson@medinaesc.org](mailto:ajohnson@medinaesc.org).

## Nursing Services

### *Safe Sitter® Classes*

Twenty students from seven area school districts participated in the Safe Sitter® babysitting class that was held at the Professional Building on Saturday, May 13. Tonya Bollin, LPN, and Candice Nenadal, LPN, instructed the participating youth, aged 11-14, on the following topics: 1) safety skills, 2) child care skills, 3) first aid and rescue skills, and 4) life and business skills. The ESC of Medina County Nursing Services Department held five Safe Sitter® classes for 81 students during the 2016-2017 school year.



### *Field Trip*

Sixth-grade students from O. H. Somers Elementary School in Mogadore traveled to Mohican State Park during the second week in May. Ariana Karim, RN, was the nurse in charge of all medical needs for the three-day camp.

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#### *Inspirational Quote*

*I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.*

**Jimmy Dean**

## Middle School Mock Trial Showcase

On Tuesday, May 16, four local middle schools participated in the Middle School Mock Trial Showcase provided by the Educational Service Center of Medina County. Black River Middle School, Medina Claggett Middle School, Wadsworth Middle School, and Medina A.I. Root Middle School each brought 12 students to play the roles of attorneys and witnesses in the case *The Community v. Jonas* based on the novel *The Giver*.



Cases were heard in Judge Kevin Dunn's courtrooms. Judge Dunn, Chief Magistrate Lewis, Magistrate Louy, and Magistrate Hathcock each heard two cases and provided valuable feedback to the participants in regards to questioning, citing evidence, and their ability to think on their feet. Awards were given to the students for best performances as attorneys and witnesses.



This was the third year for the event. Janice Kollar, Gifted Coordinator for the Educational Service Center of Medina County, looks forward to offering this event again next year with a continued partnership with Judge Dunn's office. She also hopes the number of participating schools will increase.

## The Inaugural Class of Project Search Westfield Interns Graduates

The first class of interns at our Project Search Westfield site graduated from the program on Thursday, May 25, after completing three internships over the course of the school year. Our group of six interns from four districts in Medina County, under the direction of Intervention Specialist Kayla Moran and Job Coach Maria Stearns, will be leaving our program equipped to gain paid, meaningful employment. Each intern spent class time every day working on job development skills, including team building, workplace safety, technology, self-advocacy, maintaining employment, communication skills in the workplace, personal financial management, health and wellness, interview skills, job search skills, resume writing, and more! Then they spent the remainder of each day working! Internships included positions at the Westfield Inn, Smucker Hall, Blair Center, and the Westfield Country Club. We couldn't be more proud of our graduates!



## Save the Date!



The Medina County College and Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Medina Fairgrounds Community Center. Students and parents from Medina County school districts are invited to attend. A financial aid planning mobile lab will be a new feature this year. It will be available between 5 and 7:30 p.m.