



# What's Happening at the MCSESC!

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## Deaf Education in Medina County Schools

This year Jessica Wilbraham has been working in several districts, including Cloverleaf, Highland, and Wadsworth. The students whom Jessica works range from preschool to junior high school. Her main responsibility is to reinforce or reteach what has been taught to each student in the inclusion classrooms. If necessary, Jessica removes the student from the classroom and focuses on what each individual student is struggling with. She works with her students on social skills so that they know what to do in social situations. In some school settings she is responsible to teach students how to read and write so that they can be successful outside of school. Also, she is used as a resource for the school districts. If the schools have a student whom they would like her to observe and provide recommendations for, she will do that so the student can be successful in future endeavors. In other schools, she teaches all language arts for the student and if necessary, fills in as an interpreter for the students.

## On-Bus-Instructor (OBI) Training with Mike Redfern

Each year Mike Redfern, North Region Pre-Service School Bus Driver Instructor, holds mandatory meetings for all OBI's in the north region. This year the meetings were held in various locations: Mid-Ohio ESC, Mansfield, Ohio; Ellenwood Recreation Center, Cuyahoga County; Medina County University Center, Medina County; Westlake City Schools, Cuyahoga County; and Fisher-Titus Learning Center, Norwalk, Ohio.

The OBI meetings are held to inform all those in attendance of changes and update in the laws and regulations that bus drivers must abide by and also to recap older laws for themselves and their drivers

Mike distributed information on new CDL testing sites in the state of Ohio. Mike also showed a short informative movie called "Jacob Story." The film is a documentary about a child that was run over by a school bus in Missouri. Jacob's family members decided to get involved to bring this important information about the ten-foot "Safety Zone" around the bus to all parents and bus drivers. Although the video is difficult to watch, it does have vital information that should be seen by everyone.

### Inspirational Quote

***"There are no great people in this world, just great challenges which ordinary people rise to meet."***

***William Frederick Halsey***

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## Nursing Services Update for January 2014

Lori Hogue, Director of School Nursing Services, provided American Heart Association CPR/First Aid training at Buckeye Jr. High School in December. Forty-two girls in Mrs. Acks' health classes received training and course completion cards. The class training topics included CPR, use of an automated external defibrillator, choking, and basic first aid. The course was offered over a week, with all students completing the curriculum requirement for their health class.

Registered Nurse students from The University of Akron worked with the ESC School Nursing staff during the fall of 2013 to complete the community education portion of their training. These students provided nursing care to students in the Buckeye, Cloverleaf, and Medina City School Districts.

The TerraCycle recycling program continues to benefit the Nursing Service program. Together, School Nursing staff members have collected: 86,547 empty juice pouches; 2,573 glue bottles; 1,145 writing instruments; and 145 tape dispensers. These items would have previously ended up in a landfill. Please continue to collect used glue sticks and glue bottles, empty juice pouches, used writing utensils (excluding wooden pencils or crayons), and empty tape dispensers (core or entire plastic piece).

## Math 24

On Thursday, January 23, 2014, 80 students from Wadsworth, Medina City, Brunswick, and Cloverleaf competed in the annual Math 24 competition. The competition was held at the Cloverleaf Recreation Center.

This competition requires the students to mathematically convert four individual numbers on a Math 24 card that will equal 24. The process is accomplished by adding, subtracting, dividing or multiplying each number once. Each round is 20 minutes long with three rounds to qualify for the semi-finals.

Top four students were:	1st Place:	Avery Korb	Medina City
	2nd Place:	Parker Wilson	Medina City
	3rd Place:	Bryce Beech	Medina City
	4th Place:	Zach Bohmer	Medina City

## 2014 Solo and Ensemble Festival

The Medina County Schools' Solo and Ensemble Festival is scheduled to be held on Saturday, **Feb 1, 2014**, at Buckeye High School beginning at 8 a.m. OMEA-qualified adjudicators give performance ratings and verbal comments to students participating in the event.

A total of 140 events submitted by 16 music directors are scheduled for participation in this year's festival. The breakdown by type of event is as follows: 88 solos, 34 duets, and 18 ensembles. Students from the following districts will be participating:

<b>Buckeye Local</b>	<b>Highland Local</b>	<b>Medina City</b>
<b>Brunswick City</b>		<b>Wadsworth City</b>
<b>Cloverleaf Local</b>		<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>

## Safe Sitter Babysitting Classes at Brunswick Library

Saturday, February 22, 2014      Registration Deadline: February 14, 2014  
Brunswick County District Library from 10 am—3 pm      Cost: \$60.00  
3649 Center Road, Brunswick, Ohio  
Contact: Kathy Mowery 330-723-6393, Ext. 104 or email: [kmowery@medina-esc.org](mailto:kmowery@medina-esc.org)

