



What's Happening at the MCSEESC!

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Personnel Substitute Services



Last spring the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center (MCSEESC) joined the North Coast Shared Services Alliance (NCSSA), a four-partner consortium that includes MCSEESC, the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center, and Rachel Wixey and Associates. Each partner in the consortium assumes responsibility for one or more parts of the recruitment, hiring, training, placement,

and payroll processes for substitutes working in multiple districts in Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties. Aesop is the computerized substitute management program in use by NCSSA. The MCSEESC Personnel Department staff handles orientation, training, and intake of substitute teachers; total set-up of the Aesop system and training for secretaries and administrators in districts that have not used Aesop in the past. NCSSA continues to grow the number of districts it serves. At present, the following are part of the consortium and use NCSSA substitute services: Bay Village City Schools, Berea City Schools, Brooklyn City Schools, Clearview Local Schools, Fairview Park City Schools, Firelands Local Schools, Lorain City Schools, North Ridgeville City Schools, Maple Heights City Schools, Rocky River City Schools, Vermilion Local Schools, and Wellington Exempted Village Schools. More than 500 substitute teachers have been processed into NCSSA employment by the MCSEESC Personnel Department staff this school year.

Transporting Special Needs Students and Service Animals

The Medina County Schools' supervised by Bonnie vans. One van is a single-wheel capabilities of transporting two along with service animals. At the seven drivers, three sub drivers, four 14 routes that transport 20 students to homes, and job sites in both Medina and Cuyahoga Counties.



ESC Transportation Department, McNeely, currently has nine chair van, and one has students in wheelchairs present time we have aids, four sub aides on various schools, group

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Inspirational Quote

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

Henry David Thoreau

Special Needs Initiatives

N'ecole Ast of the Medina County Schools' ESC is working with Joe Petrarco Director of Student Services of Summit County ESC to expand services for both districts. All districts would like to see more specialty services such as OT, PT, O&M, TVI, and audiologists. We feel this partnership will give us the opportunity for expansion. We are currently working on adding an audiologist to our joint staff.



The Curriculum Department and Special Needs Initiatives Department have teamed up for a new professional development series to provide more resources and opportunities for collaboration, study groups, and support for teachers. This series, Initiatives in Motion Forum, will focus on hot topics related to special education, curriculum, technology and gifted areas.

Linda Gehring, Special Needs secretary, has developed a lending library for the Special Education Department. Currently the collection has: 1) *The Hidden Curriculum for Understanding Unstated Rules in Social Situations for Adolescents and Young Adults*, 2) *A 5 is Against the Law: Social Boundaries Straight Up*, 3) *Simple Strategies That Work*, 4) *Reading Ready: Common Core 3-5*, 5) *CVI Complexity Sequences*, 6) *TOPS 3: Elementary*, 7) *ASIEP3*, 8) *TNL: Test of Narrative Language*, 9) *TOWL 4: Test of Written Language*.

PBL Project in Buckeye Local Schools

Barb Gunkelman, Curriculum Director for Buckeye Local Schools, states that Buckeye Intermediate (STEM Innovation School) is continuing to partner with the Hall of Fame School in Akron. A team of Buckeye teachers and STEM grant administrator, Jill Morton, have attended specifically designed training sessions on PBL (problem-based learning). Buckeye teachers have had opportunities to participate in training, observe classrooms, and speak with students about their PBL experiences. Twenty-two Buckeye teachers from various grade levels attended a two-day training in the summer facilitated by Jean Kugler, ONET Innovation Specialist, on PBL. Teachers who attended received a stipend from grant funds to purchase supplies in order to carry out their first PBL project with students this fall.

Additionally, through a partnership with the Hall of Fame School and their Digital Literacy Grant, Buckeye teachers have been invited to participate, free of charge, in a three-day digital literacy training in November.

Safe-Sitter Classes for October

Better sitters today. Better parents tomorrow

Instructors are nurses who have completed the Safe Sitter Instructors Workshop. Classes are for girls and boys ages 11-15.

Saturday, October 26, 2013

(10 a.m.—3p.m.)

Medina County District Library
210 S. Broadway Street
Medina, Ohio 44256

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Price: \$60.00

Shirt Optional \$15.00

Adult Sizes

Sm-6-8

Med. 10-12

Lg 14-16

XL 18-20

XXL 22-24

Bring brown bag lunch



Curriculum includes:

- Success on the job
- Babysitting as a business
- Choking—child and infant
- Preventing problem behavior
- Injury management
- Safety for the sitter



November 4, 2013

Initiatives in Motion Forum presents...

ETR/IEP Compliance

Carol Denzinger, SST 8

Location

Medina County Schools ESC
124 W Washington St
Medina, OH 44256

lower level conference room

Time

2-3 p.m. Face to Face

3-5 p.m. Presentation

