

MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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About the Foundation

The **Medina City Schools Foundation (MCSF)** is a private organization of community members established in 1984 to support and enhance learning opportunities for the students in the community of Medina. The **Foundation** strives to:

- Create opportunities for special and advanced study.
- Endow programs that support school curriculum.
- Help sustain and enhance the Medina City School's tradition of excellence.
- Provide scholarships and grants for students.
- Provide college access services to the community of Medina.

Annual Dinner/Dessert Auction

The **Medina City Schools Foundation's** annual dinner and dessert auction was held March 1 at the Blue Heron Banquet & Conference Center. Over 100 supporters of Medina City Schools enjoyed a night of fine dining and fund-raising. Over \$15, 000 was raised to support the activities of the **Foundation**. Our co-chairs Annette Finley and Joan Brooker, as well as the entire Dinner/Dessert Auction committee deserve special recognition for a job well done. Thanks to all who attended as well as our corporate sponsors and dessert/auction contributors.

Corporate Sponsors –

First Merit Bank – Cocktails and refreshments
The Blue Heron Banquet & Conference Center – Dinner

Dessert/Auction Contributors –

The Blue Heron	Buehler's River Styx
Cantina Per Vini	Cookie Chix
The Country Baker	Dairy Queen
Fox Meadows Country Club	Holly Hallman
Hawkins' Market	Mapleside Farms
Marie's Café	Mary Kay
MCS Board of Education	Medina City Schools Foundation
Medina Country Club	Medina Steakhouse and Saloon
Miss Molly's Tea Room	Mustard Seed Market
Muddy Waters Café	The Oaks Lakeside Restaurant
Rustic Hills Country Club	Santosuosso's
Sister Sweets	Tina Stepp
Thyme Restaurant	Williams on the Lake

A special thanks to our dessert auctioneer, Mr. Charles Stiver, who did an admirable job of coaxing the last \$ out of every bidder. Mark your calendar for next year as we can easily accommodate twice as many participants.

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Medina City Schools Membership Campaign

The Board of Directors of the **Medina City Schools Foundation** would like to thank the community for their generous support of the 2008 membership campaign. The 2008 membership campaign has been very successful, over \$8,500 was raised and 80 plus members were enrolled as "Partners in Education" with the **Medina City Schools Foundation**. These funds will be used to support educational opportunities for students in our community including tutoring, scholastic awards, scholarships, grants and providing college access services. A special thank you to the following 2008 **Medina City Schools Foundation** "Partners in Education":

Educators Level –

Mr & Mrs Dale & Shari Cartwright Mr & Mrs Jim Patneau

Scholars Level –

Mr & Mrs George & Mary Marquis Mr & Mrs Krish & Leela Swamy

Tutors Level –

Mr Tom Burnett Mr & Mrs Sean & Amy Demlow Ms Lisa Kerr
Dr Clifford Sonnie

Family Level –

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Mr. & Mrs. Gary Baker	Mr. & Mrs. Crell & Kellie Johns	Mrs. Laurie Price & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Batyko	Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Diane Kagel	Mr. & Mrs. Stewart & Shelly Rea
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Individual Level –

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Ms. Suzanne Barnes Brown	Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Gordon	Ms. Mary Mauerer
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Carmany	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hunter	Ms. Betty Notarianni
Mr. & Mrs. Lori Chandler	Mr. & Mrs. Kunio & Patricia Kano	Mrs. Jamie Patyak
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dougherty	Mr. & Mrs. David Knight	Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Julie Root

Senior/Student Level –

Mr. Peter Benson	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Carlson	Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Scullin
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Mr. Stuart Borden	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Harriger	
Ms. Nancy Brintnall	Mr. & Mrs. Bill McGinnis	

We are always grateful the people of Medina so willingly support the programs that benefit our community. Once again thank you for your generosity.

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Thanks to Merrill Lynch

The **Foundation** would like to acknowledge the Medina office of Merrill Lynch for their generous donation to the **Medina City Schools Foundation** GAP Grant Program. This program helps students from the Medina City School District achieve the goal of a college education. Their donation of \$800 will be used to directly fund a grant for a qualifying student.



The **Medina City Schools Foundation** college access program (**MCSFcap**) provides financial aid assistance to qualified graduates within the geographical boundaries of the Medina City Schools District. GAP grants are renewable for up to five years for a maximum award of \$7,500, a significant financial obligation on the part of the **Foundation** and **Merrill Lynch**. On behalf of the students of the Medina City Schools and the community of Medina, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for **Merrill Lynch's** generous donation. Further information about Medina's college access program can be found on the Ohio College Access Network website at www.ohiocan.org/Medina.

A.I. Root teacher is recipient of Fulbright Scholarship

A.I. Root Language Arts teacher Terese Tye is a recipient of the 2008 Japan Fulbright Scholarship Award. She was chosen from a panel of 10 political, business, and educational representatives from Japan and the United States and is one of 200 to be awarded this honor in the United States.

Ms. Tye's trip is being fully funded by the Japanese government. She will travel to Japan this summer and stay with a host family. This experience will provide her the opportunity to interact with families and teachers and study and observe school settings and participate in local customs. Ms. Tye's proposal focused on conservation and environmental awareness programs which she will study and learn about while in Japan and apply applicable instruction and methods with her students next school year.



Run.4.Fun

This year's date is May 2, 2008, registration begins at 5:00 pm at Medina High School. There are three races 0.5 mile, 1.0 mile and 5K. Prizes awarded by race and age group for each race for top finishers.

Contact Karen Green at 330 636-3031 or www.hermescleveland.com for more information.



This year the Run.4.Fun's t-shirt design was created by Ella Canavan Elementary School fifth grader Rachel Popovich, pictured above with Foundation President Karen Thorn and Superintendent Randy Stepp. Rachel's design was chosen out of over 60 design entries. Each year the Foundation rotates the grade levels that are sought for t-shirt designs.

Next year, the contest will be open to all high school students.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL

Education in Medina Township began in 1817, in the traditional log cabin schoolhouse and church. In the summer of 1817, Eliza Northrop and twenty-three pupils began Medina's education history within primitive walls. Facilities and materials could not be obtained easily. *The New Testament* was the most popular reader.

During the very early period in Medina, select schools, or academies; offered a secondary course of study comparable to that of later high schools. These select schools supplemented the common schools until public high schools were developed. The popular select schools were independent, subject only to the control of the instructors. They were supported by tuition or "term bills" ranging from two to four dollars for a term of twelve weeks. The select schools also tended to foster class distinctions. The better scholars were drawn to the private schools. Therefore, the poorer scholars and the children of those who were either unable or unwilling to pay were left in the public district schools.

The first public high school erected in Medina was the Lincoln Building. Completed in 1872, it was used as both a grade school and a high school. It stood at the corner of South Broadway and East Smith Road. This is the present site of the Garfield Elementary School. At that time the Lincoln Building had a capacity of 400 students. The Lincoln Building was opened for admission in the fall of 1872.

Even though Medina did house all of its public education in this one building, which could hold no more than 400 students; it still led the state for a number of years in the 1890s in the proportionate number of graduating students. In 1895, Medina graduated thirty-eight students, the greatest number proportionately in the state.

In 1923, a new high school was erected to accommodate the ever-increasing number of students in Medina, which then totaled about 800. This building is now the present County Administration Building, located on the corner of North Broadway and East Friendship Street. In 1924, the high school classes were moved to the new location, and finally in 1950, the old Lincoln Building was torn down to make way for the present new Garfield School. Prior to the construction of this "new high school building" in 1923, a four-room brick grade school, known as the "Little Building" stood on this property, as well as a two room portable building. Both were torn down to make way for the new high school, or the present County Administration Building. The total capacity of the building was originally 600 students, and the total cost was \$268,038.

In 1956, during the superintendence of Mr. Sidney M. Fenn, the high school classes were again moved to a new location, the present Claggett Middle School located on East Union Street, where Mr. Howard Claggett was the first principal. The cost of this building, with a capacity of 600 students, was \$1,195,573. In 1964-65, a new two-story wing was added to this building at the cost of \$444,576, which increased the housing capacity to 1,000.

In April of 1974, the students once again moved to the new high school located at the corner of Weymouth Road and Union Street. The cost of the building was \$4,600,000, and housed up to 1,800 students.

Because of increases in the community and increased enrollment, in August of 1998, the Board approved a ballot issue for the November election that added to the existing building making it 540,000 square feet at a cost of \$80 million. This would bring its capacity to 2,400 students. **(Copyright 1966 Medina City Schools)**

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Medina City Schools Foundation Grants

The **Medina City Schools Foundation** awards approximately \$20,000 grants in varying amounts each school year. The criteria used to award grants are:

- Advances the curriculum goals of the Medina City Schools
- Creates new ideas and concepts rather than recurring programs
- Provides resources not available from the district's general fund
- Supports projects or provides materials when funding is not available from other groups
- Benefits as many students as possible
- Projects and materials must benefit and improve student achievement
- Will not consider applications that are solely related to staff development
- Generally will not approve transportation costs

Grant requests are reviewed five times a year. Applications are available in each school building's office. If you have questions about grants, please call Karen Green at 330.636.3031 or Department of Instruction Director, Lori Chandler, at 330.636.3072. The following is a summary of the grants that were recently approved:

Kristine Quallich/MCS District (\$300) - This grant supports all students eligible for Special Education through the education of the parents and involved MCS professionals. This amount is for a speaker fee for a "Supporting Students through Assistive Technology and Positive Behavior Supports" workshop.

Kristine Quallich/Claggett & Root (\$600) - This is a supplement to an external \$12,000 grant for the care team to facilitate community resources for at-risk students and for those in need of assistance due to circumstances outside of school. It will utilize money to support the afterschool program by purchasing materials and allowing students to attend events.

Mary Cassidy/Canavan (\$400) - This is for the H.O.T.S. reading for Kindergarten, to purchase Big Books for shared reading that will go along with the primary PETS program.

Roberta Gangal/Blake (\$870) - This is for all third grade and one second grade classes for "Mountain Language" which will correlate with the third grade Write Source writing program and the Sitton spelling program.

Sue Bolender/Canavan (\$355) - This is for the Musical Theater Project in Cleveland to visit third grade classrooms for Language Arts and share musical presentations, the students will follow-up with journal writing.

Sue Klingshirn/MHS (\$1,145) - This is to help the special needs students at Medina High School increase independence and life skills through the Buzz Cafe and Bookstore. This will add to the cafe and bookstore supplies and make some favorable cosmetic changes to aid in the vocational and social skills development of the special needs students.

Primary funding for the **Medina City Schools Foundations'** grant program is provided by the proceeds of the Run.4.Fun, to be held on May 2, 2008.

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MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION PARTNER IN EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

The **Foundation** offers memberships at various levels; please indicate the selected level of participation from the following choices:

- ___ \$25 - Senior/Student Membership
- ___ \$50 - Individual Membership
- ___ \$75 - Family Membership
- ___ \$250 - Tutors Membership
- ___ \$500 - Scholars Membership
- ___ \$1,000 - Educators Membership

Every level of membership provides a regular newsletter and a **Foundation** pen, as well as inclusion in the annual publication of donors. Members at the Scholars, Educators and Tutors level will receive a set of note cards depicting a featured Medina City school building.

Please return this application and your donation to:

**Medina City Schools Foundation
PO Box 1035
Medina, OH 44258**

Checks should be made payable to: **Medina City Schools Foundation.**

Foundation Supporters

The following is a list of a few of the supporters and sponsors of the **Medina City Schools Foundation**. Please support our sponsors.

Ohio College Access Network – Funding and in-kind support including website, college access literature and technical guidance for the **MCSF** college access program.

Blue Heron Banquet & Conference Center – Dinner/Dessert Auction dinner

First Merit/Old Phoenix Bank – Refreshments for the dinner/dessert auction.

Eagles Aerie #2224 – Sponsorship of the **MCSFcap** GAP grant program and the Run.4.Fun.

Medina Office of Merrill Lynch – Sponsorship of the **MCSFcap** GAP grant program.

Foundation Calendar

- May 2 – Run.4.Fun, 7:00 PM
- May 5 - Foundation meeting 8:00 AM
- June 2 – Foundation Annual Mtg 8:00 AM
- June 2 - Foundation meeting 8:00 AM
- June 5 – Last Day of School

Claggett Teacher Selected for Academy

Georgia Loutzenhiser, a sixth grade math and science teacher at Claggett Middle School, has been selected to attend the American Geological Institute/BP Leadership Academy for Earth Science Educators. The week-long academy will be held in Houston, Texas from July 20 to July 25. Loutzenhiser will be working with teachers from around the U.S. Her earth science teaching skills will be strengthened and she will prepare to be a facilitator for earth science workshops in Medina.

Thanks to Key Club

Medina High School, Key Club recently donated \$500 to the Medina City Schools Foundation to support of Foundation activities. The students of Key Club through their many fund-raising events generated this donation. **Key Club** members also volunteer their time and efforts at the annual dinner/dessert auction, providing coat-check services as well as assisting in the auction activities.