

Around the Schools

Cupcakes for Cancer



An art class project led Holly Lane fourth grader Maddie Gentzel to create a company that makes and sells cupcakes to help kids with cancer. “Cupcakes for Cancer” started out last fall after Maddie and her classmates were tasked by Holly Lane art teacher Staci Peltz with creating a poster about a shop or a place. She came up with the name “Cupcakes for Cancer” and started thinking

about how she could actually turn her love of cupcakes into a plan to help children with the disease. Read more about Maddie’s business at <http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/School%20Publications/News%20Releases/News%20Releases%202013-2014/Cupcakes4Cancer.pdf>. Maddie is pictured above with IB Coordinators Colleen Mudore and Deb Wadden.

Dover 4th Grader Wins National Scholastic Writing Contest

Nick Jouriles, a fourth grader at Dover Elementary School, was one of 10 national winners in a Storyworks writing contest through Scholastic Magazine.

Fourth-grade teacher Tracy Sicafuse uses Storyworks magazine in her classroom. In the November/December 2013 issue of the magazine, readers were asked to write a response to literature based on the story of a boy and girl asked by their teacher to build a Popsicle stick bridge as part of a class assignment. While building the literal Popsicle stick bridge, the two characters learned they were not so different and formed a friendship (a figurative bridge). Nick’s “response to literature” piece explained the two types of bridges formed in the story.

Nick received a letter from Scholastic and a copy of “The Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes” by Marlane Kennedy.



PAEMST Awards Seeks Nominations

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are the nation's highest honors for mathematics and science teachers. Nominations are now open. Each year Ohio chooses up to three candidates as finalists for both mathematics and science. This year's awards are for elementary teachers of kindergarten through grade 6. For guidelines visit <https://www.paemst.org/controllers/home.cfc?method=view>

Hilliard 2nd Grader's Story Featured on Green Screen Adventures Website



Serena Zirkle, a second grader at Hilliard Elementary, wrote a story entitled "The Princess and her Family" that was featured on Green Screen Adventures, a national children's series and website that features stories written and illustrated by students in grades one through eight. Serena's story featured Princess Serena, who was going to deliver a concert when she and her family were kidnapped. Princess Serena saved the day and was able to help her family and friends to the concert at the castle. Her story also had a message, "Be careful at concerts because you never know what's going to happen."

You can view Serena's story on the Green Screen Adventures website at <http://greenscreenadventures.tv/the-princess-and-her-family/>.



Support E-Club's MMP Trip to Africa

Consider voting for EClub's "Most Creative Campaign" here:

<http://cincinnati.org/savingspeciescontest/contest-entries/the-environmental-club-2/>.

You can vote once every 24 hours! All winnings will be used to help pay for the group's Maasai Music Project in Africa this summer.



E-Club Cell Phone Recycling Program

The Westlake Environmental Club is running a big cell phone recycling program, collecting old cell phones and safely recycling them as part of a national contest. More info at www.neccorecords.com/gobananas/. Consider donating your old cell phone by dropping it off at Parkside Intermediate School, the Westlake Recreation Center or Westlake City Hall.



MMP Partners with Quicken Loans Arena

The Maasai Music Project is partnering with Quicken Loans Arena to offer two suite packages for a night with the Cavaliers or the MAC Tourney Final 4. Packages include 18 tickets, 3 parking passes and catered food and benefit the Maasai Music Project. Email danielgrigson@gmail.com for package information or visit <http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/SiteAssets/Lists/News/NewForm/MMPFundraiser.pdf>