

Around the Schools

Bassett Family Game Night



Westlake's Bassett Elementary School raised \$3,255.79 at its Feb. 28 6th Annual Family Game Night for Autism Speaks, a science and advocacy organization dedicated to funding autism research and increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders.

Each year Family Game Night promotes quality family time and presents the school with an opportunity to educate the community about a special issue. In the past the event has raised dollars for Cystic Fibrosis, The Gathering Place, The First Foundation for Ichthyosis, Crohns & Colitis Association and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Westlake High School Leadership Challenge students also volunteer at the event.

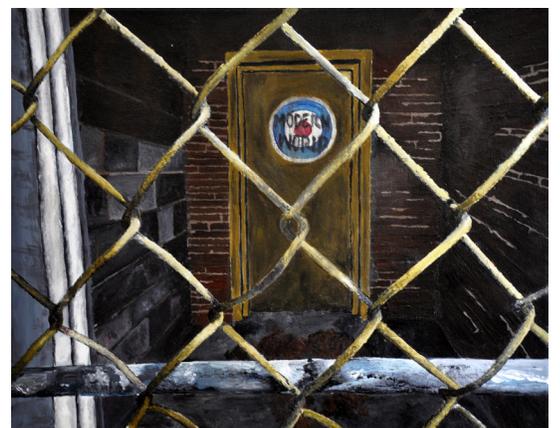
At an all-school assembly, the school presented a check to Autism Speaks representatives Kris Lacrosse and Bill Fisher, pictured left.

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition Honors Student Art

Three WHS art students - junior Madeline Lee (top right) and seniors Haley Ward (bottom right) and Kelsea Patterson (bottom left) - were regional winners in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition this year. Senior Alexander Sierputowski, from the West Shore Technical District at Lakewood High School, won a state-level award for his video, "The Grave Tree."

The exhibition opens at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower in April and closes at the end of May.

From the 12,000 regional entries from the 15 regions, about 2,500 are selected to enter the state judging. State jurors then select 300 for the actual exhibition, with 25 of the 300 chosen to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence.





Outstanding Performances

Congratulations to both the Symphonic Band and Concert Band on their outstanding performances at the OMEA District Band Contest at Avon Lake High School. Both Westlake Bands received unanimous "Superior" ratings from every judge at the competition. Special congratulations to the Symphonic Band on receiving an overall "Superior" rating in class 'AA,' the highest and most difficult class at the competition. These superior ratings qualify both bands to compete at the OMEA State Band Contest that will be held at North Royalton High School in late April. Congratulations to all of our instrumentalists!

HOLLY LANE/NASA HOST STEM INQUIRY DAY



A NASA STEM Inquiry Day will take place on March 21 at Holly Lane Elementary to provide an opportunity for students to engage in STEM education problem-based learning. The students will be introduced to the Mars missions, and the role rockets and satellites play in Mars exploration. Students also will be involved in hands-on data collection, observation, exploration, prediction, interpretation, problem-solving and communication skills as they create their very own satellites that will be weighed and tested. Each student will take home their NASA-created satellite and share their experience with family members. This day is made possible through the cooperation of the NASA Glenn Research Center and the Holly Lane PTA.

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Music Boosters Offers Student Grants

Do you know a student interested in participating in a program this summer that involves music? Did you know that Westlake Music Boosters has grant money available for students participating in such programs?

The Music Boosters is offering grant money to students currently enrolled in grades 5-11 and participates in the district music program(s) and plans to continue next year. Awards will be given for involvement in music related clinics, honor bands/choirs, workshops and grants. (Grant money cannot go toward private music instruction.) The amount of the grant will not exceed one-half of the cost of the program, and the maximum award is \$200. Applications are due by April 25 and are available on the Westlake Music Boosters website at <http://www.westlakemb.org/>.

Questions? Email kathie.mcneilly@gmail.com

MATHCOUNTS Regional Winners



LBMS 7th & 8th grade math students earned the 1st place team trophy at the Lorain County Society of Engineers Regional MATHCOUNTS competition, qualifying them to move on to state competition. Team members include Ryan Karpuszk, Patrick Lee, Sean Rossander and Angela Zhu. Ryan also finished 1st overall in the competition. Meghana Tandon earned the 2nd place individual trophy, while Patrick won 3rd place. Akshya Dhinakaran's score also advances her to the state meet in Columbus.