

# Around the Schools

## Superior Performance



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## Alison Gregory Shares Stage with Broadway Legends

Holly Lane music teacher and Parkside fifth-grade choir director Alison Gregory was recently selected to sing for the Marvin Hamlisch tribute concert. A singer with the Cleveland POPS chorus, Gregory sang with three Broadway legends, including Tony Award winner Donna McKechnie, Broadway star Doug LaBrecque and Disney legend Jodi Benson (The Little Mermaid).



Hamlisch is a famous American composer who passed away in 2012. He co-wrote “A Chorus Line” and music from movies including “The Way We Were,” “Sophie’s Choice” and “the Sting.” He also is one of the few people in history to be an EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards) winner. Gregory is shown left with Benson and above on stage.



# Your Questions Answered

**We just launched a new section of the Westlake City Schools website to help answer questions from community members about the district. We want to be transparent and we want to be certain that everyone has the facts about the district and the steps we are taking to reduce our budget. The new web page is intended to be a one-stop “go to” place for residents to get the facts about school finance and academics. Here is the link: <http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/schools/QA/Pages/default.aspx>**

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## **LBMS Soccer Stars Win Indoor Soccer Championship**

Four LBMS 8th graders recently won their second consecutive national indoor soccer championship. Cory DuBois, Donovan DuBois, Patrick Smith and Andy Wahl's team beat the Trebol FC team from Chicago in the finals. The winning goal in overtime was scored by Donovan after a pass from Cory. Congratulations!

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## **Dollars for Scholars**

The annual staff v. WHS seniors basketball game will be held March 14 at WHS. Doors open at 6pm with a gametime of 7pm. Enjoy a \$1,000 cash prize raffle drawing, silent auction, fun stations and concessions. Dollars for Scholars raises money to award graduating Westlake High School Seniors with scholarships. Visit [http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1107203470767-268/DFS+Order\\_Form+2014.pdf](http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1107203470767-268/DFS+Order_Form+2014.pdf) for raffle and game tickets. If you know someone interested in sponsoring the event or making a donation to the silent auction visit [http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1107203470767-269/Dollars+for+Scholars+Donation+Letter\\_2014.pdf](http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1107203470767-269/Dollars+for+Scholars+Donation+Letter_2014.pdf).

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## **Green & White Revue**

Westlake's One of a Kind Talent Show show will be held on March 15 at 7 p.m. & March 16 at 2 p.m. at the PAC. The emcees for this year's show are WHS seniors Evie Kennedy, Allison Pesta and Joe Knurek. The show will include students from grades 2-12 in a wide array of acts ranging from vocal, Irish dance, instrumental, rock bands and a pogo stick jumper. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$8 (children 6 and under are free). For additional information, visit <http://www.greenandwhiterevue.com/>.

