

Lisa Forshey 'Monster Teacher of the Month'

The Lake Erie Monster's mascot, Sully, surprised Holly Lane first-grade teacher Lisa Forshey with the PNC/Monster's Teacher of the Month Award. The Monsters hockey team gave Forshey's class tickets to an upcoming game and each child received a piggy bank.

Forshey was nominated for the award by her student, Beau Sasseville.



WCSD earns 4th perfect audit from state auditor

Auditor of State Dave Yost's office gave the WCSD a clean report once again for the 2010-2011 school year. This is the fourth consecutive "perfect audit," clean of findings or citations, and paves the way for the district to receive a distinction award from the Auditor of State.

CFO/Treasurer Mark C. Pepera

credits the achievement to a concerted effort by his staff to enforce fiscal policy and maintain a high level set of internal controls and financial reporting procedures, as well as buildings and departments following those guidelines

Within the past year the school district earned the "Exemplary Saver" status award from the

Ohio Schools Council for being among the top 25% of participating school districts for savings dollars; received the Ohio School Plan Best Practices Award for its efforts in actively controlling risk; successfully refinanced the 2003 series bonds on the Performing Arts Center project to save Westlake taxpayers more than \$571,000 in foregone interest costs.

Sports shorts . . .

* WHS senior Charlotte Tate was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of American 2011 High School Girls All-Region IV Team, which is comprised of the top 67 players from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky and West Virginia.

* Both the boys and girls soccer teams both received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award for this season.

* WHS senior Jonathon Brick was named one

of 116 players out of 35,000 as an Academic All Ohio football player. To qualify for this honor, a player must have a 3.6 GPA or above and must have been named first team all-conference.

* Owen Kruger won a tournament championship with two pins and a 16 to 0 technical fall at the Independence Wrestling Tournament. Karl Desler earned a championship title with two pins.

Gifted referral period opens up in February

The WCSD provides two opportunities - February and October - for teachers and parents to make referrals for possible gifted identification.

Packets of information and referral forms are available in the main office of each building and on the website. Look for Gifted Education under the Department of

Special Education.

For this semester's testing period, referral forms need to be completed and returned to the building's main office by Feb. 24. Questions can be directed to the building principal or Coordinator of Gifted Services Carol Froehlich at 440.250.1269.

IRS 2012 mileage rate established

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that the standard business use mileage rate for 2012 will remain unchanged from the 55.5¢ per mile that went into effect on July 1, 2011.

The Stork Report . . .

WHS Engineering/Technology teacher Adam Purdy and his wife, Marie, welcomed Ava Donnaly on Dec. 3. Ava was born at 7:33pm, weighing 7lbs, 5oz and measured 19 inches long.

WHS English teacher Julie Davidson and her husband, Tate, welcomed Soren at 5:14am

on Dec. 28. Soren weighed 10.2lbs and is 22 inches long. He joins older sisters Ada and Zella at home.

WHS science teacher Melissa Crist and her husband Karl welcomed Anderson Mason on Dec. 21. Anderson weighed 7lbs 4 oz.

Hilliard preschool assistant Donna Stephenson and her husband, Ron, senior network technician, became grandparents when daughter Jenny and her husband Lee Parker welcomed Caden Frederick at 10:07am on Dec. 20. Caden weighed 9lbs 8oz and measured 21 inches long.

With deepest sympathies . . .

Please keep the following families in your thoughts:

- * Donna Stephenson, Hilliard preschool assistant, recently lost her mother, Shirley Dodd. Donna is married to Ron Stephenson, senior network technician.
- * Mark Hassett from the Maintenance crew, recently lost his brother, William, 54, who lost his battle with cancer.
- * WHS cleaner Mark Truchon recently lost his mother, Marie.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to all of these families.



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