

Around the Schools

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Business Plan contest

WHS business students took part in the Scholarship for Entrepreneurial Engagement (SEE) Program's Business Plan competition this semester and came out with top awards.

From the local level, the following students were judged by members of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce and given the following awards:

- **First Prize** - ExpressTutoring.com by Matthew Miller
- **Second Prize** - Round Robin Golf by Chris Nurse
- **Third Prize** - CG Games by Alec Lisy

Matt Miller's plan was judged the best plan by judges and went onto the Northeast Ohio Business Plan competition against students from across the area. Matt's plan was one of the five students awarded first prize for his work.

Congratulations to these students and their teacher, Jim Patrizi.

Invention Convention winners

Invention Convention was held at the Great Lakes Science Center on May 16. The inventions are judged by a team of professionals including scientists, engineers, educators and patent attorneys. The students display their prototypes, information about their development process and do a presentation for the judges.

Jack Wanhainen received a Superior Inventor Award and \$50 dollar savings bond for his invention Pound Puppy Clock- a soothing clock in a stuffed animal.

John Willi won first place in grade 6 winner for the invention "Downspout Generator", an eco friendly way to harness power from rainwater runoff. This included a \$500 College Scholarship. He also won the Kids Choice Award, which included a one year membership to the GLSC. John was videotaped for a Time Warner Cable contest in which students watch his presentation and vote online. The student receiving the most votes by the middle of August will win another \$1,000.

Congratulations to these Parkside students and their teacher, Judy McMasters.

AMC 10/12 winners

LBMS & Parkside students took home a variety of awards at the Lorain County Community College Lego Olympiad competition.

Fifth graders Alex Lathem and Ben Sposet won the PEOPLES CHOICE Award for their LEGO Parthenon Design. All students participating in the Olympiad vote for this award.

Seventh graders Peter Slater, Ryan Smith and Chris Huffman won 2nd place in the Robotics Division. Seventh grader Ryan Rowe and 6th grader Travis Lyke won 1st place in the Robotics Division.

Fifth graders Garrett Van Dyke, Mark Sargent and Darin O'Meara won 2nd place in the Theme Division. Fifth graders Chris Slater and Jeremy McCabe won 2nd place in the Open Division.

Congratulations to these students and their teacher, Judy McMasters.

Department Chairs

If you are interested in applying for a high school department chair, email the WHS administrative team and copy Human Resources Director Mike Laub.

With sympathies ...

Diane Bialkowski, Park-side librarian for 10 years until her retirement last year, passed away May 21. The family suggested contributions to Hospice Services of Southwest General.



Julie Wang, Lila Greco, Kyle Lathem & Ahbi Ramachandran from WHS participated in the American Mathematics Competition 10/12 in February and scored in the top 1% to be recognized in the Distinguished Honor Roll. Lila received the highest score at WHS on the AMC12. Kyle received the highest score at WHS on the AMC10. All 4 were invited to compete in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination. Kyle and Lila also were invited to participate in the American Regional Mathematics League in June at Penn State University.

The Stork Report

Hilliard secretary Laura Cooley became a grandmother again with the birth of Rowan Cooley Keenan on May 4. Cooley's daughter, Allyson Cooley Keenan (WHS '97) and her husband Andy welcomed Rowan, who weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20.5 inches. Rowan joins big brother Gavin at home in Pennsylvania.

Bus driver Donna Corrigan became a grandmother for the first time on May 24 with the birth of Grace Marie. Parents Sean and Debbie Corrigan welcomed Grace, who weighed 7 lbs and measured 19 inches.

Congratulations to the Cooley, Keenan, Corrigan, Hilliard and Transportation families on these latest additions.

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Register for Model Curriculum meetings

ODE is preparing a new Model Curriculum with guidance for teaching content aligned to revised standards in science and social studies, as well as the Common Core standards in English language arts and mathematics. The State Board of Education is expected to approve these standards in June.

To guide the development of the Web-based Model Curriculum tool, Educational Service Centers are assisting ODE in holding meetings throughout the state for teachers in July and early August. At the meetings, teacher teams organized by content area in each of 16 regions will be invited

to suggest research-based instructional strategies and resources for inclusion in the tool.

Registration is now open for the teacher team meetings in STARS. For more information, visit education.ohio.gov, keyword search: Model Curriculum.

Farewell to Newman & Rickard

After 39 years with the WCSD as a teacher, coach and administrator, LBMS Principal Dave Newman has announced this school year will be his last as principal at LBMS.

The LBMS PTA is hosting a community reception for

Newman on Monday, June 7, from 4-6pm in the LBMS cafeteria. Parents, students, former students and parents — anyone wanting to wish Newman well — are welcome to attend.

Also retiring this year is Bassett Principal Tim Rickard.

The Bassett PTA will host an afternoon open house on Monday, June 7, from 3 to 4:30 pm at Bassett Elementary.

Feel free to attend both of these farewells and wish our administrators the best in this new phase of their lives.