

Around the Schools

... a publication for and about Westlake City Schools employees

Bond issue update

Discussions on the 3.4-mill, \$84 million bond issue occur at every Board of Education meeting. The most recent discussions involved the timeline if the bond issue passes, including pre-planning (involving staff and community) and focus groups to examine renovation/rebuilding/building proposals. The planning process will take about 1 year with construction another 1 1/2 years. The Board also discussed how to proceed if the issue does not pass, including looking at the [2006 operating levy proposed cuts just as a point of discussion, not as recommended cuts:](#)

- Pay to play/pay to participate
- Supervision at PAC
- Administrative reduction
- Closing buildings after school
- Reduce communications
- Eliminate staff development
- Reassign technology resource teachers
- Reduce instructional materials
- Eliminate summer help
- Reduce transportation to state minimums
- Eliminate field trips
- Implement student fees
- Eliminate bus replacement
- Staff cuts (6)

The Board made no formal decision on potential cuts, other than to recognize that \$2.5 million will need to be reallocated from the current operating budget to address dire facility needs. For questions or information, check the web site at www.wlake.org/

MATHCOUNTS champs

The LBMS MATHCOUNTS team took home first place and the top three individual awards in the national middle school competitive mathematics program.

The team of Kartik Dhinakaran, Krish Shah, Aswin Bikkani, Chris Tsuei took the first-place team award. They went on to compete in the state competition in Columbus. Ameesh Shah also participated in the state competition in an individual level.

Individual awards went to Kartik Dhinakaran, first place, Krish Shah, second place, and Aswin Bikkani, third place.

MATHCOUNTS promotes mathematics achievement through a series of "bee" style contests. The program is supported by the National Society of Professional Engineers at the state and local levels.

Designing the perfect seat

WHS technology education students were presented an engineering design problem: design and build a portable sitting machine.

Students were challenged to design a successful human supporting device, show respect for a quality product through construction, demonstrate its ability to function in a real world situation, and assess the effectiveness of the solution. The seats were made from reused corrugated cardboard held together by Elmer's or wood glue.

The designs were judged by district and WHS administrators on a 100-point scale. This was the second phase of a three phase process to choose the three qualifying sitting machines WHS will send to the state competition in Columbus next month. The last phase will be evaluating the students' engineering notebook and their presentation board.



Our deepest sympathies . . .

Please keep the Heiman family in your thoughts after the passing of Helen Heiman, grandmother of Dover Head Custodian Tim Heiman and his wife, Gail, an LBMS cleaner; and mother of Bus Driver John Heiman.

Also keep in your thoughts Angela Baker, bus driver and WHS kitchen helper, who recently lost her grandfather.

National Board funding

ODE announced that the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) has made funding available through its Targeted High Need Initiative program to help Ohio teachers offset \$1,000 of the cost of the \$2,500 assessment fee for first-time candidates. Complete the program application at http://www.nbpts.org/resources/state_local_information/Ohio. Application and payment deadline is Dec. 31. To access a FAQ page on the NBPTS site regarding National Board Certification, visit http://www.nbpts.org/help_and_faqs/help_and_faqs. Ohio educators can contact Carole Moyer at cdm346@gmail.com with questions.



The WHS string orchestra achieved the top rating of “Superior” from every adjudicator at the OMEA State Orchestra Contest held at Lakewood Civic Auditorium. Orchestras from throughout Northeast Ohio attended the event. Three adjudicators judged the orchestra on three prepared selections in the auditorium, and a fourth judge rated them in sight-reading. Congratulations to the students and Conductor Ray Walczuk!

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Corrections

The Bassett 3rd grade recorder concert. The concert will be held Wednesday, March 31, at 7pm.

The Hilliard March 11th 4th grade music concert is canceled due to illness.

The closing date on the Dover Kitchen Helper posting is March 10.

Position available

Human Resources Clerk – Administrative Office.
Approximate Hours: 8 hours per day (6:00AM-2:00PM during the school year; 8:30AM-4:30PM during the summer). Application Deadline: March 18.
Salary Range: \$30,300-\$40,900 – based on

experience in similar positions. Approximate Start Date: July 2010.

All applicants should apply online.

Contact the Human Resource Department with any questions (440-871-7300).

Superior

The following WHS bands and choirs earned the top “Superior” rating at the OMEA District Adjudicated Event: Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Chorale, Women’s Choir. All 4 groups will compete at the OMEA State Event in April.

Great Programming on WHBS

- March 15 A: St. Bernadette play: Dear Edwina (2/18)
B: LBMS play: The Wizard of Oz (1997)
- March 16 A: Classic Zone #1 Year #10 (2005)
B: Classic Zone #10 Year #10 (2005)
- March 17 A: Classic Zone #17 Year #10 (2006)
B: Classic Zone #25 Year #10 (2006)
- March 18 A: St. Bernadette play: Dear Edwina (2/18)
B: WHS play: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (2003)
- March 19 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: The Demon Zone: Winter Wrap Up #23
- March 20 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: The Demon Zone: Winter Wrap Up #23
- March 21 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: The Demon Zone: Winter Wrap Up #23

Program A begins at: 8am, Noon, 4pm, 8pm, Midnight, 4am

Program B begins at: 10:10am, 2:10pm, 6:10pm, 10:10pm, 2:10am, 6:10am

WHBS sponsor credits begin at: 7:50am, 3:50pm, 7:50pm, 11:50pm, 3:50am