

# AROUND THE SCHOOLS

## WHS ART AMBASSADORS



Eight WHS AP Art History and AP Studio Art students will participate in a Cleveland Museum of Art Museum Ambassadors program that provides a behind-the-scenes experience at the world-class institution.

Master Students are seniors Avery Bogart, Sela Cunningham, Caroline Gray, Maria Kuhn and Rose Song. Apprentice students are juniors Paige Dawson, Lucia del Rincon Martinez and Kylie Hulver. Students were chosen for the program by art teacher Kelly Atkinson and Social Studies teacher Beth Noren.

Students participate in behind-the-scenes experiences at the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the Cleveland Orchestra.

### **Westlake/Tralee Sister City Educator Exchange**

On Oct. 18, Westlake's Colleen Mudore, International Baccalaureate coordinator for Dover and Holly Lane, will leave for Tralee, Ireland, where she will collaborate with an educator as part of the Westlake Sister City Educator Exchange, a partnership between Westlake Schools and Westlake World Partners. You can follow Colleen's journey on her blog at: <http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/academics/global/Blog/default.aspx>.

### **Shoreware Voice Mail Coming to Your Inbox Soon**

Very soon the Westlake City School District will transition staff voicemail to a new system that will send email notifications of voicemails. The new system is more reliable and will help streamline communication. An email message will come into your Westlake Schools inbox with the subject line "Shoreware Voice Mail." The message will indicate that you have received a voicemail message and will identify the phone number of the caller.

The Technology Department continues to work through a complicated and layered process with Laketec Communications and AT&T on integration issues between the old phone system and the new system. We ask your continued patience as the team works to resolve trouble spots.

The new system will greatly reduce technical issues. It will use a directory of users, phone/voicemail extensions and phone-based workgroups, and will place the district in a better position for communications. The Technology Department is working with building leadership to finalize the data directory to ensure correct information.

Once that process is complete and the district is ready to roll over to the new system, the Technology Department will work with building principals to notify staff of the change, provide instructions on how to access the system and publish phone directories.

## **Don't Forget to Vote!**

**For information on voting in the Nov. 5 General Election, visit <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us>. Any qualified Ohio voter whose registration information is up to date may request and vote an absentee ballot. Early voting for the Nov. 5 General Election began Oct. 1. Visit the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections site for information on absentee voting.**



### **LBMS/WHS Engineering Students Skype Lessons**

Kurt Thonnings' LBMS engineering class Skyped with Scott Kutz's WHS engineering class recently for a presentation on how to cut and glue matboard for building house models. LBMS students presented on their 1,000-square-foot Passive Solar floor plan unit they completed on Google Sketchup.

Eighth grader Santino Kirallah shows off his creation following the Skype conference.



### **PTA Reflections Contest: Believe-Dream-Inspire**

The Westlake Council of PTAs is looking for submissions for the annual Reflections contest - Believe-Dream-Inspire. PTA is looking for visual arts, musical composition, photography, literature, dance choreography and film/video production submissions by Dec. 9. Entry forms are available in school offices.



### **Award for Aspirations in Computing**

The National Center for Women & Information Technology Award for Aspirations in Computing recognizes high school girls for their computing-related achievements and interest. Winners are recognized at an award event and considered for the national award. The award encourages continued interest in computing, increases awareness of the gender gap in computer and IT, and emphasizes the importance of women's participation in computer. Detailed instructions and eligibility information can be found at [www.ncwit.org/award](http://www.ncwit.org/award). Applications can be submitted and endorsed by Oct. 15.



### **Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest**

Samsung Corp. is giving away more than \$2 million in technology to schools to promote the community benefits of STEM-focused education. The contest is open to grade 6-12 teachers. One school per state will win a technology kit to produce a video that explains how STEM can be applied to help improve the local community. Additionally, a school from each state will win a technology package worth at least \$20,000. Entries will be accepted at [www.samsung.com/solve](http://www.samsung.com/solve) through Oct. 31.