

# Around the Schools

## 8 National Merit Finalists



Eight WHS seniors were named 2014 National Merit Finalists in the National Merit Program.

Finalists Deepak Kumar, Apshara Ravichandran, Krish Shah, Sameena Khan, Jacob Wise, Paavani Reddy, Ethan Fitz and Michelle Adamczyk are among the 15,000 students nationwide named National Merit Finalists, based on their PSAT scores taken in their junior year.

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## 'Your Questions Answered' Site Debuts

Last week the Westlake City Schools launched a new section on our website to help answer questions from community members about the district.



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. We welcome additional questions and comments via a link on the web page – just use the link on the right side of the page to "Ask a Question." Check back periodically to see any new information we have posted.

You can access the new page at <http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/schools/QA/Pages/default.aspx>. There is also an icon on the homepage at [www.wlake.org](http://www.wlake.org) that will take you to the page.

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## Watch WHBS on Uverse

Thanks to our Technology Department, AT&T Uverse subscribers can now tune in to WHBS-TV on Channel 99. WHBS can also be seen on WOW channel 18.

# Coaches v. Cancer

The Westlake Boys Basketball program completed its third year of raising money for cancer research in the Coaches v. Cancer Classic. The program sells pink shirts and donates all proceeds from these shirts to cancer research. They also donate a portion of the concession sales for the designated game or games to the cause. This year's game was held on 1/24/14 against Olmsted Falls and was one of the highest attended games in recent history.

They were able to contribute:

- \$650.00 to the American Cancer Society
- \$650.00 to the V Foundation
- \$750.00 to the Kids in Flight Program ( a local organization that works specifically with kids)



## 'Don't Get Me Started' PSA Contest

The Don't Get Me Started statewide campaign works to bring awareness and understanding of the prescription drug misuse and abuse in Ohio. The Don't Get Me Started first annual video and public service announcement competition is seeking videos that will entertain, educate and motivate students to take action around the opiate epidemic in Ohio. More than \$6,500 in scholarships will be awarded. Visit <http://dontgetmestartedohio.org/2014-video-contest.html> for rules and application information.



## U.S. Presidential Scholars for 2014

Scholars are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas including academic and artistic success, leadership and involvement in school and community. All selected scholars are honored for their accomplishments during the National Recognition Program in June in Washington, D.C. For a student to be eligible for selection, application materials, including essays, self-assessments, secondary school reports and transcripts, must be received no later than Feb. 27, at 5 p.m. (CST). Detailed information on this prestigious program can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/psp>.

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## The Stork Report

Dover Elementary intervention specialist Doug Kuns and Parkside 5th grade teacher Kelly Kuns welcomed Liam Jeffery on Feb. 4. Liam arrived at 9:57am weighing 8 lbs, 11 oz and measuring 20 3/4 inches. Congratulations to the Dover and Parkside families on this latest addition.

