

Around the Schools

Kindergarten Family Inquiry Day



A Kindergarten Family Inquiry Day at Bassett Elementary allowed parents and children to rotate through six stations that focused on the transdisciplinary themes of IB – Who we are, Sharing the planet, How we express ourselves, How the world works, How we organize ourselves and Where we are in time and place. There were fun activities at each station and the children had 10 minutes then rotated to the next station. It was designed to bring awareness to the 10 attributes of the IB learner profile. Children received passports and got stamps at each station (risk taker, principled, etc). Parents spent an hour in the classrooms looking at their children's portfolios with them which was led by classroom teachers Chelsea Diso and Megan Morris, and the other hour going through the stations. The program was created by Bassett speech therapist Kathy Burkart and student teacher Jackie Simon.

TechMate Earns National Title in Invention Competition

WHS senior Chris Tsuei won first place and the national title in the TechDirections magazine annual Inventors Award competition. This year students were challenged to devise ways to generate power in emergency situations caused by natural disasters. Chris invented an integrated plug-in system of piezoelectric roof shingles that capture the energy in falling precipitation.

Senior Robert Slater won an Honorable Mention for his above-the-clouds solar panel system. To see illustrations and full descriptions of all the top inventions visit TechDirections magazine's site.



Kickstarter Campaign for an ELF

LBMS technology/engineering teacher Kurt Thonnings launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise money for an ELF (Electric, Light, Fun) velomobile, a hybrid between a bicycle and an electric car. Thonnings plans to use the ELF in his classroom to study simple systems, alternative energy, green transportation and mechanical motion/design. LBMS art teacher Kristen Regas will use the ELF as a platform to teach custom paint schemes. Physical education/health teacher Marcia Faber will use the ELF to promote exercise and keeping fit with bicycling. DARE Officer Keenan Cook will use it to discuss bike safety. Check out the Kickstarter page at https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/64133772/study-the-elf?ref=home_location

Holocaust Education Program

Echoes and Reflections will explore how to teach about the Holocaust, as well as other episodes of genocide in history. The event will be held June 26 at Walsh University in North Canton. For more information visit <http://www.holocaustandhumanity.org/education/ohio-council-on-holocaust-education/>. Register by June 6. Questions can be directed to Marilyn Feldman at marilynfeldman7@gmail.com or 330.494.2728. The program is sponsored by the Center for Holocaust and Humanity, Walsh University and the Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education.



ESC Offers Learning Opportunities

The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio is hosting a variety of learning opportunities during the June Academy. Topics include: Performance Task Design, English Language Arts and Math Common Core, Project-Based Learning, Blended Learning/Teacher As Architect, Depth of Knowledge/Assessment Design, online courses and workshops.

Visit www.escco.org or browse the full June Academy brochure at http://www.escco.org/Achievement/Documents/June%20Academy2_links.pdf. A design-your-own Ashland graduate credit option is available for an additional \$249/hour. Contact Sandy Denney at sandy.denney@escco.org or 614.542.4111 for registration assistance.



The Stork Report

Valerie Pace, school psychologist at Bassett and LBMS, and Rob Pace, Dover physical education teacher, welcomed McKenzie Jean Pace on April 29 at 8:35pm. McKenzie came in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 18 inches long. Congratulations to the Pace, Bassett, Dover and LBMS families on this latest addition.