

## Westlake earns \$40,000 IB grant from Jennings

The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation awarded a \$40,000 grant to the WCSD to support its International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) implementation. Job-embedded professional development, paid for through the Jennings Foundation grant, will emphasize excellent teaching to motivate and create a learning environment

that promotes the high levels of learning inherent in the IB PYP model.

The students, themselves, will document the journey of their schools through the process of IB PYP candidacy, authorization and beyond by creating a video archive of their classrooms. Grant funds will be used to buy the

digital cameras that will capture moments of cooperating, collaboration and deep learning experiences that will change the climate and culture of their school.

Westlake began pursuing IB PYP candidacy after the community asked for it through last summer's Continuous Improvement Plan summit process.

## Wellness Committee working on needs assessment

The district Wellness Committee, led by Holly Lane physical education teacher Nick Miller, is meeting and intends to complete a needs assessment using a tool - the School Health Index - created by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The results will help the committee prioritize the district's needs and create an action plan.

Miller said the goal of the Wellness Committee is to support the district's academic mission by enhancing wellness for students and staff.

You can find the district Wellness Policy online under the Board of Education policies at <http://beta.westlake.k12.oh.us/boe/BoardPolicyPDF/EFGA%20052206.pdf>.

## Save the Date

Dollars for Scholars, the annual staff v. students basketball game hosted by the PTA Council, will be held Friday, March 23. Doors open at 6pm.

Stay tuned for more detailed information in future issues.

## Latin teams earn awards

The WHS Latin Certamen teams took top awards in the 4th annual Certamen competition. The lower team took 1st place for the first time. Alex Lathem, an LBMS 7th grader, was the overall winner of the novice team. The upper level team finished second overall. Congratulations to these students and their teacher, Lisa Patton.

# LBMS Math Demons take 2nd at competition

The Lee Burneson Middle School Math Demons, led by math teacher Judy McMasters, tied for second place in their division at the 2012 Equations competition at the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center.

Equations is a game using cubes to create equations. It was developed by a University of Michigan professor.

The LBMS team tied for second place in Division C (7th and 8th grades) with North Royalton. Westlake

team players are eighth graders Jonathan Alamir, Alex Ikezawa, Taeho Kim, Austin Kinney and Ryan Zubricky, and seventh grader Chris Slater.

Seventh grader Carter Hoon took a third place individual award for his grade, as did eighth grader Jonathan Alamir.

Back Row: Alex Ikezawa,  
Jonathan Alamir, Taeho Kim  
Middle Row: Austin Kinney,  
Ryan Zubricky  
Front Row: Chris Slater



# NASA offers STEM opportunity for female hs juniors

This summer, the NASA Johnson Space Center is offering high school juniors an opportunity to take part in the Women in STEM High School Aerospace Scholars

program. Collaborate with girls from across the country and female NASA engineers and interns.

The application deadline is

Feb. 22 for this special program. For more information and application materials, visit

<http://wish.aerospacescholars.org/>.

# Class of 1998 graduate premiering film on sommeliers

Jason Wise, WHS Class of '98, produced a feature documentary on testing to become a master wine sommelier. Wise, who lives in Los Angeles, has the film entered in several international film festivals. He hopes to debut the film at the Tribeca festival in New York in April.

To view the movie trailer visit [www.jbwpro.com](http://www.jbwpro.com) and click on SOMM.



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