

## Psychologist earns Outstanding Service Award

School Psychologist Christie Pargas was recognized by the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County with the 2012 Outstanding Related Service Achievement Award.

The ESC of Cuyahoga County and the State Support Team for Region 3 hold an annual ceremony to recognize the special achievement of students with disabilities and peers/adults

who support those students.

Pargas' Outstanding Related Services Achievement Award recognizes and celebrates the special accomplishments of related service staff involvement with students with disabilities in Cuyahoga County, who has performed outstanding service and/or contributions that have gone above and beyond their basic job responsibilities.



Academic Services Director Pam Griebel, Christie Pargas, Holly Lane Principal Mimi Verdone, Hilliard Principal Kim Conley

## WHS senior wins national inventors contest

WHS senior Scott Hulver's solar-powered blimp won the annual Inventors Award competition from Tech Directions magazine.

This year's challenge called for students to develop unconventional ways to provide electricity to remote villages. Scott, a student in Scott Kutz's technology education

program, won first place and the national title for his invention that delivers rechargeable batteries and recharges them as necessary.

To see Scott's design and learn more about the program visit <http://digital.ipcprintservices.com/publication/?i=109470&pre=1&p=18>.

## With deepest sympathies ...

Technology Coordinator Renee Bailey and Parkside physical education teacher Cindy Bailey recently lost their mother-in-law and mother, respectively. Elizabeth Bailey, 77, died after a short illness.

Please keep the Bailey family in your thoughts during this most difficult time.

## The Stork Report ...

WHS history teacher and girls soccer Coach Scott Jones and his wife, Julie, welcomed their first child, Ethan Scott, earlier this month.

WHS business teacher Jim Patrizi and his wife, Melissa, welcomed Isabella Noelle this month. She weighed 7lbs 14oz and was 19 3/4 inches long. She joins big sister Alexa at home.

## LBMS students earn excellent scores on Spanish Exam

Forty-one LBMS world language students were recognized for excellent performance on the 2012 National Spanish Examinations.

Claudia Vakos' Level 1 Spanish students are eighth graders taking the high school Level 1 course. Of her 47 students who participated in the exams, 41 earned medals, including seven Gold Medals, 16 Silver Medals, four Bronze Medals and 14 Honorable Mentions.

Top finalists from LBMS land-



ing in the top 1 percent of the 33,759 students who took the Level 1 exam were Elise Kennedy and Rachel Stanco. Simram Khosla's score landed her in the top 2 percent in the na-

tion, while Samantha Horwitz, David Abbuhl, Farrah Kharche and Emma Steinman scored in the top 4 percent or 5 percent. These students all earned Gold Medals.

## Staff Excellence awards presented

Two Westlake Schools' staff members were honored by their peers with staff excellence awards. The Excellence in Teaching award went to Jane Zellers (pictured left), a

Hilliard 2nd grade teacher. The Excellence in Classified Service award went to Debbie Lukas, (right) an assistant custodian at Dover Elementary School.



## Green & White newspaper earns top state award

WHS' Green & White student newspaper won a 2nd place overall and several individual awards in the Ohio Scholastic Media Association's fifth statewide annual convention at Kent State University last month.

Students won awards in the Ad Design, Feature Photo, Commentary, Feature Page Layout, Newswriting and Review categories.

The Green & White is led by advisor Laura Miller.



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