

Board of Education names officers

The Westlake Board of Education retained Thomas Mays (right) as president and Carol Winter

(next to Mays) as vice president at its organizational



meeting earlier this month. Along with Mays and Winter,

newcomer Tony Falcone (3rd from left) took the oath of office. The Board will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 5:30pm. Keep up with the latest Board of Education news, meeting sites and Board Notes at www.wlake.org.

Valentine's Day Parent Survival Night via eClub

The LBMS Environmental Club is hosting a Valentine's Day Parent Survival Night on Friday, Feb. 10, 6:00-9:30 pm at LBMS. Children will be served dinner (pizza), participate in age-appropriate games and activities in the gym, make a craft, watch a movie, and have a snack.

Cost is \$30 for the first child, \$20 for the

second child, and an additional \$10 for any other additional children.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. Due to high inquiries, please email DuboisC@wlake.org and include the number of children, name(s), parent's phone number, and any allergies. Payment is made on Feb. 10 at drop off (cash or check payable to Westlake Board of Education).

Health education workshop available for health teachers

ODE, Ohio Department of Health and Buckeye Healthy Schools Alliance are sponsoring a two-day health education workshop for middle and high school health teachers at the Hamilton County Public Health Department in Cincinnati. Participants will meet Feb. 24 to learn how to incorporate characteristics of effective health programs into their health curriculum/units/lesson plans then go back to their classrooms to implement and test these strategies. Participants will then

come back together on March 30 to discuss lessons learned and work through challenges in their classrooms. Cost to attend is \$20, which includes lunch for both days and all workshop materials. Registration is required at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e5hyyy9b40172276&llr=65jrrzdab>. Registration deadline is Feb.15. For questions contact Dawn Ayres, Office of Family and Community Support, at Dawn.Ayres@ode.state.oh.us or (614) 466-9271.

Preschool Teddy Bear Party

The preschoolers in the Early Childhood Program at Hilliard Elementary started the new year learning about Bears.

They read books regarding a variety of bears and their daily habits as well as hibernation. The children enjoyed reading *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* where they differentiated between real and pretend through stories.

They concluded the unit with a Teddy Bear Party. Children worked on the Language

Standard of Drafting, Revising and Editing by writing personalized invitations to their bears. During the party they measured their bears with standard and non-standard units of measures and then graphed the results.



Physical education evaluation training workshops

ODE developed a physical education evaluation instrument to help teachers determine if the benchmarks required by law are being met. SB210 identifies four components that will make up a measure which will be posted on the local and state report card. ODE will

hold free workshops:

- Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Northwest Ohio ESC;
- Wednesday, Feb. 15 – Muskingum Valley ESC;
- Thursday, Feb. 16 – Hancock County Agricultural Service Center;
- Friday, Feb. 17 – Butler Coun-

ty ESC.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>. For more information contact Lisa Lyle Henry at lisa.henry@ode.state.oh.us. Additional workshops will be held this spring.

Teach in Taiwan

Through a memorandum of understanding with Taiwan's Ministry of Education, Ohio teachers have the opportunity to spend a year living and teaching English in Taiwan. ODE invites elementary and middle school teachers to apply to participate in the Teaching in Taiwan program for the 2012-2013 school year. The deadline for applying is Friday, April 6. More information is available at <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=1699&Content=118526>, or by contacting Dwight Groce at dwight.groce@ode.state.oh.us.



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