

## Board fills vacant seat: Barb Leszynski

The Westlake Board of Education unanimously voted to appoint Barbara Leszynski to an open seat. Leszynski will serve out the remainder of the term of Andrea Rocco, who resigned effective March 6 for professional reasons, through Dec. 31, 2013. Leszynski is a retired seventh-grade science teacher with the North Olmsted City

Schools, where she served for 21 years. Her three children all graduated from WHS, and four grandchildren current attend Westlake Schools. Her daughter is an elementary intervention specialist with Westlake Schools. In her application, Leszynski said she is committed to continuing the Westlake Schools' excellence. She was



sworn in at a special meeting on March 21.

## LBMS Science Olympians advance to States

The LBMS Science Olympiad Team took third place overall at the regional competition, qualifying for state competition to be held April 28.

LBMS students won awards in all 23 events: two 7th place awards in Write It Do It and Mousetrap Vehicle; two 6th place awards in Experimental Design and Meteorology; a 5th place awards in Water Quality; 4th place awards in Mission Possible, Food Science and

Dynamic Planet; 3rd place awards in Towers, Storm the Castle, Road Scholar, Reach for the Stars, Forestry and Bottle Rockets; 2nd place awards for Rocks & Minerals, Keep the Heat, Disease Detectives, Crime Busters and Anatomy; and 1st place awards in Optics, Microbe Mission, Compute This and Awesome Aquifers.

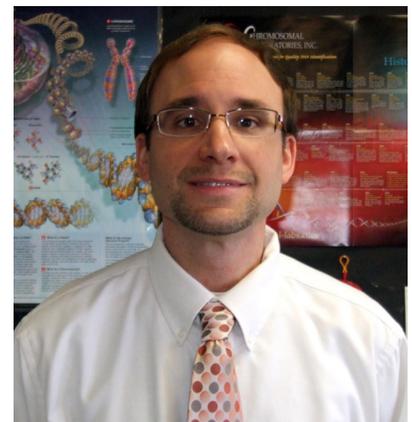
The LBMS team also received the Spirit Award due to the efforts of the LBMS team alternates, David Abbhul and Jackson Liang.

## Keith Ohnhaus earns Ohio PTA Outstanding Educator title

WHS science teacher Keith Ohnhaus was named the Ohio PTA District 12 Outstanding Educator. District 12 covers the outer ring of Cuyahoga County. Ohnhaus will be recognized at the 106th Ohio PTA Convention and Exhibition in Columbus in April. Ohnhaus initially was nominated for the Westlake

PTA Council honor of District Outstanding Educator.

Last year, former Hilliard Elementary Principal Mary Flanagan earned the state award. Flanagan retired last year after 41 years in education - 24 of those years served in Westlake.



## Griebel part of international education symposium

WCSD Director of Curriculum and Instruction Pam Griebel will attend Kent State University's College of Education, Health and Human Services' Canadian-American Symposium next month in Toronto, Ontario.

The invitational symposium will provide the opportunity for representatives from

Ohio's educational community – state-level policy makers, executive directors of education associations and leading Northeast Ohio educators – to learn from Ontario Ministry of Education and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, as well as to visit various school-based sites.

The visit, planned for April 2-4, will focus on two issues:

1. Establishing sustainable partnerships for increasing Ohio-Ontario K-12 and higher education collaborative learning opportunities.
2. Learning about Canadian K-12 educational successes and sharing the best practices of Ohio education and Ontario educators.

## Physical education evaluation training workshops

Senate Bill 210 identifies four components that will make up a new measure related to health and wellness that will appear on Local and State Report Cards for 2012-2013. Those components are the benchmark evaluation, body mass index (BMI), physical activity and compliance with local wellness policy.

ODE will hold a series of workshops to help

teachers learn about the evaluation instrument that will measure student success in meeting targets. Register through STARS by first accessing (or creating) a SAFE account at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>. Workshops will be offered throughout spring 2012. For more information, see the calendar link at the top of the page or contact Lisa Lyle Henry at [lisa.henry@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:lisa.henry@ode.state.oh.us).

## PTA Council's 'A Bloomin' Affair' flower sale is now open

In conjunction with Dean's Greenhouse and Nursery of Westlake, Westlake Council of PTAs is selling flats of spring and summer blooming herbs, annuals, greenery, and specialty annual plants. This year, all hanging plants and Westlake Pride patio pots will be available for pickup on May 9 ~ right in time for Mother's Day giving! Flats, herbs and annuals delivered in time for planting on May 23. Order deadline is April 5. Westlake Pride baskets are limited so hurry! Proceeds from the sale benefit the many community and parent programs offered by the Westlake Council of PTAs. Chairperson contact: Barbara Hall, 899.0742.



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