

Around the Schools

Collaboration Leads to Teacher Resource Tool

Westlake High School Social Studies and Language Arts teachers are collaborating with the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) to develop a webinar focusing on literature and history using the museum's permanent collection.

Social Studies teacher Beth Noren and Julie Davidson and Ann Hasenorhl from the WHS English Department participated in a telephone conference in late spring with CMA's Teaching and Learning staff to develop a general framework for the program, followed by a visit to the museum to meet the staff and flush out themes for the webinar. The team met over the summer to determine periods of history, works of literature and non-fiction, along with a selection of pieces from the museum's collection, to include in the program.

The 30-minute webinar will be available on the CMA's website and available to teachers across the country. The webinar will be an arts-integrated English-Language Arts teaching resource using images from the CMA's collection to introduce large themes from literature, as well as specific novels and other works perennially taught in schools. The project will include add-on modules for individual works of literature that end users (teachers) can choose from a list of options.



Ohio Superintendent of the Year



Westlake City School District Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. was selected as the Ohio Superintendent of the Year for 2014 through the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA). He was nominated for the award by Board of Education President Thomas Mays and Vice President Carol Winter.

Dr. Keenan will be honored at a Dec. 17 luncheon in Columbus. He will now compete for the American Association of School Administrators National Superintendent of the Year title.

Dr. Keenan joined the Westlake Schools in 2007. You can read more online at <http://www.wlake.org/School%20Publications/News%20Releases/News%20Releases%202013-2014/KeenanSuperofYear.pdf>.

Don't Forget to Vote!

For information on voting in the Nov. 5 General Election, visit <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us>. For facts on Issue 88 visit www.wlake.org.



Health & Safety Committee Recognized for Programming

The Westlake City Schools Health & Safety Committee was recognized for its bicycle and teen safety programs at its schools. The Greater Cleveland Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition awarded the Health & Safety Committee a Certificate of Achievement Award for Outstanding Partner with Safe Kids/Safe Communities for its Ride Your bike to School and Walk to School days. The awards were presented at the Safe Kids/Safe Communities annual recognition meeting.



2013 Sprout Music Showcase

The 2013 Sprout Music Showcase will raise dollars for Cleveland's Maasai Music Project, a program out of Lee Burneson Middle School that connects students, art, music and conversation around the globe. The Sprout Music Showcase will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Brothers Lounge, 11609 Detroit Ave., Cleveland. Tickets are \$10, or \$5 for 12 and under. All proceeds will benefit the Maasai Music Project. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/189345757915590/permalink/189345761248923/>.



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Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest

Samsung Corp. is giving away more than \$2 million in technology to schools to promote the community benefits of STEM-focused education. The contest is open to grade 6-12 teachers. Entrants must answer a few, simple questions about their school and STEM education. One school per state will win a technology kit to produce a video that explains how STEM can be applied to help improve the local community. Additionally, a school from each state will win a technology package worth at least \$20,000. Samsung will select five national winners to be honored at an event in Washington, D.C. next spring. Entries will be accepted at www.samsung.com/solve through Oct. 31.



The Stork Report

Parkside World Language teacher Megan Haniford and her husband, Lee, welcomed their first child, a daughter, on Sept. 30. Harper Elizabeth arrived at 8:26pm weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 21 inches long. Congratulations to the Lee and Parkside families on this latest addition.