

## Le Grand Concours 2012 has WHS, LBMS recognitions

WHS French students walked away with several top 10 finishes in the 2012 Grand Concours. Students of Nicolette Miller, Megan Murphy and Elisabeth Zingales earned national recognition for their performance on the exams: Benoit Aude-

bert, Alienor Wagner, Hayley Hartmann, Grace Karabinus, Rachel Passick, Samantha Chrin, Vanessa Melkian, Grace Yun, Juliane Coelho.

LBMS students similarly earned national recognition for their performance on the Grand Concours with

three top 10 finishers: Emma Franklin, Jessica Hook and Rachel Kim. More than half of Luda Grossman's French I students took the exam, all finishing in the Top 30. Hayley McIntyre and Emiily Spinelli were recognized for placing 12th nationally. Congratulations!

## State Fair offers free admission to 4th grade teachers

Ag is Cool is the theme of an agricultural education program at the Ohio State Fair, which runs from July 25 to Aug. 5 in Columbus. Students in the fourth grade during the 2011-2012 school year and a chaperone can attend the fair for free for one day simply by showing their report card at any entry gate. Fourth-grade teachers also may sign up for a coupon for a free one-day admission.

Students can write an essay about what they learned, while teachers can win a \$2,500 grant to use in their classrooms. There's also an agricultural-themed art competition for K-12 students. The program is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Farm Bureau, the Ohio State Fair and other agriculture partners. For more information, including contest flyers to distribute to students, visit <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/agiscool/>.

## WHS TechMates win Gravity Racing Challenge

WHS TechMates won the overall team championship in the high school division of the Gravity Challenge at Derby Downs Hill in Akron. The Screamin' Demons team had driver Paige Rimko, pit crew members Kartik Sastry, Nicholas Button, Nathan Bauer, Dylan Komowski and Justin

Jazwa, and the Demon Stars team had driver Jake Paul, pit crew members Nick Schmidt, Sam Kelemen, Nathan Greenberg and Andrew Kettel. They also placed first in the Team Spirit and Best Teamwork categories, and Program Cover Design, Team Shirt Design, Team Theme and

Banner Design contests.



## WHS artists contribute to Memory Project

National Art Honors Society and Art Club students from Westlake High School participated in The Memory Project, an organization that invites art students to create portraits for children and teens around

the world who have been orphaned, neglected or disadvantaged. The portraits will be delivered to the children as gifts to give them a special memory of their youth.



## Summer training for teaching financial literacy

Summer training programs for financial literacy will again be offered by several Centers for Economic Education in the state. The 2012 schedule is posted in the Teacher Academies section at <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?p>

age=3&TopicRelationID=1702&ContentID=40028. Course offerings include Teacher Academy II, middle grades training and an online financial education program. These sessions will prepare (not license) teachers to provide instruction in Financial Literacy.

The State Treasurer's Office is releasing a new online financial literacy tool, Money Matters 101, that is free and can be used in the classroom and at home. To register visit <http://moneymatters.tos.ohio.gov/>.

## Hilliard's Meecha receives iPad grant from Wal-mart

Hilliard Elementary School intervention specialist Christina Meecha received a \$500 grant from Wal-mart and Sam's Club to buy an iPad for her classroom. Meecha said students

unable to physically write will use the iPad touch screen to type or interact with various websites to reinforce lessons in both the regular education and special education classes.

Meecha received a \$250 grant earlier this year from Wal-mart for reading materials tied to mathematics concepts. She also earned a \$2,000 grant from Target for math literature.

## Register now for Ohio Safe Schools Summit this summer

Promoting safe school environments, sharing best practices and promoting collaboration between local schools and community partners is the goal of the 2012 Ohio Safe Schools Summit on July 24.

This one-day event will be held at the Quest Business & Conference Center in Columbus. The conference will focus on a four-part approach to school safety: prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Registration is now open at <http://registration.airprojects.org/regOHSafeSchoolSummit/>.



*Around the Schools is published weekly online by the Westlake City Schools communications department. Please forward information for publication to Communications Coordinator Kim Bonvissuto at the Administration Building, or call (440) 250-1258 or email [bonvissuto@wlake.org](mailto:bonvissuto@wlake.org). Deadline for submitting materials is Wednesday at Noon.*

*The Westlake City School District is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action agency and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, political affiliation or disability.*