

Around the Schools

WHS Halloween Fun Night



Westlake High School's annual Halloween Fun Night, organized by the Student Council, had record participation as 18 school clubs and teams came together to offer activities and early trick-or-treating for Westlake's younger residents. Activities included fortune telling, pumpkin bowling, face painting, Twister, musical chairs, obstacle course, limbo, haunted house, egg race and coloring. This year WHS Student Council asked parents to bring a food donation, which was sent along to Westlake Assistance.

WHS Senior Completes NASA Internship

Westlake High School senior Ethan Fitz assisted in ongoing research on droplet combustion in microgravity by analyzing and processing results from an experiment running on the International Space Station (ISS) remotely during an internship at NASA Glenn Research Center this summer.

Ethan was part of the Glenn High School Internship Project/Small Business Innovation Program (GHIP/SBIR), an eight-week paid summer internship for students interested in careers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and professional administration at NASA Glenn. The project engages high school sophomores and juniors in potential careers in research and development under the mentorship of a scientist, engineer, technical or administrative professional.



Ethan was involved with the FLEX (Flame Extinguishment Experiment) Project that measures the effectiveness of inert gases as fire suppressants in microgravity. You can view his PowerPoint presentation at <http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/School%20Publications/News%20Releases/News%20Releases%202013-2014/Final%20Presentation%20for%20GHIP.pdf>

Election Day 2013

Tomorrow is Election Day. Don't forget to vote!
Voting at the polls? Find your polling location
at <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/>.



Parkside Egg Drop Experiment

The Parkside Egg Drop was the first big lab activity of the year. The purpose of this activity was to give the students a chance to find a creative solution to a problem and to use the steps of the Scientific Method in their lab report. Some of the students had done a similar project in the past but this time at least ¼ of the egg had to be showing on the outside of their Egg Drop Container.

View the slideshow at <http://www.wlake.org/schools/parkside/6C/Pages/Mr.-Gast's-Egg-Drop-2013.aspx>



Free Community Family Wellness Night

The Westlake City Schools, in partnership with the Westlake Recreation Department and St. John Medical Center, is presenting a free Community Family Wellness Night on Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Westlake Recreation Center.

The event, geared toward preschool to fourth grade children and their families, will include information on internet safety, concussions in children, eye care, fun activities and free health evaluations, including blood pressure checks, chair massages and body fat measurements. This is not a drop-off event. Adults must be present with children. For more information call 440.827.5440.



TechMates Research Fairview Townhouse

WHS Technical Drawing/Design Honors classes researched first-hand what it means to design an "Urban Glass House."

In preparation for the 17th annual Student Model Home Design Contest, they ventured into the heart of the historic Little Italy neighborhood to study a unique home designed by Cleveland architect Stephen J. Bucchieri of Bucchieri Architects. His townhouse was built in a neighborhood of streets lined with two and three-story single-family residences on deep, narrow city lots. This is a house built on a lot that used to have two houses on it.

Free Veterans Day Observance Resources

Ohio law requires that each school devote at least one hour or one standard class period on or around Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to an observance that conveys the meaning and significance of the day. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides a free teachers guide and other materials to assist in lesson and event planning at <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>.



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