

Hilliard, Bassett are Blue Ribbon nominees

Westlake's Bassett and Hilliard elementary schools are two of only 14 outstanding schools in Ohio nominated by the state for the 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools award.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award highlights and gives recognition to schools producing outstanding results for all students regardless of race or socioeconomic status. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is part of a larger U.S. Depart-

ment of Education effort to identify best school leadership and teaching practices.

Both Bassett and Hilliard were nominated based on Exemplary High Performing, highlighting the fact that both schools are among the state's highest performing schools as measured by performance on state assessments. Bassett earned the top score of Excellent on the most recent state report card and a Performance Index Score of 110.8, which

reflects the achievement of every student. Hilliard also earned an Excellent on the state report card and posted a Performance Index Score of 110.1.

Both schools will submit formal applications for the award to the U.S. Department of Education. Schools must meet adequate yearly progress requirements for the current school year to receive the Blue Ribbon award. Winning schools will be notified in September.

LBMS, Parkside students move on to state Bee

LBMS 7th grader Justin Krantz and Parkside 6th grader Patrick Lee won the school-level competitions of the 24th annual National Geographic Bee and qualified to compete at the state level next month after achieving a top score on a written exam.

In March, the school-level winners will compete to represent Ohio at the national contest in Washington, D.C., in May. The national winner earns a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership to the national Geographic Society.

LBMS E-Club Idol at PAC

The LBMS Environmental Club will host an E-Club Idol at the Westlake Schools Performing Arts Center on Saturday, March 10. Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 6:30pm. Tickets \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Email duboisc@wlake.org for tickets. Audience participation in judging.

WEF logo design contest

The Westlake Education Foundation is sponsoring a graphic design logo contest open to all WHS students. A \$250 cash prize will be awarded to the winning graphic designer. Download Contest Guidelines and Release Form from the WEF site at www.wlake.org. All questions should be directed to marketing@westlakeeducationfoundation.org.

Parkside Math Club earns GCCTM trophies, ribbons

Parkside Math Club teams took home four trophies and four championship ribbons from the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual problem Solving Tournament on Feb. 25.

The following teams earned trophies:

- Patrick Lee, Kyle Kinney, Ryan Karpuska, and Neil McGrogan
- Steven Brewer, Cory DuBois, Patrick Smith, and Donovan DuBois
- Angela Zhu, Akshya Dhinakaran, Talya Seter, and

Claire Brewer

- Esther Park, Chad Sargent, Akhilesh Reddy, and Amin Bouzkam

The following teams were awarded

championship ribbons:

- Samil Sasain, Alex Rujawitz, Rachael Kaiser, and Aaron Kim
- Megan Fulton, Angela Campo, Kate Fulton, and



Kara McNeilly

- Holly Tomkalski, Maria Alamir, Crystal Zhao, and Miranda Li
- Matthew Eppelle, Sophia Peck, Nick Bauer, and Robert Fulo

School Safety Hotline, crisis plans in place for district

Last Monday's event at Chardon High School is a sobering and unfortunate reminder that we need to remain vigilant in keeping safety as a first priority.

The Westlake Schools have a crisis plan in place to deal with emergency situations. That plan is reviewed annually by Westlake's safety forces.

A reminder that the district also has an anonymous School Safety Line at 440.250.1199 for anyone to report threats or suspicious activity.

Extending our deepest sympathies . . .

Parkside Cook Manager Cathy Murphy recently lost her aunt, Mary J. Gosselin. Gosselin served as an assistant head cook at WHS for 13 years before retiring in 1981. Please keep the Murphy and Gosselin families in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Please also remember the staff, students and community of Chardon as they work through the tragic loss of three high school students following last week's tragic event. Our support goes out to the school community as they begin a very difficult healing process.



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