

WHS students earn literary awards from CC

Ten WHS English students earned awards from the Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Language Project for their literary interpretations of peer-conducted scientific research. Mindy Clark, Amy Klenz and Ann Peebles each had students submit entries. Winners were:

- Blue Ribbon: junior Carly Parker for "Each New Day."
- Red Ribbons: sophomore Eleni Packis for "White Walls" and junior Angel Tran for "This Bright Light."
- White Ribbons: junior Victoria Floyd for "The Trap," junior Izabela Jamsek for "Darkness Dreams

Up Babies," sophomore Allyson Pesta for "If Only," sophomore Nicole Radish for "Miss Angeli" and sophomore Ryan Thaxton for "The Last Two Weeks."

- Honorable Mentions: sophomore Liana Huge for "Hospice" and junior Cara Murthy for "Hospice."

International Baccalaureate PYP update

Colleen Mudore and Deb Wadden recently led a meeting for Porter Public Library's Youth Services staff to help familiarize them with the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP). Mudore and Wadden, who are IB Coordinator Designates for Westlake's elementary schools, introduced concepts of the IB PYP, including the Learner Profile, Transdisciplinary Themes and the Action Cycle. Youth Services librarians participated in creation of

their own Essential Agreement for their meetings. With a shared understanding of the IB PYP, library and elementary school staff can collaborate to assist Westlake elementary students in their inquiries. Bassett, Dover, Hilliard and Holly Lane schools are currently in the Consideration Phase, with plans for applying to be IB PYP Candidate schools this spring. Learn more about IB PYP at <http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/IB/>

Cheers & Tears . . .

WHS Assistant Principal Mike May and his wife, Jessica, welcomed Ethan Michael May on Jan. 25. Ethan was 8 lbs. 11 oz, 20.5 inches long. Congratulations!

Norma Todd, retired WHS assistant cook, recently lost her husband, Hasting, 83, who is the father of Sharon Bury, a WHS assistant cook. Please keep the Todd and Bury families in your thoughts.

Administrative change

After six years as business director for the Westlake Schools, Dave Puffer has transitioned into the new role of District Supervisor of Construction Projects. Stan Lipinski joins Westlake as interim Business Director to finish out Puffer's contract through this summer, when a permanent replacement will be named. Mindful of recent changes and a commitment to sound fiscal practices, no additional dollars were spent as the two positions equal one, in terms of salary & benefits.

Demons athletic signings

Four WHS Demon student-athletes have made their college decisions official today. Rachel Evans will attend Gannon University in



Pennsylvania to continue her soccer career; Kyle Perkins will attend Notre Dame College to continue his football career; Alec Ferrell will attend Wake Forest University to continue his soccer career; and Anthony Zappone will

attend Eastern Michigan University to continue his football career.

Congratulations to these students and their coaches!



Board accepting applications to fill upcoming vacancy

After more than a decade on the Board of Education, Andrea Rocco is stepping down due to a conflict with her new job in Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald's cabinet.

The Board is now accepting applications to fill the vacancy. Applications will be accepted through March 2. The Board anticipates naming an appointment at the March 26

regular meeting.

The appointee will finish out the remainder of the term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2013.

Check Applitrack for available positions in WCSD

The following positions are posted and available on www.applitrack.com:

- *WHS Head Cook*. 8 hours/day, \$11.62-\$19.93/hour.
- *WHS Secretary to Assistant Principal*. 8 hours/day, 10.25 months, \$2,253-\$3,520/month.

Check www.applitrack.com for updated positions and information on employment.



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