

Around the Schools

LBMS Teams Tops in OML



LBMS seventh and eighth grade math teams captured first place in the region and third place in Ohio out of 75 schools in the 2014 Ohio Math League Contest. A school's team score is comprised of the five highest individual scores in each grade level. The LBMS seventh-grade team consisted of Angela Zhu, Amin Boukzam, Finsam Samson, Marty Schaefer and Akshya Dhinakaran. Angela ranked first in the region and seventh in the state, while Amin and Finsam tied for third in the region and 13th in the state. Mary and Akshya's scores placed them in the top 20 individually. The LBMS eighth-grade team included Ryan Karpuszka, Patrick Lee, Lali Kulshreshtha, Kyle Yu, Sean Rossander, Miranda Li, Donovan DuBois, Sanil Gosain and Patrick Smith. Ryan and Patrick's scores ranked them third in the region and sixth in the state individually. The LBMS Math Club advisor is seventh-grade math teacher Anne Dill.

Hilliard Harvest for Hunger Campaign Surpasses Goal

Hilliard Elementary School surpassed its \$1,200 goal and raised \$2,263.05 – enough to buy 9,052 meals – through the annual Harvest for Hunger campaign, "Generosity in Bloom." Hilliard second grade students made daily announcements about hunger, third grade students made posters, and fourth graders and Project LINK after school students created hundreds of "thank you" buttons for contributors. Along with the donations, the school also collected 390 pounds of food. Because the school's \$1,200 goal was reached, students will be rewarded with a Pajama Day and sustained silent reading in a room of their choice on April 17. This is the 13th consecutive year Hilliard Elementary has participated in the campaign. Since 2002, the school has collected \$35,844.65 and 3,919 pounds of food. Hilliard Librarian/Media Specialist Kim Geletka organized this year's Harvest for Hunger Committee.

Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a poster contest for students in Grades 1-6. Poster entries should demonstrate the actions students can take before, during and after severe weather events to protect themselves and others. April 16 is the deadline for submitting your school's first-place posters (per grade) to its regional National Weather Service office. Schools will be notified of their regional winners by the end of May. For complete rules and forms to participate, visit <http://weathersafety.ohio.gov/Documents/JustForKids/2014PosterContestRules.pdf>.

WHS Senior Represents Ohio at National German Contest



Westlake High School senior Kristen Vellinga was selected by the Ohio chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German as the state representative to advance to the national level competition for a study abroad trip to Germany for graduating seniors this summer. Kristen qualified for the honor after placing in the 90th percentile on the National German Exam Level 4 and completing a telephone interview with the testing committee chair. Nearly 21,000 students from across the country participated in the exam this year. Each exam is comprised of 100 questions, including multiple choice, matching, true/false and fill-in-the-blank. There is a listening/viewing portion of the test, and an interpretive reading and text completion portion. Read more at <http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/School%20Publications/News%20Releases/News%20Releases%202013-2014/KristenVellingaGermanExam.pdf>.



The Stork Report

Senior Network Technician Ron Stephenson and Hilliard preschool attendant Donna Stephenson became grandparents for a second time when they welcomed Chase Jacob Parker to the family on March 3. Chase was 8 pounds, 15.4 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins big brother Caden, 2, at home with parents Jenny (WHS 2000) and Les Parker of Lima. Congratulations!

403(b) Plan Annual Notice

Employees of the WCSD are eligible to participate in the Westlake City School District Section 403(b) Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan permits you to elect to defer a portion of your salary or wages on a pre-tax basis. Please contact the Treasurer's office if you would like to defer compensation under the Plan, or would like to change the amount that you are deferring under the Plan. In 2014, the general limitation on deferral under the Plan is \$17,500 and the Age 50 catch-up contribution limit is \$5,500. Also, please be advised copies of the Employee Summary of the Plan, list of Plan Providers, Salary Reduction Agreement, and Plan document are available on the web at: <http://wlake.org/departments/treasurer/Pages/403b-Documentation.aspx>

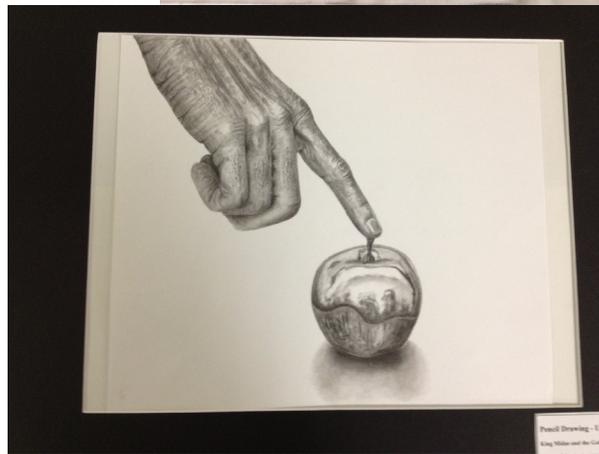


Latin Club Earns Top 10 Finishes at State Contest

At the 2014 Ohio Junior Classical League Convention in Columbus, the WHS Latin Club brought home a series of awards for academic contests, artistic competitions, games and colloquia on different classical subjects. Katerina Packis took several first-place awards, along with the Best of Show award:

- “The Seer” ink drawing
- “Roman Street” mixed media
- “Pandora” oil and acrylic
- “King Midas and the Golden Apple” pencil drawing (below, right)

The Latin Club, as a whole, received a Superior Gold Medal for service projects completed throughout the year, including Halloween Fun Night, help with the Westlake Junior Women’s Club Foundation’s’ Basket of Treasures event and work with Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The club’s banner (above, right) also earned a Superior Gold Medal.



LBMS Writers Named State Finalists in Library of Congress Contest



Letters from 14 LBMS students are among the top 20% selected as state finalists in the Library of Congress' Letters About Literature 2014 contest. Deb Schrembeck's Language Arts students wrote letters to authors about how their work affected them. LBMS' 14 letters are among the 101 Level II finalists. Nationally, about 8,000 letters make it to state-level judging. First-place state winners at each level will go on to national competition. All of the state finalist letters will be forwarded to living authors in hopes of a personal reply. Good luck!

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica Inductions

The WHS Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, an honor society for high school students enrolled in Spanish and Portuguese, inducted 43 new members. Officers pictured with Advisor Anne-Frances Zaborniak are President Katie Routhier, Treasurer Aly Silver, Vice President Elizabeth Raiff and Secretary Anna Boor. The group recognizes high achievement of high school students in Spanish and Portuguese languages and promotes a continuing interest in Hispanic and Luso Portuguese studies.

