

# AROUND THE SCHOOLS



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## WCSD earns 2nd listing on AP Honor Roll

Westlake is one of fewer than 400 public school districts in the nation being honored by the College Board with a place on the 2nd Annual AP Honor Roll. The award honors those districts that increase access to AP coursework while maintaining the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher

on AP exams.

Achieving both goals indicates that a district is successfully identifying motivated, academically-prepared students who are likely to benefit most from AP coursework.

Westlake is one of 23 Ohio

school districts to be listed on the honor roll – one of seven in Northeast Ohio – and one of only two to achieve the distinction for two consecutive years.

The complete honor roll can be viewed at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

## Targeted PD meetings scheduled for educators

More than 500 evening workshops covering Ohio's revised standards and new model curricula for English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies educators have been scheduled. Registration is available by accessing STARS through individual SAFE accounts - <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal> - and searching for keywords: targeted professional development. The meetings begin this

month and continue through May 2012; registrants should sign up for only two of the meetings: one during the period of October through December (Standards and Model Curricula 101) and one from January through May (Curriculum Revision).

For more information concerning registration, contact [lisa.simpson@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:lisa.simpson@ode.state.oh.us).

## Holly Lane honors veterans

Once again Holly Lane will pay tribute to our brave Veterans on Nov. 10. The program will begin at 1pm and the theme is "Reflect and Honor" Students will participate with songs and readings to highlight this special day.

All are welcome to attend.

## LBMS eClub collecting phones

The LBMS Environmental Club is taking action to help the environment, along with helping gorillas and their habitats. To help, just find any used, working or not, cell phones and bring them to school. There will be a container located in the main offices at each building (except WHS) waiting for your donation.

## Dover Jump for Heart raises more than \$3,000

Dover's Jump Rope for Heart, coordinated by physical education teacher Jake Percival, raised more than \$3,000 for the American Heart Association to help fight two of our nation's leading causes of death – heart disease and stroke.

The event also funds educational programs to teach children the importance of exercise, eating well and staying healthy.



## Focus groups to vet new world language standards

The ODE has completed a draft revision of Ohio's current academic content standards for grades K-12 foreign language. The new Ohio K-12 World Language Academic Content Standards are now available for general public

review and comment. ODE will conduct focus groups throughout the state during the second half of October and early November. Participants will review, discuss and provide feedback on the draft revised standards. To partici-

pate in a focus group, registration is available by accessing STARS (through individual SAFE accounts at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>) and searching for keywords: World Language. A list of focus group locations will appear.

## Click, Check and Protect e-newsletter available online

The "Click, Check and Protect" program supported by Consumer Reports and the National School Safety Coalition launched a new e-newsletter to help keep kids safe. The free e-newsletter provides weekly safety and recall information to parents, teachers, caregivers, schools and organizations who sign up

Sign up at <http://www.nspra.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=1619&qid=108120> for information on recalled products impacting children.



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