

Around the Schools

Face Painting at the Zoo



WHS Art Club and National Art Honor Society members volunteered for face painting at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Sept. 29 for the Juvenile Diabetes Walk. Participating were Julia Chen, Hon Kwok, Thome Reusser, Calvin Pozderac, Maryam Ahmad, Kylie Hulver and art teacher Kelly Atkinson.

Be Informed: Know the Facts About Issue 88

The Westlake City Schools placed a 5.4-mill operating levy on the Nov. 5 ballot to maintain what the district has now. Issue 88 will allow Westlake Schools to remain fiscally sound for the next five years without drastic cuts to programming - music, arts, honors classes, AP classes, transportation. The district cut \$5 million over the past three years - or 10 percent of its budget. If the levy fails in November, Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. will recommend another \$2.2 million in cuts, which may include eliminating 30-plus teaching positions and seven to 10 non-teaching positions; imposing additional transportation cuts; eliminating access to school buildings after hours; either significantly increasing tuition for all-day kindergarten or eliminating all-day kindergarten; reducing athletics, music and arts offerings or imposing significant pay-to-participate costs; cutting AP offerings; and delaying or eliminating International Baccalaureate programs. For more information visit www.wlake.org.



Are you registered to vote?

For information on registering to vote, visit <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us>. Any qualified Ohio voter whose registration information is up to date may request and vote an absentee ballot. Early voting for the Nov. 5 General Election began Oct. 1. Visit the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections site for information on absentee voting.



Meet the Friends of the Library Board

The Friends of Porter Public Library's Board invites you to an Open House on Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30-7pm. Chat with the Friends board, enjoy refreshments and learn about membership benefits and volunteer opportunities.



The Stork Report

Congratulations to Hilliard Intervention Specialist Kelly Hoover and her husband, Greg, on the birth of Clayton Brooks Hoover on Sept. 30 at 6:33pm. Clayton checked in at 8.8 pounds and 19.5 inches long. He joins big sister Caroline at home. Congratulations to the Hoover and Hilliard families on this latest addition.



Back To The Wild

WHS junior Devon Smith started a collection drive to benefit Back to the Wild, a wildlife rehabilitation center in Castalia, Ohio, as part of her service project for Girl Scouts. She is looking for 33- or 39-gallon trash bags, flashlights and batteries, large disposable vinyl gloves, 9"x12" mailing envelopes, Zip Loc freezer bags, paper towels and large Playtex rubber gloves. The collective drive runs Nov. 1-16 and items can be left in a box at Porter Public Library or some schools. For more information contact Devon at 440.777.1554 or ksmith@os-vstudios.com.

Dates to Celebrate

October is Bullying Prevention Month, Dental Hygiene Month and National Book Month

- Oct. 7-11 = Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 14 = Native American Day & Columbus Day
- Oct. 14-18 = Earth Science Week &
- Oct. 21-25 = School Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 31 = Happy Halloween!
- School Lunch Week