

Around the Schools

The Blue & The Gray



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LBMS 8th graders took part in the 14th annual Civil War Encampment and the 24th annual Blue and Gray Ball. LBMS had 220 students at the Ball and 205 at the Encampment. There were 24 acts in the Encampment with 28 performers. The Ball featured a grand march in, a silent tribute, two waltzes, two Virginia Reels, a six-man play, trumpeted Taps, the LBMS Brigade singing the Battle Hymn, and more.

WHS Junior Finalist in National Architecture Contest

WHS junior Cal Craven is among the finalists who submitted a design project to redesign the high school athletic pavilion to promote healthy lifestyles as part of the Chicago Architecture Foundation DiscoverDesign.org National High School Architecture Competition. A jury of 35 architects, engineers and designers from across the country evaluated the entries. Winners will be announced June 12. All 10 finalist projects can be seen at DiscoverDesign.org/competition2014. The CAF received submissions from 219 teens from 29 high schools in 12 states.



LBMS Displays Selfless Service

When Dennis Sullivan's 7th graders learned that they had won the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pasta for Pennies contest at the school, they made a startling request. The students asked that the Olive Garden lunch they won for their classroom is donated to the Ronald McDonald House, a home-away-from home for families of children being treated at Cleveland-area hospitals. Lunch was delivered to those families on May 29.

"Many families on our team are currently personally affected by cancer," said Sullivan, seventh-grade Social Studies teacher and middle school Athletic Director. "The most incredible act was to donate the motivational lunch back to the hospital. I am extremely proud of all the kids in my homeroom."

The Pasta for Pennies program encourages students to collect spare change over a three-week period. Lee Burneson Middle School donated a collective \$3,844.55 – the ninth highest amount raised out of 466 Northeast Ohio schools that participated in the fundraiser. Sullivan's class collected \$504.04.



Hilliard Reads Rewards 58 Students

Each year, Kim Geletka and Trudy Pauken organize a family reading program at Hilliard. For this year's "Hilliard Reads" initiative families shared 15 books over the course of six months. Families read 5 books from October – November, focusing on fall/Halloween/Thanksgiving themes; December – January, focusing on winter/holiday/celebration themes; and February – March, focusing on spring/Valentine's Day/spring holiday themes, for a total of 15 books read and shared by April 1. When a family filled out and signed a book-log, the student received a new book-log to record the next 5 entries. Students who fulfilled the 15 book requirement were invited to an after-school celebration. 58 students participate in "Hilliard Reads."



Pharming Effects Promotes Prevention

Last month, WHS Leadership Challenge and SADD students, led by Kathy McGinty, presented "Pharming Effects" to all sophomore health classes. The "Pharming Effects" program is funded through a grant from Cardinal Health. It was written by "Youth to Youth," a prevention organization in the state of Ohio. Pharming Effects was done as an arm of the school district's comprehensive prevention programming. The presentations are done by high school students incorporating current research on drug abuse. Prescription drug abuse is on the rise and the Westlake City School District wants to reach kids before they begin to experiment. Research confirms that peer prevention works.

Charlotte's Web at Dover Elementary

Karen Huber's 4th graders re-enacted Charlotte's Web last week.



Dear Business Owners and Employees,

As the school year comes to a close, I'd like to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" for all the support and encouragement you as business owners, managers, and co-workers have provided the Westlake Work Study students. In a struggling economy it's very difficult for teens to find employment since most of the jobs they typically would apply for are now being occupied by adults. In the past, pursuing a job used to take a few weeks now it takes months.

Over the past 11 years Westlake Work Study students have received so much more than a pay check. Participating in the Work Study program provides students' credit towards graduation based on how many hours they work. While employed other things evolve as well; students' self-esteem increases, a feeling of accomplishment, pride, learning how to communicate with co-workers, affective ways to deal with conflicts, forming new friendships, starting their first bank account, money/time management, and financial responsibilities. These attributes turn our teenagers into productive young adults and help shape their futures. Without the support of the Westlake and surrounding area businesses' there would be fewer young adults knowing what path to take after graduation.

I also want to thank all the area businesses that help support our Community Based Job Training Programs through West Shore Career Technical District. These programs help our students learn appropriate skills in the areas of employability, personal and independent living and skills necessary to enter into other career-technical education programs within the West Shore Career Technical District. We are lucky to have a variety of work settings which leads to occupational awareness. Each setting is designed to provide competencies in employability skills that include job attainment, time management, and teamwork. The teacher, educational aide, and work place mentors of each business make this amazing program possible. Because of their dedication and hard work our students who may have started with barriers to employment now have a sense of EQUALITY, DIGNITY and PRIDE.

Last but not least we can't forget to thank the agencies that have provided on going supports, experiences, and training for our students as they become young adults, these agencies are Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) also known as Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) and Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD). Both agencies work together with area businesses that provide on the job training, certificated programs, job development and placement as well as training in regards to living independently.

A special thank you and a good bye go out to the wonderful staff at XIM for helping shape the lives of so many Westlake students. The news of the closing was very sad and emotional for many employees, specifically those employees who were former Work Study students. Throughout my eleven years as the Work Study Coordinator XIM has consistently hired Work Study students for summer help, permanent part-time and full-time positions with benefits. Thank you for not only employing Westlake students but also for making them feel like they were a part of a family. The staff was always encouraging, respectful and understanding of each and every student.

Sincerely,

**Tabatha Devine
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The following businesses' have provided a path to employment and beyond:

Alltel- North Olmsted
 Arrabiata's-Bay Village
 Avon Oaks Country Club- Avon
 B&B Paper Products-Cleveland
 Bay Corporation- Westlake
 Bonne Bell-Westlake
 Boston Market- North Olmsted
 BP-Westlake
 Burger King- North Olmsted
 Café Roma-Cleveland
 Calvary Daycare-Lakewood
 Child's View-North Olmsted
 Dean's Greenhouse- Westlake
 Devon Oaks-Westlake
 Dolce Wraps- Rocky River
Drug Mart- North Olmsted, Westlake
 Eliza Jennings- Cleveland
 Fit Works-Rocky River
 Five Guys- Westlake
 Frankie's Pizza-North Olmsted
 Friendly's – Westlake
 Gale's Nursery- Avon Lake
 Gas USA- Cleveland
 Gepetto's-Westlake
 Giant Eagle-Westlake
 Goodwill Inc.-Cleveland
 Goodwill Store- North Olmsted
 Heinen's –Avon, Bay Village
 Hollister-Crocker Park
 Home Depot- North Olmsted
 Houlihan's-Westlake
 Hungry Howies-Westlake
 Industrial Electric-Westlake
 Jimmy John's-North Olmsted
 Joe's Convenient-Cleveland
 Just-A-Buck- Parma, Rocky River
 K-Mart- Westlake
 Lakewood Hospital- Lakewood
 Lazcaz Mexican-Westlake
 Lutheran Home-Westlake
 Marc's-Rocky River, Westlake
 Marriott- Airport- Cleveland

Max & Erma's- Westlake
 McDonald's – North Olmsted, Rocky River,
 Westlake
 Nature's Bin-Lakewood
 Nobel Foods Market-Cleveland
 NTB- North Olmsted
 Oatey- Cleveland
 Office Max- Westlake
 Olive Garden-North Olmsted
 Olive Tree-North Olmsted
 Outback Steakhouse-Westlake
 Panera Bread- Westlake
 Pet Smart-Cleveland
Pet's Supplies Plus- Fairview, North Olmsted
 Rad Air- Westlake
Rae Ann Skilled Nursing and Rehab Facility-
 Westlake
 Regal Cinema- Crocker Park
 Romeo's Pizza-Westlake
 Sheraton Airport
 Speedy Gas Station-North Olmsted
 St. Ladislas- Westlake
 Starbucks-Westlake
 Step by Step—Cleveland
 Stonehouse Grill-Westlake
 STRIP Steakhouse-Avon
 Sturbridge Apartments-Westlake
 Subway- Westlake
Sun Rise Nursing Facility-Rocky River
 Taco Bell- Westlake.
 TJMax-North Olmsted
 United Cerebral Palsy- Cleveland
Vocational Guidance Services- Cleveland
 VSM Sewing Inc.- Westlake
 Wagner's Country Inn- Westlake
 Wendy's -Westlake
 Westlake High School
 Westlake Rec. Center-Westlake
 White Oak's Restaurant-Westlake
 Winking Lizard-Avon
 XIM Products Inc.-Westlake
 Zeppe's- Westlake

