

Around the Schools

... a publication for and
about Westlake City
Schools employees

Skyping with worms

Cindy Vessalo's 6th graders talked vermiculture with a 4th grade class in Copley via Skype before break. Parkside students were able to ask questions of the Copley students, who have worked on worm composting projects for years.

Technology Resource Specialist Kurt Thonnings worked the technology end to make the exchange happen.

The planned four-year project also is crossing grade levels. Dawn Dawson's 5th graders will graph findings from three grade levels online. Sixth graders will conduct vermiculture/soil studies and look at environmental issues. They will send the humus they produce to Matt Bourn's 7th graders at LBMS for plant studies. Sandy Vontroba's 8th graders will conduct soil/chemical analysis.

Thonnings sent up a Wikki that Vessalo's students will post instructional videos to after securing their own worm bin (secured through a PTA grant). This will also be the site the 7th grade will post their information and the 5th grade will graph the data.

Bond issue resources

As May 4 draws closer, you may field more questions about the 3.4-mill, \$84 million bond issue the school district has on the ballot to address facilities.

There is an array of information on our web site -- www.wlake.org. You can click on the Bond Issue Info button or check out the Quick Links at the top of the page. Clicking on the Bond Issue Info button takes you to a fact sheet about the bond issue. There are additional links on the left side of the fact sheet page that offer information pertaining to the 20/20 Vision Committee process, documentation on facilities, a frequently asked questions page and architecture reports.

If you still have questions, feel free to contact me at bonvissuto@wlake.org or 440.250.1258.

Harvest for Hunger

Hilliard Elementary surpassed its \$1,500 goal to collect \$1,857.12 for Harvest for Hunger. The staff and students put on a series of events to raise awareness and dollars, including a silent auction, celebrity classroom visits by teachers in costume, pin sales, posters, morning announcements and a St. Patrick's Day luncheon. For their efforts, students earned silent sustained reading in the room of their choice and a chance to wear their PJ's to school on the day before Spring Break.

Master Teacher training sessions

Training sessions have been scheduled for April and May to provide updates on the Master Teacher program; a licensure overview with emphasis on Senior Professional and Lead Professional Educator Licenses; and training for Master Teacher scoring. Training sites include: Wilmington, Valley View, Cincinnati, Zanesville, Dayton, Delaware and Bowling Green. Dates, times and locations can be found in STARS. Registration also is through STARS, which can be accessed through a SAFE account at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal/>.

Teacher license renewal deadlines

Teachers with licenses expiring in 2010 who have completed coursework and met other requirements, including LPDC approvals, are encouraged to send in their applications to renew or transition their licenses now. The high volume of requests during the busy summer season can lead to delays in processing of licensure applications and background checks. To start the renewal process, visit <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=1283&ContentID=1026>

Wylie Walk

The 3rd annual Wylie Walk-a-Thon to support the Foundation for Retinal Research will be held Saturday, May 8, in honor of Allan Wylie, a preschool student at Hilliard Elementary diagnosed with Leber's Congenital Amaurosis (LCA) at 4 months of age.

LCA is a rare, hereditary disorder that leads to retinal dysfunction and visual impairment at an early age. The Wylie Walk-a-Thon will support research into this disease.

For more information or to register for the walk or donate, visit www.tfrr.org, click on Upcoming Events and scroll down to Wylie's 3rd Annual Walk-a-Thon. Questions can be directed to Kim Wylie at kim.wylie@amgreetings.com or 440.552.8327. The walk will be held at Morgan's Hollow reserved picnic shelter in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks.

Allan's brother, Jacob, attends 1st grade at Holly Lane.



Hilliard Elementary fourth-grade teacher Kim Toncar was selected as the MonSTAR Teacher of the Month for April after being nominated by her student, Sameer Shah. The award, presented by national City Bank, recognizes teachers making a difference in the lives of their students. Sully, the Lake Erie Monsters mascot, surprised Toncar in her classroom in March. She received free game tickets and will receive an in-game recognition.

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Music in Our Schools

The Parkside 6th grade Bands completed a 3-week Practice Record contest celebrating "Music In Our Schools" Month, a national celebration of school music. The combined 6th grade bands turned in a total of 24,128 minutes of home practice during the 3-week time period.

Weekly prizes were awarded

to both bands, with support from, Regal Cinemas, Barnes & Nobles, Fairview Lanes, Friendship House-Musical Gifts and the Westlake Music Boosters. Grand Prize drawings were held with gifts from Driscolls Music and Rettig Music, and a luncheon for 4 from Liquid Planet- Crocker Park.

Thanks to all our sponsors and parents for their support of the program.

Grand Prize winners were Brittney Gulla and Sierra Swisher.

Luncheon winners were Cameron Theis, Ivana Alar, Marissa Busch, and Sierra Swisher.

Great Programming on WHBS

- April 12 A: Green & White Review 2005
B: Classic Zone #1 Year #12 (2007)
- April 13 A: Classic Zone #6 Year #12 (2007)
B: Classic Zone #15 Year #12 (2007)
- April 14 A: Green & White Review 2006
B: Classic Zone #20 Year #12 (2008)
- April 15 A: Green & White Review 2008
B: Classic Zone #24 Year #12 (2008)
- April 16 A: Green & White Review 2009
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #25
- April 17 A: Green & White Review 2009
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #25
- April 18 A: Green & White Review 2009
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #25

Program A begins at: 8am, Noon, 4pm, 8pm, Midnight, 4am
Program B begins at: 10:10am, 2:10pm, 6:10pm, 10:10pm, 2:10am, 6:10am
WHBS sponsor credits begin at: 7:50am, 3:50pm, 7:50pm, 11:50pm, 3:50am

Co-Curricular Positions for 2010-11

CHORUS:

**INTERMEDIATE DIRECTOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

BAND:

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR
INTERMEDIATE DIRECTOR**

YEARBOOK:

**HS ADVISOR
MS ADVISOR
INTERMEDIATE ADVISOR**

NEWSPAPER:

**HS ADVISOR
MS ADVISOR**

DRAMA:

**HS ADVISOR
MS ADVISOR**

STUDENT COUNCIL:

**MS ADVISOR
INTERMEDIATE ADVISOR**

CLASS ADVISOR:

**SENIOR CLASS
JUNIOR CLASS
SOPHOMORE CLASS
FRESHMAN CLASS**

LITERARY MAGAZINE HS ADVISOR

BAND:

**HEAD DIRECTOR
HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT
DEMONETTES
DEBONAIRES
MAJORETTES
MS JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

PEP BAND DIRECTOR

CHORAL FALL MUSICAL DIRECTOR

WHBS TV:

**WHBS HS ADVISOR
HS TECHNICAL ASSISTANT
HS FIELD ASSISTANT**

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

**HS ADVISOR (INCLUDES: STUDENT
COUNCIL, PRIDE, PRESIDENT'S BOARD,
RED CROSS)**

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA HS ADVISOR

HONORS ORCHESTRA MS ADVISOR

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY HS ADVISOR

AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE HS ADVISOR

COMPUTER CLUB:

**HS ADVISOR
MS ADVISOR**

LATIN CLUB HS ADVISOR

FRENCH CLUB HS ADVISOR

PEP CLUB HS ADVISOR

TECH MATES HS ADVISOR

RED CROSS CLUB MS ADVISOR

STRINGS:

**INTERMEDIATE ADVISOR
MS ADVISOR**

CHORUS HS ADVISOR

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE:

**HS ADVISOR
ASSISTANT
MS ADVISOR**

SPANISH CLUB MS ADVISOR

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD MS ADVISOR

SKI CLUB:

**HS ADVISOR
MS ADVISOR
INTERMEDIATE ADVISOR**

KEY CLUB HS ADVISOR

FORENSICS HS ADVISOR/COACH

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB MS ADVISOR

MATH CLUB HS ADVISOR

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY HS ADVISOR

TEEN INSTITUTE HS ADVISOR

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD HAS ADVISOR

PROJECT SUPPORT HS ADVISOR

MS AGAINST DRUGS MS ADVISOR

ACADEMIC CONTEST INTERMEDIATE ADVISOR

DRAMA CLUB INTERMEDIATE ADVISOR

MATH COMPETITION MS ADVISOR

BOWLING CLUB HS ADVISOR

BURNESON BRIGADE MS ADVISOR

STUDENT LEADERSHIP HS ADVISOR

BUILDERS CLUB MS ADVISOR

BASSETT JUMP ROPE ADVISOR

PARKSIDE GREENSLEEVES DIRECTOR

PARKSIDE ENCORE DIRECTOR

BUILDING TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT:

**HS
MS
INTERMEDIATE
ELEMENTARY (4)**

CHORAL:

SHOW CHOIR

MEN'S CHORAL & OCTET

ART CLUB

LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

Extra-Curricular Positions for 2010-11

BASEBALL:

**HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT
9TH GRADE**

BASKETBALL:

**HEAD COACH (BOYS)
HS ASSISTANT
9TH GRADE
8TH GRADE
7TH GRADE
HEAD COACH (GIRLS)
HS ASSISTANT
9TH GRADE
8TH GRADE
7TH GRADE**

CROSS COUNTRY:

**BOYS HEAD COACH
GIRLS HEAD COACH
MS COACH**

FOOTBALL:

**HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT
9TH GRADE HEAD
9TH GRADE ASSISTANT
8TH GRADE HEAD
8TH GRADE ASSISTANT
7TH GRADE HEAD
7TH GRADE ASSISTANT**

GOLF:

HEAD COACH

GYMNASTICS:

**HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT**

SOFTBALL:

**HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT
FRESHMAN COACH
MS HEAD**

SOCCER:

**BOYS HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT
GIRLS HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT**

SWIMMING:

**BOYS HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT
GIRLS HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT**

DIVING:

BOYS/GIRLS HEAD COACH

LACROSSE:

**HEAD COACH
ASSISTANT**

TENNIS:

**BOYS HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT
GIRLS HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT**

TRACK:

**BOYS HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT
MS HEAD COACH
MS ASSISTANT
GIRLS HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT
MS HEAD COACH
MS ASSISTANT**

VOLLEYBALL:

**HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT (2)
9TH GRADE
8TH GRADE (2)
7TH GRADE (2)**

WRESTLING:

**HEAD COACH
HS ASSISTANT
9TH GRADE
MS HEAD
MS ASSISTANT**

ATHLETIC TRAINER

FACULTY MANAGER:

**HS
MS**

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

WEIGHT ROOM COORDINATOR:

**FALL
WINTER
SPRING**

CHEERLEADERS:

**FOOTBALL (VARSITY & JV)
SOCCER (VARSITY & JV)
BASKET BALL (VARSITY & JV)
WRESTLING (VARSITY & JV)
9TH GRADE FOOTBALL
9TH GRADE BASKETBALL
7TH & 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL
7TH & 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL**