

Around the Schools

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Distinguished math honors

Four WHS students earned Distinguished Honor Roll recognition for their participation in the American Mathematics Competition 10/12 competitions.

Lila Greco, Abhi Ramachandran and Kyle Lathem earned honors in the AMC-12, while Kartik Dhinakaran earned honors in the AMC-10. All four were invited to participate in the American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME). Results have not yet been received for that contest.

The AMC 12 covers high school math while the AMC 10 covers math normally associated with grades 9 and 10. Both 75-minute contests have 25 questions and are administered in February. The competition is run by the Mathematical Association of America to increase interest in mathematics and to develop problem solving through a fun competition.

Pennies for Pasta

Bassett Elementary raised a total of \$2,820.21 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in its Pennies for Pasta drive sponsored by the Bassett Student Council. Congratulations!

Perfect ACT

WHS junior Tom Carroll earned a perfect score on the ACT recently, on top of a perfect score on the National Latin Exam. This is WHS' 2nd perfect ACT score this year. Abhinay Ramachandran earned a perfect score earlier this year. Last year graduates Eleanor Batty and Julie Wang earned perfect scores. . Carroll was one of about 1,000 students to attend the Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL) conference in Columbus in February. Along with his perfect score on the exam, he earned a first-place award in his grade level in Mythology, as well as a first-place award in derivation - both are written exams.

Tom also was elected to the OJCL Student Executive Board. Last year he served as Gubernator for the NW Ohio region. This year he is Parliamentarian. He is vice president of the WHS Latin Club and a junior officer for the WHS Band, in which he plays first chair bass clarinet. He is a pitcher and outfielder for the JV baseball team. and is involved in the Science Olympiad team.

Flanagan: Outstanding Educator

Hilliard Elementary Principal Mary Flanagan was named the Ohio PTA District 12 Outstanding Educator. District 12 covers the outer ring of Cuyahoga County. Flanagan was recognized at the 105th Ohio PTA Convention and Exhibition in Columbus earlier this month. Flanagan initially was nominated by several staff members for the Westlake PTA council honor of District Outstanding Educator. She received her award at the group's Founder's Day celebration earlier this year. PTA Council then nominated Flanagan for the District 12 award.

Westlake staff members, family and friends were on hand to see Flanagan receive her award at the Ohio PTA conference, including PTA Council President Chris Sutcliffe, Hilliard secretary Laura Cooley, Academic Services Director Pam Griebel, Hilliard kindergarten teacher Diane Reisdorff and Holly Lane Principal Mimi Verdone (pictured below, Flanagan in center). She will retire this year after 41 years in education - 24 of those years served in Westlake.



Maasai Music Project CD release

The LBMS E-Club Connections presents The Maasai Music Project CD Release Concert and E-Club Extravaganza on April 30 at 5:30pm at the PAC.

There will be live music, a video, food and the new CD.

The Maasai Music Project was the first program to send students from America to Kenya to directly collaborate with the Maasai tribe through music and education.

E-Club Connections extends environmental education and outreach around the country and the world through the Environmental Club, with a focus on original writing, music, video and art.

Admission is \$10 for ages 13 and older, \$5 for ages 5 to 12 and free for ages 4 and under.

For more information visit www.eclubonline.com or email maasaimusicproject@gmail.com, or visit www.maasaimusicproject.com



WHS Wellness Day

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A Bloomin' Affair plant & flower sale

Please support the Westlake Council of PTAs! All plant and flower items are of the highest quality, supplied by Dean's Nursery of Westlake.

New this year: hanging and potted plants delivered in time for Mother's Day gift-giving on Thursday, May 5 (Parkside Intermediate School front bus loop)! Also new: celebrate your West-

lake and Demon Pride by ordering a green and white porch and patio basket! All flats, specialty annuals and herbs and greenery will be delivered on Thursday, May 19 when it is more suitable for garden planting.

Order forms were sent home with all students

in grades K-8 before spring break, or you can obtain yours by going to your school's PTA webpage or by clicking on the Bloomin' Affair link. Orders are due by April 21.

Any questions? Call Barb Hall at 899-0742.

Thank you for your support!

Mother's Day Survival Night

The Westlake Environmental Club wants to help give Mom a special night by hosting a Mother's Day Parent Survival Night on Saturday, May 7, from 5 to 10 p.m. at LBMS.

Children will be provided a fun night with pizza, snacks, games, crafts, movie and supervision. Cost is \$30 for the first child, \$25 for the second child and \$20 for additional children. This is a popular event so reserve your spot early. Email lbmseclub@gmail.com or call Cathy at (440) 667-9993. Include your name, the name of your child/children, known allergies, email address and phone number.

Stork Report

Parkside secretary Beth Holick and her husband, Chris, are grandparents to Nolan Taylor Holick, born March 18 at 7lbs, 14oz, 20 inches long. Parents Eric (WHS '01) and Bethany (WHS '00) are well. Congratulations to the Holick & Parkside families on this latest addition.