

# Around the Schools

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

## Science teaching tool

Spaced Out: A Cosmic Scene is a Web site consisting of eight science and mathematics student video-on-demand modules for at-risk students in grades 8-10, and eight teacher self-study video support modules with assessment strategies. All content is aligned with the Ohio Academic Content Standards. Spaced Out is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) project funded by eTech Ohio and produced by the WOUB Center for Public Media at Ohio University, in collaboration with Educational Technology for SE Ohio (eTSEO) in Athens.

The teacher modules for each episode illustrate how the concepts may be taught; expand on the materials in the student video, pointing out subtleties that might be missed or are not brought out in the student video; provide suggestions on how to incorporate the student video into daily classroom instruction; make connections to mathematics applications; and, include a link to curriculum resources. Visit <http://woub.org/spacedout/> for more information.

## Best of Show

WHS senior Kate Humphrey won Best of Show in the 2009/2010 Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Art Program, an innovative program that uses the arts to engage high school students in the world of scientific research.

WHS seniors Sammy DeMarsh and Clare Wittenberg were summer interns in the scientific and creative learning programs, respectively, at the Cleveland Clinic. WHS art students interpreted their research findings through various artistic mediums. This year there were more than 700 submissions for both language and art.

Other senior winners were Allison Smik and Jenna Glasscock with red ribbons; Maura Phillips earned a white ribbon; and honorable mentions went to Laura Musser, Marty Krebs and Luke Graber. All are AP Studio art students with Cris Filmer.

Award-winning submissions will be featured in an eXpressions booklet and will be on display in the 2010 eXpressions Exhibition, which will open with a formal reception and dedication on Jan. 21 at the Great Lakes Science Center.

## WHS National Champion

WHS sophomore Colton Buffington won the tennis doubles competition over Thanksgiving in the USTA National Open 16's tournament. He also made it to the quarterfinals in singles. Colton's national win gives him a spot in the SuperNationals in Arizona over the Christmas holiday. Colton is ranked #1 in Ohio in both 16's and 18's. His parents, Judy and Wayne Buffington, say he is on the tennis court at least three hours a day, 5 days a week. He has played Junior Davis Cup, represented the United States at the International children's Games in San Francisco and traveled all over the Midwest.

## Coats for Kids reminder

If you could please post in Around the Schools.

Transportation Department once again will be collecting new and gently worn coats and jackets along with mittens, gloves, hats, scarf's, and snow pants.

Boxes and signs already should be at each building. The Transportation department will be collecting thru December 11th. The Transportation Department will take the coats and other items to the Westlake Police Department. The coats will be cleaned and

# Fulbright grants

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching Program, designed to recognize and encourage excellence in teaching in the U.S. and abroad. Twenty-four U.S. and international teachers will be selected to receive a grant to study at a university, conduct research, teach classes and workshops, and develop a project pertaining to their field of educational inquiry during their semester overseas. Primary and secondary teachers of any subject are eligible. Program costs such as tuition, room and board, and transportation are covered by the grant. Participants also will receive a maintenance allowance to assist with the costs of food and lodging during the program. Participating countries for 2010-2011 are: Argentina, Finland, India, Israel, Mexico, Singapore, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Visit <http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/dtelIndex.cfm>. Application deadline is Feb. 15, 2010.



Hilliard Elementary Math & Literacy Night 2009

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**Deadline for submitting materials is Wednesday at Noon.**

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## Science, technology program seeks teams

Do you have a student who has an amazing idea...one that could be patented and possibly be taken to the commercial marketplace? The Spirit of Innovation Awards program challenges teams of high school students to solve real-world problems by creating products using science, technology and entrepreneurship. The competition

encourages students to develop new products that can be introduced to the marketplace. The 2009-2010 competition challenges students to develop new ideas in one of four areas: green schools, aerospace exploration, renewable energy and space nutrition.

In April, top teams will be honored with a \$5,000 grant to further develop their product. Teachers are sought to be coaches, judges, sponsors, experts or to fill other roles.

To learn more, go to [www.conradawards.org](http://www.conradawards.org). Deadline to register for the competition is Dec. 15.

## Great Programming on WHBS

- Dec. 7 A: Financial Aid Night for seniors (12/3)  
B: WHS play: You Cant' Take It With You (2008)
- Dec. 8 A: Financial Aid Night for seniors (12/3)  
B: The Prof. Series #59: Ch. 3's Dan Medsker & Mary Fisher
- Dec. 9 A: JV boys basketball v. Avon (12/4)  
B: WHS play: Cinderella (2001)
- Dec. 10 A: Varsity girls' basketball v. Rocky River (12/5)  
B: WHS play: Little Shop of Horrors (2006)
- Dec. 11 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Avon (12/4)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #13
- Dec. 12 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Avon (12/4)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #13
- Dec. 13 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Avon (12/4)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #13

**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**