

# Around the Schools

... a publication for and  
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Schools employees

## Dates to Celebrate

**Feb. 1-28:** National Children's Dental health Month. Visit American Dental Association web site at [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org) for more information.

**Feb. 1-28:** National African American History Month.

**Feb. 2:** Groundhog Day. Folklore says if a groundhog sees its shadow on this day and returns to its burrow, winter will continue for 6 more weeks.

**Feb. 7-13:** Take Your Family to School Week, sponsored by the National PTA.

**Feb. 8-12:** National School counseling Week. Visit American School Counselor Association at [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org) for more information.

**Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day

**Feb. 15:** President's Day

**Feb. 16:** Mardi Gras

**Feb. 20-27:** Future Farmers of America Week. Visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) for more information.

## May ballot issue

The Board of Education voted at its Jan. 25 meeting to accept a scaled-back recommendation to address the school district's structurally poor and overcrowded school buildings. The Board passed the second of two resolutions (the first was passed Jan. 11) to place an \$84 million bond issue on the May ballot.

The issue seeks to renovate and add onto LBMS and convert it into a 5-6 intermediate school; build a new 7-8 middle school near the existing site; and complete major renovations to WHS, while continuing to utilize the 2005 additions, to provide a 21st century education. This is the first step in the recommended two-phased facilities plan.

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## ExploraVision

Twenty teams of 6th graders guided by Patrick Morrow, Robbi English and Cindy Hronek submitted entries to Toshiba's ExploraVision National Science competition.

Students formed research and development teams using communication and collaborative group skills. Each team selected a present technology or problem relevant to their lives to research. They projected into the future what that technology could be like 20 years from now and determined what scientific breakthroughs would need to occur to make it a reality. They described the potential positive and negative consequences of this new technology on society in an 11-page research document.

These ExploraVision entries were a culmination of weeks of work incorporating National Science Education Standards. Students who enter ExploraVision retain rights to all ideas and products. Parkside teams submitted these future technologies:

Computer vision Syndrome Glasses, Downspout Generator, Electronic Horse Racing boot, 5D Movie Projector, H&H Watchful Eye -- Driver Monitoring Device, Health and Nutrition Sensor, Laserbrush, NES Vision Improving Eye Drops, Obesity Skin Patch, Push-and-Polar Rail and Shoe, Peanut Substance Detection Device, Re-Growing Ear Hair pill, 7PR21-Plastic Recycling for 21st Century, Sun Patch, Temp-Tex Textiles, ThermoChromic Glove, Verbal Communication Earpiece, Virunex, World Language Electronic Translator, XScope.

Regional winners will be announced March 1. Good luck!

# SAMMY awards

The School Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY) awards competition is accepting applications for grade 12 student-athletes through March 5. Selection is based on academic performance, athletic excellence, leadership, community service and experience as a milk drinker. The 25 winners will receive \$7,500 college scholarships, trips to Disney World and will be pictured, along with their milk mustaches, in congratulatory advertisements. Educators may nominate students, or they may nominate themselves. For more details and the online application, visit [http://www.bodybymilk.com/sammy\\_scholarship.php](http://www.bodybymilk.com/sammy_scholarship.php)



Students in Nicolette Miller's French V classes talked to high school students at Lycee Guist'Hau via Skype last week. Pete Wadden (WHS 2005) is tutoring at Lycee Guist'Hau and helped Miller set up the online chat. Students traded emails and updates via Facebook before the audio Skype experiment. Students were able to talk for about 20 minutes before the connection was dropped due to a problem in France. Miller said the exercise was meant to make WHS students global citizens in the 21st century.

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## With sympathies

Lisa Zuk, administrative assistant to Director of Business Affairs Dave Puffer, lost her father-in-law, Joseph W. Zuk, recently. Please keep the Zuk family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Eighth-grade teachers can commemorate Women's History Month in March by encouraging their students to enter the 2010 Women Making History Essay Contest by the April 23 deadline.

Essays of 400 to 600 words should focus on a woman who has made, or is making, history. Recognition

for writers of winning and honorable mention essays in five categories will include a day of learning and activities in Columbus during June, known as Women in State Government Day. The five winning writers also will be recognized at the 2010 Ohio Women's Hall of Fame induction ceremony in

August. To view contest details and access the Essay Submission Kit, visit <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=122&ContentID=43195>. For more information, contact Virginia Moore at (614) 728-2759, or [virginia.moore@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:virginia.moore@ode.state.oh.us).

## Women Making History

### Great Programming on WHBS

- Feb. 1 A: Varsity boys' basketball v. Amherst (1/26)  
B: Financial Aid Night for seniors/parents (12/09)
- Feb. 2 A: The Demon Zone: Year 4 Episode #91 (1999)  
B: Fall sports preview August 1993
- Feb. 3 A: Varsity boys' basketball v. Avon Lake (1/29)  
B: JV boys' basketball v. Avon Lake (1/29)
- Feb. 4 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Avon Lake (1/29)  
B: JV boys' basketball v. Avon Lake (1/29)
- Feb. 5 A: Varsity swim & dive v. Amherst (1/27)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #18
- Feb. 6 A: Varsity swim & dive v. Amherst (1/27)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #18
- Feb. 7 A: Varsity swim & dive v. Amherst (1/27)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #18

**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**