

Around the Schools

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

\$ literacy resources

As a result of House Bill 1, all city, exempted village and local school boards are now required to adopt a resolution addressing financial literacy as well as college and career readiness in grades 7 and/or 8.

ODE's website - <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=1702&ContentID=40028> - has a syllabus and many resources for teaching financial literacy.

College- and career-readiness resources include information to help students and parents understand their options, plan timelines, begin the financial aid process and make transitions following students' high school graduations.

ESC Equations competition

Earlier this month a team of Westlake students participated in the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County's "Equations" competition. The event took place at the Harry E. Eastridge Professional Development Center and featured seven area schools and more than 160 students.

"Equations" is a challenging game played in classrooms around the country and teaches students the critical problem-solving abilities needed to recognize and apply fundamental concepts. It creates problem-solving integration filled with complex strategy, bluffing and intrigue.

Westlake's team 2 came in 2nd place for the 7th & 8th grade team category. The team consisted of Aswin Bikkani, Cal Craven, Kartik Dhinakaran, Ameesh Shah, Peter Slater, and Chris Huffman. Individual Winners from Westlake included:

7th Grade Team: Alex Lathem

8th Grade Team: Cal Craven, First Place; Peter Slater, Second Place; Cari Milowicki, Third Place

Participating Schools Included Bedford City Schools, East Cleveland City Schools, Garfield Heights City Schools, North Royalton City Schools, Rocky River City Schools, South Euclid-Lyndhurst City Schools and Westlake City Schools.



Westlake's Equations Team: Aswin Bikkani, Ameesh Shah, Peter Slater, Chris Huffman, Cal Craven and Kartik Dhinakaran

With deepest sympathies . . .

Janis Kingsbury, a WHS cashier, passed away last week. Kingsbury's husband, George, is Holly Lane's head custodian.

Brandon Knapp, son to Pony driver Lorrie Knapp, grandson to driver Linda Clemons and nephew to driver Donna Wright, passed away last weekend. He was 27.

Please keep the Kingsbury, Knapp, Clemons, Wright, Holly Lane and Transportation families in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Kudos!

The entire third-grade staff at Dover Elementary, an educational aide, a school psychologist and counselor have volunteered to come in every Wednesday for eight weeks to provide reading intervention services to students who did not pass the fall administration of the Ohio Achievement Assessment. This group is providing their services for free to work with the students.

Principal Tim Barrett said, "What dedication. They rock!"

Space Shuttle tile presentation

Space Shuttle Astronaut Mike Foreman will present a Space Shuttle tile to Holly Lane Elementary School during the school's Science Day on March 11. Foreman was born in Columbus and grew up in Wadsworth. He is a veteran of two space flights from 2008 and 2009, logging more than 637 hours in space, including 32 hours and 19 minutes of EVA hours in five spacewalks.

Presidential Awards of Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year. The National Science Foundation administers PAEMST on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Awards are given to mathematics and science teachers from each of the 50 states and four U.S. jurisdictions. The jurisdictions are Washington,



Bassett's Family Game Night netted \$3,617.48 for The Gathering Place, which works with people and families impacted by cancer.

Hania Rahman (2nd grade) and Michael Albainy (4th grade) presented a check to Susan Marinac from The Gathering Place.

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Survey to help educators with AP courses

Educators who participate in a new five-minute survey can influence the delivery of professional development ODE is planning for teachers who are interested in teaching high school advanced placement (AP) courses. ODE will offer regional workshops this summer in conjunction with the College Board's AP pro-

gram The College Board program provides curriculum guidelines for more than 30 college-level courses for high school students. ODE has hired a full-time AP coordinator under Ohio's Race to the Top grant to enhance PD, launch new AP courses and create strategies to increase AP

participation.

To access the survey, visit <http://survey.education.ohio.gov/se.ashx?s=60DA72704A6770SE>.

For more information, contact Yolande Neal at yolande.neal@ode.state.oh.us or (614) 466-2105

D.C.; Puerto Rico; Department of Defense Schools; and the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). The teachers are recognized for their contributions to teaching and learning and their ability to help students make progress in mathematics and science.

The 2011 awards to honor math and science teachers are now open. Visit <http://www.paemst.org/controllers/home.cfc?method=view> for more information.