

Around the Schools

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

Looking for literacy tutors

The City of Cleveland sports a 69% illiteracy rate.

In 2007, Cleveland ranked 2nd in the nation in people in poverty, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED preparation has a great need for volunteer tutors. Tutors work individually with students on reading, writing and math skills; offer encouragement and support; and help students develop confidence and positive attitudes about learning..

If you know of any retired teachers who might be interested, please pass this information along.

For more information contact Linda Worthington, site coordinator, at lindaworthington@seedsofliteracy.org or 216.661.7950.

Seeds of Literacy is the only adult literacy program in Cuyahoga County to be accredited by ProLiteracy America. For more information visit seedsofliteracy.org.

Staff Excellence

Four Westlake Schools' staffers are being honored by their colleagues with Staff Excellence awards.

Hilliard media specialist Kim Geletka and WHS English teacher Mindy Clark are being honored with Excellence in Teaching awards. Bassett educational aide Kris Hamilton and Dover educational aide Kim Michelich are being honored with Excellence in Classified Service awards.

Colleagues and their supervisors nominate winners of the awards. Nominees must have served with the Westlake Schools for at least four years.

The four will be honored for their contributions toward the school's mission -- We Educate for Excellence -- at tonight's Board of Education meeting, 5:30pm at the Administration Building.

Award winners will have their names inscribed on a plaque to be permanently displayed at the Administration Building.

Congratulations!

The Stork Report

Dover physical education teacher Linda McLean and retired WHS teacher Larry McLean, became grandparents when their daughter, Becky Jones (WHS 1995) and her husband Matt Wrublewski welcomed James Joseph, 7 lbs, 13 oz, into the world on Dec. 29. Becky and Matt live in Oregon.

Congratulations to the McLean, Jones, Wrublewski, Dover and WHS families on this latest addition.

With deepest sympathies ...

Bus driver and WHS cashier Diane Hill recently lost her mother-in-law.

Dave Moorman, maintenance, recently lost his father, Ronald D. Moorman, who retired from the WCSD after serving 30+ years as a maintenance worker.

Please keep the Hill and Moorman families in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Ohio Global Institute 2010

Applications are now available for the Ohio Global Institute, Aug. 3-5, at The Ohio State University. Ohio teachers of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, world languages, career programs or technology in grades K-12 may apply.

One hundred teachers will be selected for the institute, with priority given to school teams. The application deadline is March 20.

This three-day institute will provide teachers opportunities to:

1. Share best practices in international education;
2. Obtain new resources and tools for incorporating international content across curricula;
3. Develop action plans for their classrooms and schools.

Registration is \$100. To register, visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?sm=N8oMJ8Wk7pVg8s%2fc8mZ5KLITnLBUFUOaRQz8CT%2fx85k%3d&>. For more information, contact outreach@oia.osu.edu.



Dawn Dawson & Cindy Vessalo at Parkside

On Teacher Record Day, Matt Bourn & Sandy Vontroba at LBMS 'met' with Parkside's Dawn Dawson & Cindy Vessalo using Skype to discuss a collaborative project. The process was facilitated by Technology Resource Specialist Kurt Thonnings.

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SPARK physical education training grants

The Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK) training programs have been expanded to include teachers of grades 3-6.

SPARK offers a research-based curriculum that teaches movement knowledge, motor skills, healthy lifestyles, and social and personal skills. The elementary SPARK grant applica-

tion is due Feb. 15.

ODE's Office for Safety, Health and Nutrition will award individual grants to 80 elementary and middle school teachers to cover two days of training on the SPARK curriculum. Teachers will receive program manuals, CDs and fitness software, and schools

will receive \$100 for each day of training to help cover the cost of substitute teachers.

For more information and the grant application, visit education.ohio.gov and select the "Physical Education Grant Applications Due" home page link.

Great Programming on WHBS

- Jan. 25 A: Varsity boys' basketball v. North Ridgeville (1/19)
B: The Professional Series #26: The Riggley Road Series
- Jan. 26 A: Demon Zone: Year 3
B: Demon Zone: Year 3
- Jan. 27 A: Demon Zone: Year 3
B: Demon Zone: Year 3
- Jan. 28 A: Varsity boys' basketball v. North Ridgeville (1/19)
B: Financial Aid Night for seniors & parents (12/3)
- Jan. 29 A: Varsity girls' basketball v. Avon Lake (1/23)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #17
- Jan. 30 A: Varsity girls' basketball v. Avon Lake (1/23)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #17
- Jan. 31 A: Varsity girls' basketball v. Avon Lake (1/23)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #17

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