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International Baccalaureate

As the district delves deeper in the feasibility of making its four elementary buildings International Baccalaureate (IB) Schools, a lot of behind-the-scenes work is ongoing.

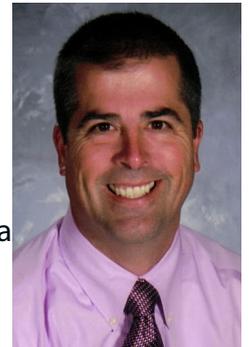
Earlier this month 10 staff members [Kim Toncar, Kim Geletka, Mimi Verdone, Hun Piazza, Ben Hodge, Chelsea McDonald, Becky Kowalski, Tim Barrett, Jenny Doyle and Pam Griebel] attended an IB conference in Los Angeles to learn more about the process and how to apply it to Westlake. The trip was paid for through non-General Fund dollars. Two representatives from each elementary school participated in workshops related to curriculum writing and program planning.

Last week a group of teachers, parents and administrators also traveled to Oberlin, where two schools are authorized IB World Schools. The information gathering will help the district prepare for its next steps this spring.

Hall of Famer

The Northeast Ohio Baseball Coaches Association will induct WHS Coach Jeff Short into its Class of 2011 Hall of Fame during the annual NEOBCA All-Star Game in June at Progressive Field.

Short has been the WHS baseball coach for 21 seasons and won his 300th game last year. He is a math and science teacher at Parkside. Short and his wife, Julie, also recently welcomed their first child.



Electronic field trip

Educators are invited to register for a March 1 broadcast about the Gulf Islands National Seashore to learn about the science of understanding human and natural change in an ecosystem. As part of the program, the National Park Foundation has unveiled an interactive online website for educators and students in grades 4-8 to get a jump start on their adventures, featuring interactive games, lesson plans and other resources.

Teachers can learn about Electronic Field Trips and register for the free Gulf Islands program at www.electronicfieldtrip.org.

WHS grad makes music

WHS graduate Dylan Baldi ('09) was featured on the cover and in an article entitled *Ten for '11: Meet the future of Cleveland music* in the January 5 issue of Scene magazine. You can read the entire article at <http://www.clevescene.com/cleveland/ten-for-11/Content?oid=2267769>



The LBMS 7th & 8th grade conference girls' basketball teams (left & right, respectively) each won the Middle School SWC Championships. The 7th & 8th grade non-conference girls' basketball teams also both won the Middle School Non-Conference Championship titles.

Summer Institute

The Program for Teaching East Asia at the University of Colorado is hosting a 2011 summer institute for educators on its Boulder campus, July 17 to 22. The program is open to secondary social studies teachers nationwide. All major costs for teachers selected to participate are covered by a grant from the Freeman Foundation. Teachers will be accepted on a rolling admission basis from Jan. 20 through March 4. The open application will close when the institute is filled or on March 4. For information contact Lynn Parisi or Jon Zeljo at (303) 735-5121 or Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu.

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The Ohio Council for the Social Studies (OCSS) invites educators to share their innovative classroom practices with colleagues at the National Council for the Social Studies regional conference in Columbus on Sept. 26 and 27.

Social Studies Conference

Submit proposals that align with the conference theme, Taking Charge of Change, Preparing Citizens for the 21st Century, online by the extended deadline of Feb. 15. Lead presenters will receive a one-day conference rate.

For more information about OCSS and the conference, visit <http://www.ocss.org>. If you have questions, contact Anne Baldwin, OCSS vice president, at ocss_conference@hotmail.com or (614) 378-3075.

Sports Shorts

- Congratulations to Chip Weiss, WHS girls' basketball coach, on his recent 100th win!
- Congratulations to the LBMS wrestling team on its SWC Championship! This is the 5th SWC middle school championship for LBMS this season.
- In case you missed it, check out this article on the WHS girls' soccer team: <http://westlake.patch.com/articles/westlake-womens-soccer-players-are-high-achievers-on-and-off-the-field>

East Asia Summer Institute

The Program for Teaching East Asia at the University of Colorado will hold a summer institute for secondary educators titled *21st-Century China: Global Issues, Classroom Applications* from July 17 to 22 at the university's Boulder campus. All major costs of participation are covered by a grant from the Freeman Foundation for teachers selected to participate.

Applications are due March 4. For more information, visit <http://www.colorado.edu/CAS/TEA/> or contact Catherine Ishida at (303) 735-5122 or catherine.ishida@Colorado.edu.