

Around the Schools

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

A Bloomin' Affair

A Bloomin' Affair flower Sale, the annual fundraiser of Westlake Council of PTAs, is coming up.

Celebrate Westlake and Demon Pride with a new green-and-white plant arrangement. The arrangements will arrive in 10" - 12" green, decorative plastic patio pots.

The shade mix will be filled with white tuberous begonias, accented by asparagus fern and hardy ivy. The sun planter will be composed of white geraniums, also accented by asparagus fern and hardy ivy.

Early pickup date is Thursday, May 5, in time for mother's Day. Special introductory price is \$20 each. Order now ... spring supplies will be limited.

Call Barbara Hall at (440) 899.0742 or email westlake-flowersale@yahoo.com to place your order. Payment arrangements will be made when order is confirmed.

Science Olympiad stats

Two Westlake Science Olympiad teams are going to state competition after placing at the Lorain regional competition.

The LBMS team - a mix of 6th to 9th graders - captured a 3rd place victory against 13 teams, earning one of the four available state spots. The WHS team earned 2nd place against 16 teams, earning one of five available state slots.

The state competition will be held April 30 at The Ohio State University. [See team photos on back page].

Medical mission to Haiti

After years of listening to a friend talk about her medical humanitarian trips to the Dominican Republic and Haiti, WCSD nurse Dorothy Beyer is giving up two weeks of her time to join the aid effort.

Beyer will join a team of Lorain County Community College nursing students, a Vermilion dentist and other health professionals from across the country in providing dental care to Haitians in the city of Cap Haitien. The team will work in a local hospital, Hospital Universitae Justinien, and two nursing schools, as well as poor communities in the Haitian countryside, during their stay to treat patients and discuss community health and nursing.

The team will leave on March 13 and return March 27.

Along with attempting to pen a blog and potentially Skype with WHS classes from Haiti, Beyer said she hopes to put together a program to present to WHS students during diversity week.

WHS grad publishes book

Evan Dawson (WHS '98), recently published "Summer in a Glass: The Coming of Age of Winemaking in the Finger Lakes," the story of the country's fastest-growing wine region.

Dawson is the managing editor and Finger Lakes editor of the New York Cork Report blog and morning anchor of 13 WHAM News This Morning in Rochester, NY. While at WHS, Dawson was involved in WHBS-TV and was president of his senior class. His mother, Cheryl Burke, is a special education aide at Bassett elementary School. She also taught Spanish at Lee Burneson Middle School.

You can learn more about the book at evandawsonwrites.com.

Dollars 4 Scholars

WHS senior players v. WCSD staff at the annual Dollars for Scholars basketball game on Friday, March 18. Doors open at 6pm, game time 7pm at WHS.

Try for \$1,000 cash prize raffle drawing. There will be a silent auction and raffles, concessions, etc.

Raffle tickets and presale game tickets are \$5 each. Game tickets are \$6 at the door or \$5 if you bring a non-perishable food item.

Buy tickets by contacting Bernadette Kronz at p.kronz@sbcglobal.net or 440-835-9470. Deadline: Monday, March 14. Dollars raises money to award scholarships to graduating seniors.

In sympathy . . .

WHS band/orchestra/music teacher Ray Walczuk recently lost his father, Edwin Walczuk, 83. Mr. Walczuk passed away on March 1 in Greensburg, PA.

Please keep the Walczuk family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Operation Medicine Cabinet

Teen prescription drug abuse is a growing threat and 3 out of 5 teens say prescription drugs are safer and easier to get than illicit drugs.

Monitor your medications and dispose of unused or outdated prescription medications at Operation Medicine Cabinet with a convenient drive-thru location at the Westlake Police Station, 27300 Hilliard Blvd. on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LBMS Science Olympiad Team coached by Melissa Crist took 3rd place in the Lorain regional competition and will go on to state competition next month



WHS Science Olympiad Team coached by Mike Kula took 2nd place in the Lorain regional competition and will go on to state competition next month

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3rd annual Emily's Rainbow Run & Family Walk

The 3rd annual Emily's Rainbow Run & Family Walk benefiting pediatric cancer research at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital will be held Sunday, April 10, at WHS in memory of former Westlake student Emily Lewis.

Participate in a 4-mile race or 2-mile run/walk. Registration is \$20 for ages 19 and

up, \$15 for ages 18 and under and \$25 for race-day registration.

The Westlake Kiwanis pancake breakfast will be held on the same day from 9am to 1pm in the WHS cafeteria.

Register by mail, online at www.emilysrainbowfund.org or drop off a

registration form and payment at Second Sole, 19341 Detroit Road, Rocky River.

Also consider participating in Emily's Rainbow Run Pot of Gold Pledge Program. Visit emilysrainbowfund.org for more information.

Music a la Mode is coming

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14, and plan to attend the 56th event. The day will be filled with music and performances by ALL music students in grades 5 - 12. Enjoy ice cream, raffles & an instrument "petting zoo." Every dollar raised by Music a la Mode will go directly back to the classrooms to benefit the music programs in all of our schools from pre-K through 12th grade.

Please join us and help support music in Westlake!