

Around the Schools

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

Scholastic art winners

Thirteen Westlake Schools' art students earned recognition in the 30th Annual Cuyahoga County Regional Scholastic Art Competition.

At WHS 15 works earned nine Gold Key awards – seniors Julia Fulton, Luke Graber, Jenna Glasscock, Kate Humphrey, Katie McConnell and Sarah Michels; and junior Courtney McCrone. Silver Key awards were earned by senior Luke Graber, sophomore Harrison Keppler, senior Sarah Michels and senior Laura Musser. Junior Janey Eager earned an Honorable Mention as did Luke Graber. Senior Luke Graber also earned The Tony Eterovich Award for Drawing, and senior Kate Humphrey earned The Gabriel Reichel Sculpture Imagination Award.

At Lee Burneson Middle School, Christopher Dunlap earned a Gold Key and American Vision awards. Megan Lindholm earned a Silver Key while Amanda York earned an Honorable Mention.

You can view the winning works online at LBMS and WHS sites.

Sing for Haiti

The WHS Vocal Music Program and the WHS French Club are combining forces for a benefit concert for Haiti.

Chantez pour Haiti (Sing for Haiti) will take place March 1, 7pm at the PAC. Donations will be accepted at the door or in advance. Proceeds from the concert will support a Haitian school, Institut Universe, which was started by local resident Tom Norton, whose grandchildren attend WHS. Institut Universe is part of the Coalition of Children in Need Association (C.O.C.I.N.A.).

21st Century Learning

The INFOhio 21st Century Learning Commons is a set of free tools designed to help teachers, librarians and administrators engage students in learning essential skills using the latest technologies.

Resources in the Learning Commons focus on using Web-based technologies to support five areas of skill development: creativity and innovation; critical thinking and problem solving; meta-cognition; communication and collaboration; and information literacy. Related Web pages describe desired student outcomes and provide links to varied Web resources pertaining to these five areas.

For more information on INFOhio resources, contact Cynthia Duchane, at (614) 485-6732, or duchane@infohio.org

Behavior management webinar

Elementary teachers and administrators may be interested in a webinar at 3 p.m. on March 3 that will describe how they can develop and implement effective strategies for promoting positive student classroom behavior. Webinar presenters are the authors of the What Works Clearinghouse practice guide, Reducing Behavior Problems in the Elementary School Classroom. Panelists will summarize the guide's recommendations and then answer questions.

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Stork Report

Hilliard reading specialist Trudy Pauken and her husband, Pat, became grandparents of Max Benjamin Atlas on Friday, Feb. 19. Their daughter, Heidi (WHS 1997), and Jon Atlas are the proud parents of Max, who weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. and is 18 inches long.

Congratulations to the Pauken, Atlas and Hilliard families on this latest addition.



Hilliard Elementary School's preschool classes tried their hand at a variety of Olympic activities over two weeks, including curling, as seen here.

Students also participated in hockey, the luge and ice skating. The Olympic program has been evolving over several years, tying curriculum outcomes into the Olympic sporting events. The students also participated in opening and closing ceremonies to mark the beginning and end of the unit.

Positions available

The district is accepting applications online for summer help.

Interviews will be scheduled after spring Break.

To be considered for employment with our school district you must complete an online application at www.applitrack.com/westlake/onlineapp.

Application deadline is April 12.

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Deadline for submitting materials is Wednesday at Noon.

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Comment on Operating Standards

ODE has drafted proposed changes to the Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools that incorporate the educational reforms contained in House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 311. The current standards are contained in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-35-01 to 3301-35-14.

Educators are invited to send in comments through

March 31 about proposed revisions for the first half of the standards. To do so, visit <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=1222&ContentID=5769> or visit education.ohio.gov, keyword search: Operating Standards.

Suggested revisions for the second half of the existing standards will be posted this spring.

The revised standards, which require approval by the State Board of Education, are expected to be finalized in time for the 2010-2011 school year.

Great Programming on WHBS

- March 1 A: Tech-Mates Student Model Home competition (2008)
B: Tech-Mates Student Model Home Competition (2007)
- March 2 A: Classic Zone #1 Year #8 (2003)
B: Classic Zone #10 Year #8 (2003)
- March 3 A: Classic Zone #13 Year #8 (2003)
B: Classic Zone #27 Year #8 (2004)
- March 4 A: Tech-Mates Student Model Home Competition (2006)
B: Tech-Mates Student Model Home Competition (2005)
- March 5 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #22
- March 6 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #22
- March 7 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #22

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