

Around the Schools

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

What to do this summer

Whether you spend time with orphans in Cambodia or rock-n-rollers in Cleveland, inspired travel and innovative professional development mean you can return recharged in September.

In a week long class called "The Science of Crime Scenes," at Virginia Commonwealth University (\$700 tuition and fees, www.vcu.edu/workshops), you'll learn about fingerprints, bloodstains, and other gruesome details students may find engrossing.

At the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, teachers hear from head banging stars like DMC and Janet Myers. It's \$250 for classes and breakfast. Visit www.rockhall.com/teacher.

Voluntourism isn't cheap, but it's usually less expensive than traditional tours and offers the extra reward of self-satisfaction. Through agencies like BUNAC (www.bunac.com) or Projects Abroad (www.projects-abroad.org) you can set off on meaningful travel (like 8 weeks in Cambodia working on charitable projects for BUNAC (\$1,600 plus airfare).

Enjoy!

Thank you, Westlake!

It was a long, well-planned and executed campaign, and the voters of Westlake responded with their resounding support of Issue 14. With the community's blessing, the Westlake Schools can now move forward on the first phase of construction to replace a large portion of Westlake High School and renovate and add space at LBMS for an intermediate school, as well as build a new middle school nearby.

As plans progress, we will keep you in the loop. In the meantime, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email.

Big thanks to our staff members who manned phone banks, marched in parades, handed out literature, stood at the polls, posted signs, voted or just took the time to plead our case to anyone who would listen. You helped make this happen!

Thank you!

Master Teacher programs

Training sessions have been scheduled for May and June to provide updates on: the Master Teacher program; a licensure overview with emphasis on Senior Professional and Lead Professional Educator Licenses; and training for Master Teacher scoring.

Training sites include: Wilmington; Valley View; Cincinnati; Zanesville; Dayton; Delaware; Bowling Green; and Columbus. Dates, times and locations can be found in STARS. Registration also is through STARS, which can be accessed through a SAFE account. Visit <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal/> to sign in or create a SAFE account. The Master Teacher program allows teachers to demonstrate their practice based on the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession.

Send in license renewals now

Teachers with licenses expiring in 2010 who have completed coursework and met other requirements, including LPDC approvals, are encouraged to send in their applications to renew or transition their licenses now. Since the busy summer season generates a large number of submissions, sending in applications early will ensure a much faster turnaround time for licensure requests. To start the renewal process, visit <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=1283&ContentID=1026>.

Ashland e-courses

Ashland University has updated its e-course offerings with summer courses.

For more information visit <http://www.virtualeduc.com/e-announcements/ashland-university/ashland.htm>

CAC open house

The Westlake Schools' Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is hosting an open house and 2011 topic planning session on May 25 at 7:30pm at the Board of Education offices.

Come learn about what the CAC does and provide input into next year's research topics.

A CAC brochure and previous study reports can be found at http://beta.westlake.k12.oh.us/parents/CAC/Resources/CAC_Brochure.pdf

Previous study topics have included Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Building Design, Service Learning and Going Green, Financial Literacy, 21st Century Learning, School/Home Communication and the gifted program.

Great Programming on WHBS

- May 10 A: Freshman baseball v. Brecksville (4/29)
B: Classic Zone #6 Year #8
- May 11 A: Classic Zone #17 Year #8
B: Classic Zone #24 Year #8
- May 12 A: JV girls softball v. North Olmsted (4/29)
B: Classic Zone #6 Year #9
- May 13 A: Lacrosse v. Archbishop Hoban (5/4)
B: Classic Zone #15 Year #9
- May 14 A: Varsity softball v. Midpark (5/5)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #28
- May 15 A: Varsity softball v. Midpark (5/5)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #28
- May 16 A: Varsity softball v. Midpark (5/5)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #28



Hilliard Elementary celebrated Earth Day 2010 by having students decorate brown paper grocery bags from Heinen's and Giant Eagle with an Earth friendly theme or message. Bags were signed "from Hilliard Elementary" and returned to the stores for customers to see the messages.. Students decorated 300 bags.

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School health conference invitation

The 2010 Coordinated School Health Conference will be held June 23 and 24 at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark. It is designed to build the capacity of district and school building staff to consider health/wellness priorities and implement plans that support safe and supportive learning environments for student, staff and community achieve-

ment. The conference will offer informative breakout sessions and speakers, as well as resources and ideas to improve the health behaviors and environments of students and staff. The conference is open to teams of four to six participants. School administrators, teachers, school nurses, food

service personnel and parents or other community members are invited to attend. The registration deadline is June 1. For complete details and to register, visit the Buckeye Healthy Schools Alliance website at <http://www.bhsalliance.org/Conferences.html>

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