

Around the Schools

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

Dates to Celebrate

- May 1 -- School Principal's Day
- May 2 -- School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- May 1-7 -- Staff Appreciation Week. Thank you!
- May 1-7 -- National Physical Education and Sport Week. The National Association of Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) established the theme Let's Move in School for 2011 and developed special activities for teachers and their students to do schoolwide or in individual classes throughout the year. For more information, visit the NASPE website. <http://www.aahperd.org/naspe/advocacy/events/mayweek/>
- May 5 -- Cinco De Mayo
- May 6 -- Nurses Day
- May 8 - No Socks Day
- May 8 - Mother's Day
- May 11 -- Twilight Zone Day
- May 30 -- Memorial Day
- May 31 -- World No Tobacco Day
- May is American Bike Month, Better Sleep Month, Get Caught Reading Month, National Book Month, National Family Month, National Hamburger Month, National Salad Month, Older Americans Month and Transportation Month.
- Go Celebrate!

Educator of the Year

Art Daniels, a WHS physical education teacher and a girls' basketball coach, was named the Exemplary Educator of the Year and will speak at this year's commencement.



Daniels has taught at WHS for 18 years. He has held many titles, including co-department chair of Health/PE, equipment manager, tournament director of Division II basketball state tournament, vice president of the Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches Association, assistant girls' basketball coach at WHS for the last six years. On the state level he holds the office on the girls advisory board of the OHSBCA. He was the head boys' basketball coach for 14 years, winning a SWC title in 1994-95, at the same time being named SWC coach of the year.

Beach named Player of Year

Westlake High School senior Kalpana Beach was named Division I Co-Player of the Year by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association.

Kalpana Beach has signed her NLI to attend The Ohio State University after weighing offers from a number of schools including Notre Dame and Florida State University. Beach is one of the most decorated girls' basketball players to ever wear the Green and White. In addition to being named the MVP of the SWC in 09-10, Kalpana was also named as a first team All-District selection and a second team All-State player. For her career, Kalpana has averaged 16.5 points per game and has scored over 1,000 points in her career. She is approaching or has surpassed many of the Westlake girls' basketball statistical records.

Creativity institute

The Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) established a new Teaching for Creativity Institute designed to transform your classroom into a 21st Century learning environment that encourages disciplined inquiry, collaboration and creativity. Institute participants will receive training and support from CMA staff, yearlong support from educational experts and have the option of obtaining credit from Ashland University. The Institute takes place July 18-21, plus three Saturdays during the next school year. Application deadline is May 15. For details visit www.columbusmuseum.org/learn-about-art/for-teachers-and-schools/index.php and scroll down to Teacher Programs and Professional Development. For questions contact Jessimi Jones at jesjessimi.jones@cmaohio.org.

Global Language

Grades K-12 world language teachers with 2 to 5 years experience can join the Global Language Educators Network (GLEN) by registering for its first summer institute. The institute, to be held July 5-9 at Denison University in Granville, will begin a 2-year opportunity for teachers to network with fellow language teachers, develop leadership capabilities and earn college or continuing education credit. Participants will conduct an action research project and will be invited to attend a second institute stressing leadership development in July 2012. GLEN is sponsored by ODE, the Ohio Foreign Language Association and the University of Oregon Center for Applied Second Language Studies. Participation is limited to the first 25 who apply. For an application information and more information visit <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=1701&Content=102781>.



In celebration of World Language Week, LBMS hosted its annual International Luncheon, featuring foods brought in by staff and students, along with an International Speaker Day. Speakers represented countries including Russia, Mexico, Africa, Argentina, Hungary, Brazil, Haiti, Romania, Poland, Singapore, Pakistan and France.

World Language Week at LBMS



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Physical Education Pilot Program

Physical education teachers statewide are participating in a pilot of a draft evaluation instrument intended to measure how well students meet benchmarks of the physical education content standards. Pilot participants are using a social website at Ning to pose questions and comments about the instrument.

Educators, whether or not they are involved in the pilot, may view the Physical Education Pilot Program website at <http://pe-pilot.ning.com>.

The draft evaluation instrument responds to requirements of Senate Bill 210, which was passed in June.

Public review of the draft instrument took place in December. The pilot study ends in May.

Please direct questions to Lisa Lyle Henry, physical education consultant, at lisa.henry@ode.state.oh.us.

Continuing education

Ashland University has partnered with Virtual Education Software Inc. to offer graduate level continuing education courses for K-12 educators online or via CD-Rom.

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

With sympathies . . .

Director of Business Affairs Dave Puffer recently lost his mother-in-law, Gean Delafield, 88, of Olmsted Falls. Please keep the Delafield and Puffer families in your thoughts during this most difficult time.