

Around the Schools

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Board approves 2011-12 reductions

At its May 23 meeting, the Board of Education approved the following reduction measures for the 2011-12 school year:

- **Administrative Reductions:** Reduce Director of Pupil Services Contract to 60%, Reduce Gifted Coordinator contract to 50%.
- **Teaching Reductions:** Reduce up to 17 teaching positions, suspend teaching contracts (Parkside physical education/health, Parkside art, LBMS Family/Consumer Science).
- **Classified Reductions:** Up to 20 FTE classified/support positions
- **Transportation Service Reductions:** Eliminate high school transportation.

Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. indicated at the meeting that OAPSE has indicated a willingness to discuss concessions, while the WTA does not have a team ready to open that dialogue. Without concessions, additional reductions will be presented for consideration at the June Board meeting.

Hilliard's new principal

Kimberly Riposo-Conley was approved by the Board of Education as the new principal at Hilliard. Conley comes to Westlake from Franklin Elementary School in Elyria, where she was principal for five years. At Franklin she implemented a Creative Arts Mentorship Program, which created a culture change in her building. Under her leadership her building also became a demonstration site for the Wilson Foundations Program, a highly regarded reading intervention program for K-2 students. She also teaches graduate-level courses through Walsh University and Communicate Institute Training and Development Inc.



Prior to Franklin, Conley was with the Cleveland Municipal Schools where she was principal at Paul Revere Elementary School, assistant principal at A.B. Hart Middle School and Andrew Rickoff Elementary School, and a teacher at Charles Mooney Middle School, where she taught sixth-grade math, science and Language Arts, as well as special education for grades seven to eight. Conley also was a Chapter One Reading Tutor at Ransom Barr Elementary School with Plain Local Schools in Canton.

She earned her elementary education degree from the University of Rio Grande and a master of educational administration degree from John Carroll University.

Vote with your remote

Dominic Berardi, a Parkside 6th grader, took the overall first-place prize in the Great Lakes Science Center Invention Convention Regional Competition for his desktop pencil clipper. Dominic's invention is now in a competition for best of the "Ten Coolest Creations."

June 1-June 30: Vote for Parkside's Coolest Creation, Dominic Berardi's Pencil Clipper from the Invention Convention. Vote with your Time Warner Cable Remote: Tune to Channel 411 and select Vote with Your Remote, Coolest Creations. Vote for Pencil Clipper by watching the video.. Every view is a vote. Vote often—every day during June!!

Arrive Alive

Texting while driving is 23 times more likely to lead to an accident. The Holly Lane PTA's Community Outreach committee is bringing awareness to this growing issue, by running the "Arrive ALIVE" campaign.

We are looking for interested families who live on moderate to heavily traveled streets to place a yard sign May 27 - June 5.

To participate in the sign campaign contact Athena Bedell at 440-686-0998 or Maria Miranda at 216-526-2702.



With sympathies

Hilliard Elementary secretary Laura Cooley recently lost her mother, Jayne Borch, who had just celebrated her 90th birthday. Please keep the Cooley and Borch families in your thoughts during this most difficult time.

Exercise to maintain fitness

Taking part in regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do to maintain your health. Regular exercise plays a critical role in controlling weight, preventing chronic disease and strengthening bones and muscles. To help you get started on your own fitness plan or increase your level of physical activity, Medical Mutual of Ohio® is providing you with a brochure, Exercise to Maintain Fitness, as well as a brochure about the Super-Well® Fitness Discounts program. Look for this brochure in a June mailing for the Suburban Health Consortium.



Donna Dieterich and Cindy Hronek's 5th graders at Parkside formed the Westlake Student Energy Council to share research about different sources of energy (coal, fossil fuels, geothermal energy, hydropower, nuclear energy, solar power, wind). You can find their research in an energy wiki at <http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/ParksideTeachers/dieterich/index.htm>, along with a student survey

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Ohio Summit 2.0

The Ohio Summit 2.0, which was postponed from its original April dates, will be held Dec. 8 in Columbus.

The agenda will include interaction with Karl Fisch, author of the Did You Know videos; Sarah Ippel, of the School for Global Citizenship; and Ewan McIntosh, a European digital learning expert. The conference co-

presenters, Partnership for 21st Century Skills and ODE, are planning summit sessions that will be tied directly to the recently approved model curricula that support Ohio's revised academic content standards.

The overall theme will continue to focus on transforming learning

environments and on developing 21st century skills for students.

More information will be posted on the summit website - <http://bit.ly/jxLbNr>. Questions may be directed to Russ Harris at RHarris8@ashland.edu or Paula Aveni at PAveni@ashland.edu.

This is the last ATS for the
2010-2011 school year.

Have a safe and relaxing
summer.

See you in the fall!