

Around the Schools

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

Quotes

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

- Sidney J. Harris, journalist

"Communication leads to community - that is, to understanding, intimacy, and mutual valuing."

- Rollo May, psychologist

"In a time of tight budgets, difficult choices have to be made. We must make sure our very limited resources are spent on priorities. I believe we should have no higher priority than investing in our children's classrooms and in their future."

- Alabama Governor Bob Riley

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the world of childhood."

- Fred Rogers (Mr. Rogers)

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

- William Butler Yeats, poet

"Learning never exhausts the mind."

- Leonardo da Vinci, artist/scientist

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."

- Stacia Tauscher, author

Holly Lane Day in Westlake

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, was Holly Lane Elementary School Day in Westlake. The proclamation from Mayor Dennis Clough honors the school for its annual Veterans Day program.

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, a nonprofit education organization that promotes the values of a democratic society, also honored the school with the George Washington Honor Medal. The medal was presented by resident Mary Levtzow, who nominated the school for the award.

The theme of this year's Veterans Day program was "the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier." Deb Wadden's fourth graders produced a short documentary, which can be seen online at www.westlifeneeds.com. This year's assembly was organized by music teacher Alison Gregory and second-grade teacher Marilyn Lester. Gregory's brother, Marine Corp veteran Chris Martin, sang the National Anthem at the program.

Local heroes

Bassett Elementary kicked off its book fair and Veterans Day by inviting local heroes into the library to talk about their contributions to their community/country. Visitors included optometrist Dr. Pete Mogyordy, surgeon Dr. Stacy Brethauer (pictured), Army veteran Margie Rossander, attorney Andy Kortez and Officer Anna.



Recipe Rhapsody

"Recipe Rhapsody," the Music Boosters' collection of more than 275 recipes collected from "chefs" near and far, is now available for \$12. Books can be wrapped in holiday paper at no additional cost.

Once your order and payment are received, you will be contacted to arrange a pick-up time. Books can be delivered to staff members at their buildings.

The cookbook also will be available at upcoming holiday concerts.

To order a cookbook, include your name, phone number, email address, the number of books you'd like to purchase and a check for that amount payable to Westlake Music Boosters. Please indicate if you would like the book gift-wrapped. Send your information and payment to Westlake Music Boosters 'Cookbook, c/o Kathie McNeilly, 1735 Farris Garden Path, Westlake, OH 44145.

You can also find an order form online at http://beta.westlake.k12.oh.us/admin/communications/Communications%20Documents/Cookbook_Order_Form.pdf

Bon appetit!



Congratulations to Hilliard Elementary 3rd grader Sophia Gorski for winning a second place medal at the Sectional NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick contest in Berea. Every year Hilliard's physical education teacher, Tom Urich, hosts a local PPK contest with 3rd and 4th graders during Physical Education classes. Champion boys and girls for specific age groups advance to the Sectional Competition in Berea.

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The Westlake Demons Club is offering a special School District discount on all Spirit Wear Items purchased during the Annual Holiday Sale through Dec. 1. You'll receive a 10% discount on all online purchases made at the Demons Club Store found on www.WestlakeDemonsClub.com.

Here is the deal:

Stork Report

LBMS intervention specialist Jen Seighman and husband Tom, a Parkside 5th grade teacher, welcomed Isabel Schaefer Seighman on Thursday, Oct. 21. Isabel came in at 8 lbs 13 oz. She joins big brother Tyrus at home. Congratulations to the Parkside and LBMS families on this latest addition.

1. Identify yourself as a WCSD employee by using your "wlake.org" or "westlake.k12.oh.us" email address extensions when ordering. Email addresses other than the above noted will not be eligible for the discount.

2. Visit the Demons Club Store before Dec. 1.

3. Pick up your order at the WHS Cafeteria on Saturday Dec. 18, 10am to Noon. You'll receive a 10% rebate (either cash or check) from the Demons Club on all purchases!

Questions? Contact info@westlakedemonsclub.com.

Coats for Kids

The Transportation Department is sponsoring its annual Coats for Kids campaign. Donations are being accepted through Dec. 17. Bring in your new or gently used coats, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves to the drop box in your building.