

Around the Schools

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

Teamwork through art

Ten WHS art students facilitated a team building exercise for the employees of Struers Inc., a Westlake-based leading manufacturer of equipment and consumables for materialographic, surface preparation of solid materials.

Members of the National Art Honor Society paired off with employees of Struers to assist them in a culminating activity on painting. Each group created a painting, for a total of 10 paintings. While Struers employees enjoyed dinner, the WHS students pieced the paintings together like a puzzle to create one piece of art that reflected the theme of the team building event – One Step Ahead. The finished artwork will hang in the company's Westlake headquarters.

The activity was facilitated by Struer employee Judi Sennish, whose daughter, Courtney, graduated from WHS last year. WHS art teachers Kelly Atkinson and Christine Filmer will help facilitate the art project.

"It's powerful that our kids are teaching adults and doing a community service here in Westlake," Filmer said.

Design Squad

LBMS math teacher Judy McMasters and WHS engineering & technology education teacher Adam Purdy and Scott Kutz will be assisting the PBS Design Squad team on Nov. 20 and 21 at a Design Squad event at the Great Lakes Science Center.

Show host Nate Ball will make an appearance and our students will be assisting with engineering challenges. For more information visit www.greatscience.com.

Young writers contest

The Ohioana Library Association is accepting submissions for the annual Robert Fox Award for Young Writers. The contest is open to Ohio students in grades 9 to 12. A total of six awards will be presented – three for prose and three for poetry. The deadline for entries is Jan. 15. Awards will be presented during the Ohioana Book Festival on May 8, 2010.

The awards were established in 2007, and honor writer Robert Fox (1943-2003), who served as the Ohio Arts Council's first poet-in-the-schools before becoming the Council's literary coordinator.

The Ohioana Library Association is dedicated to fostering, nurturing, recognizing and promoting Ohio writers, musicians and artists, and promoting and preserving the literary legacy of Ohio.

For more information and a contest entry, visit <http://www.ohioana.org/awards/rfoxaward.asp>

Coats for Kids

The Transportation Department once again will be collecting new and gently worn coats and jackets, along with mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and snow pants, in the annual Coats for Kids campaign.

Boxes and signs should be at each building. The Transportation Department will be collecting through Dec. 11th. The Transportation Department will take the coats and other items to the Westlake Police Department to be cleaned and distributed to needy children. For more information contact Jean Cooper at x.6348.

Jump Rope for Heart

During the week of Oct. 19-23, all Dover Elementary students participated in Jump Rope For Heart activities during Physical Education classes.

Students and staff collected \$5,570 to be donated to the American Heart Association to help fund cardiovascular research and educational programs.

Since 1996, Dover Elementary has donated \$75,352 to the AHA. The JRFH coordinator for all that time has been Linda McLean. Congratulations!!



Scenes from Hilliard Elementary's summer reading program.

Player of the Year

Congratulations to WHS graduate and current College of Wooster senior KateLynn Riley on being named NCAC Volleyball Player of the Year!

Read more about KateLynn and her award at <http://www.wooster.edu/en/Athletics/Athletics-News/2009/November/Volleyball-2009-NCAC-Awards>

Great Programming on WHBS

- Nov. 16 A: WHS play: Brigadoon (1995)
B: WHS One Act Plays (2001)
- Nov. 17 A: WHS play: Father of the Bride (1998)
B: Kiwanis Salute to Excellence (2009)
- Nov. 18 A: WHS play: Gus & Dolls (1994)
B: The professional Series: Mary Fisher & Ch. 3's Dan Medsker
- Nov. 19 A: WHS play: Damn Yankees (2004)
B: The Professional Series: Mary Fisher & Ch. 3's Dan Medsker
- Nov. 20 A: Football win over Brecksville (Oct. 26, 2007)
B: The Demon Zone: Fall Wrap #10
- Nov. 21 A: Football win over Brecksville (Oct. 26, 2007)
B: The Demon Zone: Fall Wrap #10
- Nov. 22 A: Football win over Brecksville (Oct. 26, 2007)
B: The Demon Zone: Fall Wrap #10

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Nominate math/science teachers

Nominations are being sought for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

The award honors exemplary mathematics and science teachers in grades K-12 for their contributions to improving teaching and learning. The National Science Foundation adminis-

ters PAEMST on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

This year, the nominations and applications for elementary teachers will be completed online. The nomination deadline is April 1, 2010. Awards alternate each year between elemen-

tary and secondary teachers. Secondary school teachers are eligible to apply in 2011.

Visit <http://www.paemst.org/controllers/home.cfc?method=view> for complete program details and the online nomination form.

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