

Around the Schools

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

Dates to Celebrate

Nov. 1-30: American Indian Heritage Month

Nov. 2: Election Day

Nov. 7: Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov. 11: Veterans' Day

Nov. 14-19: American Education Week

Nov. 14-20: Geography Awareness Week

Nov. 16: Parents' Day & International Day for Tolerance

Nov. 17: Education Support Professionals' Day

Nov. 19: Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and Substitute Educators' Day

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 30: Mark Twain's birthday

Quote of the Week

"After a good dinner, one can forgive anyone, even one's relatives."

-- Oscar Wilde

Spanish 3 test results

Last spring, Cheryl Bendik's 29 Spanish 3 Honors students took the OSU Collaborative Articulation & Assessment Project (CAAP) test and rated as well as, and sometimes above, college peers.

The test was administered to 3,994 students at 64 Ohio high schools and Level 3 OSU students and rated students on listening, speaking, reading and writing. WHS students scored better or the same as their college-level peers in writing, listening and reading, earning them a potential OSU placement of Level 103 or 104.



Bendik said WHS is one of very few high schools in the state offering

honors foreign language classes starting at Level 2. WHS students who progress to Level 5 AP foreign language classes before graduation have the potential to earn 15 to 25 college credits at OSU with AP scores of 3 or higher..

Master Facilities Plan update

Fencing has gone up around the old Red Brick school building as contractors work to abate the asbestos in the building and remove historical artifacts from the 101-year-old building before its intended Nov. 23 demolition.

In the meantime, the school district met again with the 20/20 Vision Committee and neighbors whose properties border either the WHS or LBMS/Dover sites. If you haven't checked out the Master Facilities Plan blog lately - <http://westlakefacilities.blogspot.com/> - there are meeting notes and PowerPoint presentations showing the latest schematic designs and site plans for both the new high school and middle school.

If you would like a brick from the Red Brick building, get your name on a list by emailing bonvissuto@wlake.org asap. Bricks are going fast. We are limiting requests to 1 brick per person at this time.

Stork Report

Director of Pupil Services Stephanie Morgan and her husband, Zane, welcomed Peter McCarthy Morgan into the world on Oct. 22 at 1:41 a.m.

Peter was born at 6 lbs, 7 oz, and 19.5 inches long. Mom, Dad and Peter are doing well.

Congratulations to the Morgan and administrative families on this latest addition!



Dover Elementary students participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart last week, raising at least \$2,300 for the American Heart Association.

With sympathy . . .

Celina Bigio, ESL teacher, recently lost her grandfather, Fernando Contreras-Crespo, 85, of Lorain.

Please keep the Bigio and Contreras-Crespo families in your thoughts during this difficult time.

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Real World Design Challenge

High school teachers interested in having a team of students in grades 9-12 participate in the Ohio Governor's Cup portion of the national Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) must register by Nov. 19.

So far, Ohio has 17 groups enrolled and is tied with Florida for having the most state-level teams.

The challenge for state-level competitors is to create a flexible airplane wing design using composite materials. Student teams of up to seven members are

provided six different software programs for technical and collaboration activities. They have access to a network of professional engineering mentors as they complete the analysis and modeling of their aviation design solutions.

Ohio teams will be judged on Feb. 1, when the team with the best design will be selected for an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the national RWDC finals in mid-April.

Registered teams and their advisors will have access to weekly RWDC webinars and online tools.

For more details and to register for RWDC, visit <http://www.realworld-designchallenge.org/>. To view video from the 2010 RWDC national event, visit <http://ndep.us/LabTV>.

For additional information, contact Ohio RWDC Coordinator Dick Diefenderfer at (614) 644-7356 or dick.diefenderfer@ode.state.oh.us.

Daylight Savings Time Ends! Set your clocks to Fall Back on Nov. 7, the official end to DST.



2011 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage essay contest

The 2011 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest marking the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy presidency, addresses national standards in social studies and language arts. Complete contest information and resources on the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum website, www.jfklibrary.org. Students must register online and submit essays by Jan. 8, 2011.