

Around the Schools

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

Facilities update

The 101-year-old Red Brick school building is about to come down. Demolition crews are scheduled to begin taking down the building Tuesday, Nov. 23. By the end of the week the building should be a pile of rubble that will be carted off for sorting.

If you are interested in obtaining a brick, we are running out. Please contact bonvissuto@wlake.org to reserve a brick. We are allowing 1 brick per person. Bricks likely won't be available for pickup until later this year or early 2011.

Phase 1 of the Master Facilities Plan is in the value engineering phase for LBMS (WHS is about a month away from entering this phase). After including everyone's requests into the original drawings, architects will now work with the district to go back and whittle down the plan to fall within the building budgets.

Remember, you can always find new information and updates on the building program by checking the website or on our blog at westlakefacilities.blogspot.com.

Math competition

More than 300 LBMS Pre-Algebra and Algebra students participated in the 26th Annual American Mathematics Competition 8. Students are competing for local, state and national awards.

Last year LBMS had the highest score recorded out of 4,700 Ohio students. In addition, we had 7 students who received distinguished honor roll for their efforts.

Food safety 101

About 75 WHS Foods I students learned more about the foods they buy, safe preparation and potential career options through two speakers -- a produce manager from Trader Joe's and Executive Chef Rob Duppong of Maneros Restaurant. Chef Rob treated students to a traditional angel hair aglio olio dish. Students also saw a behind-the-scenes video at the restaurant and discussed preventing food-borne illnesses. Foods classes at WHS cover food preparation, consumerism, kitchen safety, knife skills, nutrition and topical information to help students become proficient in the kitchen.



Rubber Band Contest

The Akron Global Polymer Academy of the University of Akron is hosting the third Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors to encourage students in grades 5-8 to demonstrate their creativity and ingenuity by creating an invention that incorporates the use of rubber bands.

The contest has two separate divisions of competition -- Arts & Leisure, and Science & Engineering. Four finalists will be brought to Akron, where the first-place winner and runner-up in each division will be announced at a May 14, 2011, awards ceremony. The first-place winner in each division will receive a \$1,000 savings bond, while the runners-up will receive a \$500 savings bond. The top eight semi-finalists not chosen as finalists will each receive a \$50 gift card. The top four schools with the most entries will each receive a \$250 donation.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 16, 2011. For more contest details visit <http://rubberbandcontest.org>.

Find your footprint

Proctor & Gamble and the National Geographic Society are sponsoring the "Find Your Footprint" conservation contest.

The winning class receives a major prize worth more than \$36,000: five state-of-the-art Promethean digital whiteboards, five classroom sets of Promethean Learner Response Systems (ActivExpressions), \$1,000 in National Geographic educational materials and 30 subscriptions to National Geographic Kids magazine.

The campaign features educational resources on saving water, saving energy and reducing waste in an interactive online hub; on-air elements on national Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD. Teachers can download the comprehensive lesson plan, "How Big Is Your Human Footprint?" at www.nationalgeographic.com/findyourfootprint. Entries must be received by Dec. 3.



Bassett students tried their hardest to "Can the Principal" last week by bringing in food donations for the area's needy families. The idea was to drive Principal Ben Hodge out of his office with food donations.

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Writers needed for arts academic content standards

ODE's Division of the Arts needs fine arts educators from multiple disciplines to begin re-visioning Ohio's fine arts academic content standards as required by House Bill 1. Selected K-12 educators in the visual and performing arts – dance, drama/theatre, music and visual art – will review feedback from focus-groups and form working groups to

prepare revision drafts in the four arts areas for additional feedback and public input. Working group participants will attend three full-day meetings held from December 2010 to June 2011. Selected participants will be reimbursed for travel and for substitute teacher costs. In addition to a background

in one of the arts areas, applicants should have interest and skill in writing and editing educational material and experience in implementing the current arts standards in schools. Application deadline is Nov. 26. For the application visit education.ohio.gov and search for keywords: ODE fine arts.

Young Writers contest

The Ohioana Library Association is accepting submissions from students in grade 9 to 12 for the annual Robert Fox Award for Young Writers. A total of six awards will be presented – three for prose and three for poetry. The association is limiting submissions to a total of three entries per school. In addition, each student may submit only one entry per category.

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 deadline for entries is Jan. 15. Awards will be presented during the Ohioana Book Festival on May 7, 2011. For more information and a contest entry, visit <http://www.ohioana.org/awards/rfoxaward.asp>.