

Around the Schools

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

Diversity calendar

November is Native-American Heritage Month: download free teaching posters from the National Museum of the American Indian at www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=education&second=pub. Also visit Buffy Sainte-Marie's Cradelboard Project for free curriculum resources at www.cradleboard.org.

Nov. 1-2: Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Watch a demonstration of making papel picado (cut paper) -- used as an offering -- at www.activitytv.com/383-papel-picado.

Nov. 3: Election Day -- go vote!

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day.

Nov. 15-21: American Education Week.

Nov. 19: Anniversary of Gettysburg Address. View a draft in Lincoln's own handwriting at the Library of Congress, www.loc.gov/exhibits/gadd.

Nov. 22-28: National Family Week. Sponsored by the Alliance for Children and Families.

Professional development

Tuesday, Nov. 3, is Professional Development Day in Westlake. While our students have a free day, certified and classified staff will be attending a variety of presentations to update and upgrade their skills in and out of the classroom.

Academic Services Director Pam Griebel and Human Resources Director have sent emails to all staff members with details about schedules and programming. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Griebel at x. 1260 or griebel@wlake.org or Mike Laub at x. 1267 or laub@wlake.org.

Nov. 3 is also Election Day. Get out and vote!

Murder's in the Heir

The Center Stage Players are proud to present their fall play, *Murder's in the Heir*. If you love the movie and board game Clue, then you will love this murder/mystery/spoof. The show opens on Friday, Nov. 13, at 7pm. Additional show times are Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7pm and Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2pm. Tickets are only available at the box office door. General admission is \$7; students (with a valid I.D.) are \$6; senior citizens and children under 2 are FREE. Please, come and support the dramatic arts!

Nominations for National Teachers Hall of Fame being accepted

The National Teachers Hall of Fame (NTHF) recognizes and honors exceptional career teachers, encourages excellence in teaching, and preserves the rich heritage of the teaching profession in the United States.

Established in 1989, the NTHF honors five teachers who have demonstrated commitment and dedication to teaching our nation's children.

For more information about the NTHF, the nomination process and the 2010 nomination form, visit <http://www.nthf.org/index.htm>

Reminders

Friday, Nov. 6: Veterans Day ceremony at Holly Lane at 12:45pm in the school gym. This year's theme is "Silent Service." All are welcome.

Saturday, Nov. 7: LBMS E-Club will host an E-club for Africa Benefit Concert at the PAC at 7pm to raise funds to send the Maasai children in Kenya back to school. Bands include ECOgeeks, Another Green Day and Neccos For Breakfast. There will be a short film, "Conservation Africa." E-Club products will be for sale and two Maasai necklaces will be up for auction.

Tickets are \$2 at the door.

USDOE video contest

The USDOE is asking students to participate in a national video contest titled "I Am What I Learn." The contest is open to middle, secondary and college students, ages 13 and older. For complete contest information and rules, visit <http://www.Ed.gov/IAmWhatILearn>. Submissions close Nov. 2.

Great Programming on WHBS

- Nov. 2 A: Boys playoff soccer game #1 (10/24)
B: WHS play: 12 Angry Jurors (2002)
- Nov. 3 A: WHS band concert (10/27)
B: LCCC special: Elder Fraud (2007)
- Nov. 4 A: Boys playoff soccer game #2 (10/28)
B: PBS special: Taking Control of Your Credit
- Nov. 5 A: Girls playoff soccer (10/24)
B: Judy Galbraith: What Kids Need to Succeed (2008)
- Nov. 6 A: Varsity football at Brecksville (10/30)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #10
- Nov. 7 A: Varsity football at Brecksville (10/30)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #10
- Nov. 8 A: Varsity football at Brecksville (10/30)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #10



The 20/20 Vision Committee met Oct. 21 at WHS to continue their work toward finalizing a master facilities plan for the district. The group discussed project finance and educational considerations. Upcoming meetings will be held Nov. 4 at WHS, Nov. 18 at Parkside and Dec. 2 at Bassett. Keep up with the latest information on the facilities process at www.wlake.org/facilities. We recently instituted a blog with Q&A to answer questions raised by 20/20 committee members. Check it out!

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Social Studies standards revision

H.B. 1 requires revision of Ohio's academic content standards in social studies and other subjects by June 30, 2010.

Proposed revisions include reduced breadth, increased depth and the combination of process and content standards.

The number of standards will decrease to four: government, economics, geography and history.

Benchmarks and grade-level indicators are being replaced with themes, topics and content statements.

For more information about the standards revision process for social studies, English language arts, mathematics and science, visit ODE's Web site at education.ohio.gov, keyword search: revision.

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