

Around the Schools

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

Dates to celebrate

Dec. 1: Anniversary of Montgomery bus boycott. In 1955, Rosa Mae Parks refused to give up her seat to a white passenger, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott four days later.

Dec. 1: World AIDS Day. Visit www.worldaidsday.org

Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor Day

Dec. 10: Human Rights Day

Dec. 12-17: Hanukkah

Dec. 16: Boston Tea Party anniversary

Dec. 17: Anniversary of Wright Brothers flight near Kitty Hawk, NC in 1903

Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Dec. 26-Jan. 1: Kwanza

English grant

WHS English teachers Lela Bakos, Kim Cerrito and Nicole Goshen were awarded a \$1,500 Jennings Foundation grant for increasing writing success at the high school level.

Bakos initiated the proposal as a result of her desire to utilize the research-based strategies emphasized through her participation in the national Writing Project this summer. The grant fits the district's Continuous Improvement plan by promoting and accentuating analysis, synthesis and evaluation to exist as a transformative process as students share their work and potentially make adjustments together.

Congratulations!

Save the Date

Citizens for Westlake Schools is hosting "A Taste of Westlake" on Feb. 26, 2010, from 7 to 10pm at La Centre Banquet Facility on Detroit Road.

Strong communities like Westlake are anchored by premier school districts like Westlake Schools.

This combination continues to draw business, families and others looking for a healthy community in which to invest.

All proceeds support Citizens for Westlake School's campaign efforts.

The 2006 "A Taste of Westlake" was a sold out event!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Taste of Westlake Committee co-chairs Julie McCallister at Juliemcc1028@aol.com or 440.899.1422, or Christie Wiedt at christiesbn@aol.com or 440.899.1997.

Tax credit repayment

More than 15 million taxpayers could unexpectedly owe taxes when they file their federal returns next spring because the government was too generous with their new Making Work Pay tax credit.

Taxpayer are at risk if they have more than one job, are married and both spouses work, or receive Social Security benefits while also earning taxable wages, according to the Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration.

The tax credit, which is supposed to pay individuals up to \$400 and couples up to \$800, was President Obama's signature tax break in the massive stimulus package enacted in February.

Most workers started receiving the credit through small increase in their paychecks in April. The tax credit was made available through new withholding tables issued by the IRS. The tables, however, do



The 20/20 Vision Committee reached a consensus on a revised neighborhood plan. The committee will meet Dec. 2 to hammer out a final plan and present it to the Board of Education on Dec. 10 at 6pm.

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not take into account taxpayers with multiple jobs or married couples in which both people work, or Social Security recipients with jobs that provided taxable income.

The tax credit is also available for 2010. The problems will continue in 2010 if the issue is not resolved. The credit

pays workers 6.2% of their earned income, up to a maximum of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for married couples filing jointly.

For many, the new tax tables will mean smaller-than-expected tax refunds next year. The average tax refund this year was about \$2,800.

The IRS, in a response to the audit, advised taxpayers to check their withholding throughout the year to make sure they don't get hit with an unexpected tax bill.

(Taken from Yahoo Finance).

Great Programming on WHBS

- Nov. 30 A: WHS football awards show (11/23)
B: WHS play: Mr. Scrooge (1999)
- Dec. 1 A: WHS football awards show (11/23)
B: Hilliard play: The Nutcracker (2000)
- Dec. 2 A: The Demon Zone: Year 1, Episode 1,2,3 (1996)
B: The Demon Zone: Year 1, Episode 30 (1997)
- Dec. 3 A: the Demon Zone: Year 2, Episode #1 (1997)
B: the Demon Zone: Year 2, Episode #11 (1997)
- Dec. 4 A: WHS play: Guys and Dolls (2009)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #12
- Dec. 5 A: WHS play: Guys and dolls (2009)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #12
- Dec. 6 A: WHS play: Guys and dolls (2009)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #12

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