

# Around the Schools

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

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### Teaching Resources

- Access lesson plans, assessments and other teaching tools through **Ohio's Instructional Management System (IMS)**, Ohio's Web-based source to help teachers creatively teach Ohio's academic content standards to improve student achievement in Ohio. Visit <http://ims.ode.state.oh.us/ode/ims/Default.asp?bhcp=1>
- **Ohio's Statewide Testing** Web site provides teachers and students information and resources for the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) and the OGT. Visit <http://portal.success-ode.state-oh-us.info/>.
- The **Federal Resource for Educational Excellence (FREE)** Web site makes it easy to track down new teaching resources from federal agencies. Visit <http://www.free.ed.gov/index.cfm>.
- **Smithsonianeducation.org**, which boasts of more than 1,200 free educational resources, includes a feature that aligns those resources to standards of learning in every state. By entering the name of a state into the search engine, teachers can find lesson plans, virtual exhibitions, photographs, artworks and databases of research information that apply to their curricula. Visit <http://smithsonianeducation.org/>.

### Scenes from professional development day



## Murder's in the Heir

To better accommodate the academic calendar of students and to better serve the Westlake senior citizen community, the WHS Center Stage Players have replaced all future Thursday evening drama/musical performances with a Sunday matinee. This change will go into effect immediately with this season's fall comedy, "Murder's in the Heir."

Show dates for "Murder's in the Heir" are Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7pm., and Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2pm.

Please see the Center Stage Players' web site at [www.westlake.k12.oh.us/whs/dramaclub/index.htm](http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/whs/dramaclub/index.htm) for additional dates and times.

## Free seminars on East Asia

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) is an 11-week free seminar series to provide teachers in grades 6 through 12 with the knowledge, resources and expert guidance needed to incorporate the study of Asia in their classrooms.

The 30-hour seminar will give teachers a wealth of information and the opportunity to experience China, Japan and Korea without leaving Ohio. Participants receive a number of benefits upon completion of program requirements including a personal stipend, textbooks, an option to purchase graduate credit, and a continuing education unit certificate.

The first seminar begins Jan. 5, 2010, at Ohio University; a second one at Oberlin College on Feb. 11. Visit <http://ncta.osu.edu/> for full information. Applications received by Nov. 30 will receive priority.

# Stork report

Dottie Kozak, secretary to CFO/Treasurer Mark Pepera, and husband, George, welcomed their first grandchild on Friday, Oct. 30 at 11:51 pm.

McKenna Grace Towsley was born to Kozak's daughter, Kerri, and husband Marc. McKenna weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 21 inches.

Congratulations to the Kozak, Towsley and Treasurer families on this latest addition.

## Zoom offers K-12 film experience

Teachers interested in using film as an instructional tool can take classes to school-day screenings at the Wexner Center for the Arts on the Ohio State University campus. The Zoom Family Film Festival offers international movies for K-12 students. Advance registration is required and admission is free. Visit [http://www.wexarts.org/learn/for\\_teachers/?eventid=4199](http://www.wexarts.org/learn/for_teachers/?eventid=4199) for a listing of films and how to register.

## Great Programming on WHBS

- Nov. 9 A: Show Choir Invitational (11/2)  
B: St. Bernadette play: Buggy Malone (2001)
- Nov. 10 A: Show Choir Invitational (11/2)  
B: WHS play: MASH (2000)
- Nov. 11 A: WHS play: 42nd Street (2002)  
B: WHS play: clue (2000)
- Nov. 12 A: WHS play: Oklahoma (2007)  
B: WHS play: You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown (2008)
- Nov. 13 A: Varsity football win over Bay Village (9/14)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #10
- Nov. 14 A: Varsity football win over Bay Village (9/14)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #10
- Nov. 15 A: Varsity football win over Bay Village (9/14)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #10



## WHS Lady Demons soccer team named 2009 District Champions after beating Magnificat 2-0. Congratulations!

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## Sports safety class

This course provides coaches with basic First Aid/CPR/AED skills and knowledge needed to care for athletic injuries. This class is approved by the Ohio Department of Education to meet the requirements of today's coaches.

The course will be held

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8am to 1pm at The American Red Cross/Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria.

Cost is \$45 Adult CPR/AED & Sports Safety or \$35 Sports Safety only.

Make checks payable to the American Red Cross. Participants are enrolled when registration and payment are received.

Call (440) 324-2929 or email [jdeangelisredcross@windstream.net](mailto:jdeangelisredcross@windstream.net) for details.

**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**