

Around the Schools

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

WEF teacher grants

The 2010-2011 teacher grant applications are now available for all teachers in all schools through Director of Academic Services Pam Griebel. Copies of the application will also be available on the Westlake Education Foundation web site: www.WestlakeEducationFoundation.org.

Funding will be available for the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Application deadline is Friday, Oct. 29. The WEF is looking for applications that express creativity and impact the greatest number of students. Those applications that exhibit strong connections to the district's courses of study and that encourage integration with other curriculum areas are the most desirable. WEF encourage teachers to combine their talents with the WEF funding for the benefit of the students within our school system.

Applications should be sent to the Administration Building addressed to Westlake Education Foundation, c/o Pam Griebel. If you would like more information, please contact griebel@wlake.org or go to www.WestlakeEducationFoundation.org.

Field of Excellence

Congratulations to the WCSD maintenance staff on earning a Pioneer Athletics Field of Excellence Award.

Pioneer Athletics markets athletic field marking paint and field maintenance equipment. Their customers include more than 18,000 universities, high schools, parks and recreation departments, and professional sports teams in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia.

The Field of Excellence program recognizes hardworking individuals, schools and communities for their dedication and effort in keeping fields and sport facilities looking their best. From the applications submitted last year, 27 winners were announced, including Westlake High School.

Director of Business Affairs Dave Puffer and the maintenance team of Mark Hassett, Kevin McNulty, Dave Moorman, Mark Uline, Keith Urban and Jim Daugherty were presented with a field of Excellence banner and certificate of recognition at the Aug. 27 home football game.

Congratulations!

Common Core Math Standards

The conference titled The Common Core State Standards for Mathematics are here! What to do NOW? will be held at the Quaker Square Inn at the University of Akron from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The event will support school teams and individuals in the initial stages of transitioning to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics. Sponsored by the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics (OCTM) and Texas Instruments, it is scheduled for the day after the 60th Annual OCTM Conference.

Crosswalk documents that summarize the relationships between Ohio's academic content standards for K-12 mathematics and the CCSS will be available during this session and will be posted soon on the ODE website at <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=1704&ContentID=83475>. Participants will receive certificates for 4.5 contact hours. Register by Oct. 9 on the OCTM website at <http://www.ohioctm.org/>.

Flu shots

Flu shots will be offered from 1 to 4pm Tuesday, Oct. 12. \$25. Download a permission form at <http://beta.westlake.k12.oh.us/Forms/Flu%20shot%20permission%20form.pdf>

Ashland U. courses

Ashland University has partnered with Virtual Education Software, inc. to offer graduate level continuing education courses for K-12 educators online or via CD-Rom.

These interactive courses provide instruction at a pace that fits your schedule.

For more information visit <http://www.virtualeduc.com/e-announcements/ashland.htm>

WEF Candle Sale

The 2010 Westlake Education Foundation Candle Sale is underway. Candles will be available at each school for sampling and purchase. Order forms are also available at www.WestlakeEducation-Foundation.org. Candles are \$8 each or 3 for \$20. Thanks for your generous support of the Westlake Education Foundation.

Please be advised the following insurance rates are effective Oct. 1. The rates published in a previous issue of Around the Schools were incorrect.

Family

Medical = \$91.29/mo
Medical (w/spousal requirement) = \$77.60/mo
RX = \$24.65/mo



Holly Lane first-grade teacher Lisa Forshey and her team, HUGS FOR SEAN, raised \$1,150 to fund autism research in the recent Walk for Autism. There were more than 4,000 participants in this year's walk on Sept. 26. Above is the Hugs for Sean team photo.

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eTech Ohio launches free PD tools

The eTech Ohio Commission has released a new collection of self-paced modules designed to meet the professional development needs of Ohio's educators. The two modules, Podcasting for Teaching and Learning, and Transformational Connections with Blogs and Wikis, were designed to introduce educators to technologies that can be

used in the classroom and beyond. To access the material, please visit eTech's eLearning site at <http://www.eteach.ohio.gov/elearning/> and click on the self-paced modules menu on the right side of the screen. From there, users are directed to log on to Blackboard (a learning content management system)

to access the courses. The modules consist of exercises, reading materials and videos that guide the learner through effective use of the technologies. For more information on the eLearning modules or other resources, please visit <http://www.eteach.ohio.gov/> or call (614) 485-6000 or (877) 383-2406 (toll-free).

2010-2011 Health Insurance Information

Single

Medical = \$36.52/mo
RX = \$9.86/mo
*Employee deductions will be based on a pro-rata contract calculation

In addition, the following changes are being made to your health plan coverage as a result of federal healthcare reform:

Currently there is a \$1,000 Well Child Care limit. Effective Oct. 1, the Well Child Care services will be covered from birth to age 21. There will be 31 visits per lifetime for Well Child Care visits and unlimited Well Child Care lab and immunizations.

Currently, there is a \$200 routine physical exam. Ef-

fective Oct. 1, there will be one routine physical exam for an adult.

Furthermore, lifetime maximums are removed.

Certificate books and benefit highlight sheets will be updated to reflect healthcare reform changes and will be available.