

# Around the Schools

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

## Diversity calendar

October is Czech Heritage Month (learn more at [ww.bohemica.com](http://ww.bohemica.com)), Italian American Heritage and Culture Month (learn more at [www.niaf.org/research/contribution.asp](http://www.niaf.org/research/contribution.asp)) and Polish American Heritage Month (visit [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish\\_American](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish_American)).

Oct. 18-14: Teen Read Week. This year's theme is Read Beyond Reality @ Your Library! Visit [www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2009/home.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2009/home.cfm).

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](http://www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=education&second=pub). Also visit [www.cradleboard.org](http://www.cradleboard.org) for free curriculum resources.

Nov. 1-2: Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Visit [www.activitytv.com/383-papel-picado](http://www.activitytv.com/383-papel-picado) for a demonstration on making cut paper as an offering.

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

## Showered with supplies

Chelsea McDonald was selected by the Westlake Office Max to receive a \$1,000 classroom supply donation through the Adopt-A-Classroom program.

OfficeMax representatives surprised McDonald, a new 1st grade teacher at Bassett, last week with the supplies and resources in her classroom.

Congratulations!

## Helping the Maasai

LBMS 7th grade science teacher Dan Grigson and his Environmental Club (Eclub) are partnering with the Cincinnati Zoo to raise funds for the Maasai in Kenya.

The area is experiencing a severe drought. A lack of food and teacher salaries have forced the closure of schools across Kenya.

The Eclub pledged to donate proceeds from the sale of Eclub products to Kenya. Original music, CDs, books, bracelets, belts, earrings and videos created by students will help reopen schools and feed children.

Grigson spent time in Kenya, Africa, last summer working with the Massai. To learn more about the project, visit [http://web.me.com/danielgrigson/LBMS\\_Environmental\\_Club\\_Home\\_Page/E-Club\\_for\\_Africa.html](http://web.me.com/danielgrigson/LBMS_Environmental_Club_Home_Page/E-Club_for_Africa.html) or email [grigson@wlake.org](mailto:grigson@wlake.org).



## Positions available

WHS Freshman Boys Basketball Coach and Freshman Basketball Cheerleading Advisor. If interested, please email a letter of interest and resume to Athletic Director Dennis Bartlett at [Bartlett@wlake.org](mailto:Bartlett@wlake.org).

WHS Kitchen Helper. 3.75 hours/day. Application deadline is Oct. 13. Please apply online at <http://www.applitrack.com/westlake/onlineapp/>.

# The Stork Report

WHS library clerk Barb Hajek and her husband, Jim, welcomed their first grandchild. Hajek's son, Brent (Class of '99), and his wife, Erin, had a baby boy, Nathan James, on Oct. 1. Nathan weighed 8 pounds, 12.5 ounces and measured 21 3/4 inches.

Congratulations to the Hajek and WHS families on this latest addition.



**A scene from Homecoming 2009**

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## With sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to WHS library desk clerk Suzie Betleski and her husband, Mark, on the recent death of her father-in-law Adrian.

WHS Social Studies teacher Beth Huffman' recently lost her father.

Please keep the Betleski and Huffman families in your thoughts during this difficult time.

## 20/20 Vision Committee

The district reconvened the 20/20 Vision Committee last week to provide an update on the facilities process and expand committee membership to further advance the master facilities planning project. The following staff members are now serving on the committee:

Tim Barrett, Mark Bregar,

Tracy Cox, Dawn Dawson, Kathy D'Ettore, Susan Dodge, Chuck Dubil, Lisa Forshey, Tim Freeman, Karen Herzberger, Dan Keenan, Lois Leonard, Carolyn Maciag, Christina Meecha, Duane Miller, Mark Pepera, Dave Puffer, Kelly Roath, Jen Seighman.

The full committee is now up to 68 members and includes representatives from the City of Westlake, local business, civic organizations, public and private school parents, residents without children and senior citizens, as well as faculty and students. Check out [www.wlake.org/facilities](http://www.wlake.org/facilities) for updates.

## Great Programming on WHBS

- Oct. 12 A: Varsity girls soccer v. Amherst (10/7)  
B: St. Bernadette play: Fiddler on the Roof (2006)
- Oct. 13 A: Varsity volleyball v. Midpark (10/8)  
B: LBMS play: Enchanted Sleeping Beauty (1999)
- Oct. 14 A: Westlake 8 band Jazz Festival (2000)  
B: Westlake 8 Band Jazz Festival Part II (2000)
- Oct. 15 A: Varsity boys soccer v. Brunswick (10/10)  
B: WHS play: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (2003)
- Oct. 16 A: Varsity football v. Olmsted Falls (10/9)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #7
- Oct. 17 A: Varsity football v. Olmsted Falls (10/9)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #7
- Oct. 18 A: Varsity football v. Olmsted Falls (10/9)  
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #7

**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**