

Around the Schools

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

Classroom freebies

Look into these strategies for obtaining free materials for your classrooms:

Freecycle [www.freecycle.org]
- Sign up for your community's list to see what people are giving away.

Join a Yahoo listserv [<http://groups.yahoo.com>] and post a request for supplies you need.

Adopt-A-Classroom [www.adoptaclassroom.com] offers a free online e-wallet account to educators who want to solicit financial support from the community to buy books, games and other educational supplies.

OfficeMax and Adopt-A-Classroom host the annual A Day Made Better event in October [www.adaymadebetter.com]. teachers must be nominated and can receive a large box of classroom-supply staples.

Start a gift registry at Donors Choose [www.donorschoose.org] or Gold Star Registry [www.goldstarregistry.com].

iLoveSchools.com matches donors with teachers seeking new or gently used equipment and supplies.

Facilities Update

On Oct. 6, bids were opened for the abatement and demolition of the Old Red Brick school building. You can view the bid results at <http://beta.westlake.k12.oh.us/Facilities/assets/RedBrickAbateDemoBids.pdf>. It is anticipated the Red Brick will come down beginning Tuesday, Nov. 23. Fencing will go up around the building around Oct. 15 and salvaging for historical pieces will take place over the next month.

Upcoming construction update meetings will be held for the following groups:

- 20/20 Vision Committee will meet Monday, Oct. 18, at 6pm in the WHS cafeteria
- LBMS neighborhood group will meet Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 6pm in the WHS cafeteria
- WHS neighborhood group will meet Thursday, Oct. 21, at 6pm in the WHS library

Check out the blog at <http://westlakefacilities.blogspot.com/>

Ride/Walk to School Day stats

Last week's Ride Your Bike/Walk to School Day drew a large number of participants at the Westlake Schools.

At LBMS, 201 students and 4 staff members rode their bikes to school (although only 81 donned helmets. LBMS gave away Dave & Busters power cards and a pizza party for participation. At WHS, 100 students rode their bikes to school.

At Holly Lane, about 150 students, parents and siblings walked to school, along with Mayor Dennis Clough. Bassett had about 130 participants walk to school & gave away 40 fun packs. At Dover about 100 students & parents walked to school. At Hilliard 65 students & 30 adults led by Tom Urich and Officer Delfing walked.

Tools for Teachers

Tools for Teachers, an e-mail newsletter, provides timely announcements on licensure, award and recognition programs, scholarships, conferences, professional development and study opportunities from the ODE. It also has links to classroom resources and tools, including lesson ideas aligned to academic content standards. Visit toolsforteachers@ode.state.oh.us, add your name on the subject line and hit "send." You will be signed up to receive Tools for Teachers each month throughout the year.

School Safety Alert Program

Tens of millions of children are needlessly exposed to unsafe products, toys and foods that have been recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Each year children are killed, hundreds are sickened, and thousands of others are injured by these products.

The National School Safety Coalition has launched the Click, Check and Protect Campaign to help safeguard children and inform parents, educators and caregivers about potential dangers.

The Consumers Union, National PTA, and NSBA launched the School Safety Alert Program by:

- Creating a landing page that is developed and maintained for the "School Safety Alert Program."
- The landing page contains additional safety information, recalls pertaining to used and consumed products in and around the home, and when appropriate links to other organizations/agencies.

Learn more at the Click, Check and Protect Campaign website at <http://blogs.consumerreports.org/safetyalerts/>



Bassett physical education teacher Simon O'Doherty leads a group of Bassett Elementary students to school in a walking school bus during the Oct. 13 Walk to School Day, in which all 4 elementary schools participated. On Oct. 12 LBMS and WHS participated in Ride Your Bike to School Day.

2010-2011 Health Insurance Information

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

Single

Medical - \$36.52/mo

RX - \$ 9.86/mo

*Employee deductions will be based on a pro-rata contract calculation

Huffington Post launches new Education Page

The Huffington Post, a progressive news website that was created five years ago in response to popular conservative news websites, launched a new education page last week.

If you enjoy scanning for the latest topical ed-

ucation information and perspectives of that information from many political viewpoints, you may want to visit the site on a regular basis.

It is a sponsored site which means ads will appear and stories are often re-

lated to the sponsor. Example Paramount Pictures is a sponsor and also the distributor of Waiting for Superman.

Visit <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/education/> to read for yourself.

Congratulations!

- **Boys golf finished its season with a 6-8 record and 4th place in the SWC.**
- **Girls golf finished the season 11-4, 10-4 SWC, & 3rd in the SWC. Olivia Serrat & Kayla Waltrovich both qualified for District Championships.**
- **LBMS 7th grade football team finished the season as the undefeated SWC champions.**