

Around the Schools

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Fine arts content standards

ODE's division of visual and performing arts invites K-12 teachers of dance, drama/theatre, music and visual art to participate in discussions to launch the review of Ohio's fine arts academic content standards. Consultants will hold two sessions for the four arts areas:

- The music and drama/theatre session will take place Monday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Wood County Educational Service Center, 1867 N. Research Drive, Bowling Green;
- The visual art and dance session will be held Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Worthington Schools Education Center, 200 E. Wilson Bridge Rd., Worthington.

To register, contact Vicky Kelly at vicky.kelly@ode.state.oh.us and provide complete name, school, district name and address, visual or performing arts area (dance drama/theatre, music or visual art), grade levels taught, years of teaching experience, and daytime phone number. Indicate the session you would like to attend. Space is limited. Confirmation and details will be sent via e-mail. ODE has no funding to reimburse travel expenses.

Facing History, Ourselves

Five WHS students have been selected as Student Senators by the Cleveland chapter of Facing History and Ourselves for this year's conference at John Carroll University. Juniors Michelle Canestraro, Rachel Evans, Andrew Spreng, Lindsay Weeast and Jaclyn Wulf were nominated by their Social Studies teacher, Elizabeth Noren, last spring and will serve as conference facilitators and leaders. (See photo on back page).

This year's conference theme, Facing History/Facing Today, will examine how people choose to act in various situations. The goal is to engage students in the group's themes and approach to history and literature, while promoting civic agency and leadership skills.

Facing History and Ourselves is a Boston-based international organization that promotes tolerance and acceptance by using aspects of history. Students study history and examine the effects these events had on people. Student then are asked to come up with ways to address similar issues within their schools pertaining to prejudice, stereotyping and bullying.

Real World Design Challenge

High school teachers interested in having a team of students in grades 9-12 participate in the Ohio Governor's Cup portion of the national Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) must register by Nov. 19. So far, Ohio has 17 groups enrolled and is tied with Florida for having the most state-level teams.

The challenge for state-level competitors is to create a flexible airplane wing design using composite materials. Student teams of up to seven members are provided six different software programs for technical and collaboration activities. They have access to a network of professional engineering mentors as they complete the analysis and modeling of their aviation design solution. Ohio teams will be judged on Feb. 1, when the team with the best design will be selected for an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the national RWDC finals in mid-April.

Registered teams will have access to weekly RWDC webinars and online tools. In addition, they may attend an information program during the Ohio Technology and Engineering Educators Association Fall Technology Workshops on Nov. 6 at Bexley High School in Columbus. For more details and to register for RWDC, visit <http://www.realworlddesignchallenge.org/>. To view video from the 2010 RWDC national event, visit <http://ndep.us/LabTV>. For more information, please contact Ohio RWDC Coordinator Dick Dieffenderfer at dick.dieffenderfer@ode.state.oh.us or (614) 644-7356.

My Ride, My Rules

My Ride, My Rules is the teen driving safety initiative the Rainbow Injury Prevention Center is launching in support of this year's Teen Driver Safety Awareness Week, Oct. 17-23. My Ride, My Rules encourages teens to make rules for everyone riding in their car—the number one rule being to buckle up!

The goal of this program is to get more teens buckled up and to help them feel empowered to make rules for passengers that will decrease distractions in the car. Teens can become fans of the My Ride, My Rules Facebook page at (www.facebook.com/MyRideMyRules), post the rules for their ride, share their gripes and have a chance to win prizes like free gas, concert and event tickets.

The school with the most teen fans by Nov. 12 will win \$500. Once they "like" the Facebook page, students post one of their rules on the wall and note their school to be counted in the competition.



WHS Facing History and Ourselves Student Senators Michelle Canestraro, Rachel Evans, Jaclyn Wulf, Andrew Spreng, Lindsay Weeast

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Lady Demons fastpitch softball event

The Westlake Lady Demons fastpitch softball team is sponsoring a benefit performance of "A Christmas Carol" on Thursday, Dec. 16, at Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Road, Bay Village.

There will be a player meet and greet for the

2010 Southwest Conference Champs at 7pm.

Light snacks and desserts will be served.

Theater doors open at 7:30pm with the performance beginning at 8pm.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students 18 and under.

Make Checks payable to Westlake Board of Education.

For tickets, contact Doug Foster at dfoster55@aol.com, or call 440-835-5681.

Resources explain newly approved content standards

The State Board of Education approved revised academic content standards in social studies and science as well as the Common Core State Standards in mathematics and English language arts. ODE staff members in these content areas have prepared documents summarizing the relationships between the 2001-2002 and newly adopted 2010 standards.

For more information about the standards revision and model curriculum development process, visit <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=196&ContentID=83819> or visit education.ohio.gov and search keywords: revised standards.