

Around the Schools

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Schools employees

Advantages to CollegeAdvantage

Now is a good time to re-evaluate their family's progress toward reaching their college savings goals. The payroll deduction benefit offered WCSD employees for Ohio's CollegeAdvantage 529 Savings Plan make it easier to save. The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority has two new incentives to help your reach your goals.

With the CollegeAdvantage Systematic Savings Offer, earn \$25 for starting a new recurring payroll deduction before Jan. 31, 2010. The \$25 bonus will be applied to your CollegeAdvantage direct account 90 days after starting the new payroll deduction. Earn a \$25 bonus for each account.

CollegeAdvantage has also expanded the Refer a Friend program for fall 2009. CollegeAdvantage account owners can now earn a \$50 referral bonus when their friends, co-workers and family open a CollegeAdvantage direct account through the Tuition Trust. New accounts must be opened by Dec. 15.

For more information contact Robin Murray at x. 1252 or murray@wlake.org.

Veterans Day at Holly Lane

Holly Lane will host its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 6, at 12:45pm in the school gymnasium. This year's theme is "Silent Service."

The ceremony will feature Rocco Scotti singing the "Star Spangled Banner," a presentation of appreciation to servicemen of the U.S.S. COD and student presentations to servicemen and women.

All are invited to attend.

E-Club for Africa benefit concert

The LBMS E-Club will host an E-Club for Africa Benefit Concert on Nov. 7 at the PAC to raise money to send the Maasai children back to school and to ensure the future effectiveness of their community-based conservation efforts.

The environmental club will sell tickets to the event, as well as merchandise, including E-Club books, CDs and jewelry. The Cincinnati Zoo will donate two Maasai necklaces for auction or raffle.

E-Club advisor Dan Grigson completed graduate work last summer in Africa, working at a community-based conservation and research center in the South Rift Valley. Kenya is suffering its worst drought on record, forcing schools to close.

For more information follow the group at http://web.me.com/danielgrigson/LBMS_Environmental_Club_Home_Page/E-Club_Home.html or http://web.me.com/danielgrigson/LBMS_Environmental_Club_Home_Page/E-Club_for_Africa.html.

Demons holiday spiritwear

Wear your Demon Pride this holiday season by visiting the Westlake Demons Club web site at www.wlake.org/whs/demonsclub and click on "Spirit Wear" to download the order form and catalogue.

Mail your completed form and check to the address on the form. Pick up your order on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 10am to 2pm in the Westlake High School cafeteria.

Please note that Items 1-5 in the catalogue must be ordered by Dec. 1 to ensure holiday delivery. For questions contact John Mayer at jjmayer6737@yahoo.com.

The Stork Report

Director of Business Affairs Dave Puffer and his wife, Sue, welcomed grandchild #9 on Oct. 17.

Cooper Dean Seidner was born Saturday, Oct. 17 in Berea to son/stepson Brian & Stephanie Seidner.

Cooper weighed in at 7 pounds and measured 20 inches.

Congratulations to the Puffer, Seidner and Red Brick families on this latest addition.



The WHS Airbrush 1 students airbrushed pumpkins for the Cleveland Metro Parks Annual Boo at the Zoo. You can see their creations during Boo at the Zoo, Oct. 22-25, displayed at Monkey Island. If you are not able to make Boo at the Zoo check out this link -- <http://www.clem-etzoo.com/zblog/default.asp?Display=281> -- to see the creations posted on the web site and to read about the project.

Our Courts now in session

The vision of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Our Courts is a web-based education project that helps teach civics and inspires students to participate in democracy.

Resources include lesson plans and links to teaching resources and each branch of government. Visit www.ourcourts.org for interactive features and online games.

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Educational Technology Guy

Dave Andrade, a high school teacher in Connecticut and author of the Educational Technology Guy blog, recommends free techtools:

Evernote -- www.evernote.com -- offers a free account for taking notes, clip information from the Internet and stay organized.

Google: -- www.google.com/educators/tools.html -- has Internet and educational searches, free blog and Web site hosting and Google Docs.

Tech & Learning Magazine -- www.techlearning.com -- has links and articles about

technology and education. There are news and how-to articles, blogs and review of educational technology.

For more information and free technology tools, visit the blog at educationaltechnologyguy.blogspot.com.

Great Programming on WHBS

- Oct. 26 A: Varsity boys soccer v. Bay (10/17)
B: St. Bernadette play: Annie Jr. (2009)
- Oct. 27 A: Varsity boys soccer v. Bay (10/17)
B: WHS play: the Miracle Worker (1998)
- Oct. 28 A: WHS choir concert (10/19)
B: St. Bernadette play: Hank Jr. (2008)
- Oct. 29 A: Freshman football v. Midpark (10/22)
B: LBMS play: Peter Pan in Neverland (1998)
- Oct. 30 A: Varsity football v. Midpark (10/23)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #9
- Oct. 31 A: Varsity football v. Midpark (10/23)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #9
- Nov. 1 A: Varsity football v. Midpark (10/23)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #9

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