

Around the Schools

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

Teaching resources

- INFOhio [www.infohio.org] provides access to a myriad of electronic collections
- ODE's website [www.ode.state.oh.us] provides program information, data and statistics, event information and stories of interest to Ohio educators.
- Ohio's Statewide Testing website [<http://portal.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/>] provides teachers and students information and resources for the OAA and the OGT.
- The Federal Resource for Educational Excellence (FREE) website [<http://www.free.ed.gov/index.cfm>] helps track down new teaching resources from dozens of federal agencies.
- USDoE website [<http://dww.ed.gov/>] features research-based effective teaching practices
- Smithsonianeducation.org, boasts of more than 1,800 free educational resources.
- PBS Teachers website [<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/>], a portal for pre K-12 educators, offers a one-stop resource for educators searching for wide-ranging curriculum resources, video products and online professional development opportunities through the PBS TeacherLine.

Best of Show

Two projects from students of the WHS Engineering & Technology Education Department were judged "Best of Show" at the Ohio State Fair Engineering & Technology Education Showcase.

WHS senior Dane Rimko's Pop-Up Chair design won a "Best of Show" in the Manufacturing Technology category. The sophomore design team of Ted Poulos and Matt Hall also won a "Best of Show" award for their PVC Kayak in the Transportation Technology category.

Award of Merit ribbons were given to recent graduates AJ Suever and Jeff Thaler for their Thinking Big, Building Smart and energy efficient house design in the Design/CAD Technology category.

Students from 17 schools around the state entered more than 400 projects in seven categories.

See related photo on back page.

Meet the Candidates for County Council

The League of Women Voters and WCSD invite you to a Meet the Candidates event for District 1 Cuyahoga County Council Representative on Monday, Sept. 20, 7pm, at the PAC.

District 1 includes Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Rocky River, and Westlake, and Olmsted Township, all except Precinct D.

All District 1 Council Candidates on the Board of Elections' official Nov. 2 general election ballot have been invited.

This nonpartisan public forum is presented in partnership with the League of Women Voters.

For more information, call the LWV at (216) 781-0555, or visit www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org.

With sympathies ...

Please keep the family of Donna DiFranco, Hilliard Elementary cook manager, in your thoughts due to the recent passing of her father-in-law.

Walk 4 Autism

Holly Lane 1st grade teacher Lisa Forshey and her family are participating in the 4th annual Cleveland Walk Now for Autism Speaks on Sunday, Sept. 26.

Over the past four years they have raised \$5,000 to fund autism research. To join and/or support the Forshey team, HUGS FOR SEAN, visit www.walknow-forautismspeaks.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=347294&lis=1&kntae347294=B9ACD6729DCD4DADB2DF36DF498726DC&supld=0&team=3695086&cj=Y



[Left] Dane Rimko with his "Best of Show" Pop-Up Chair Design.

[Above] Ted Poulos and Matt Hall with their "Best of Show" PVC kayak.

The teams placed in the Ohio State Fair Engineering & Technology Education Showcase.

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The Stork Report

Holly Lane 1st grade teacher Sarah Gorius and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Charles Michael on Aug. 20. Charlie joins big sister Anna at home.

Congratulations to the Holly Lane and Gorius families on this latest addition.

The Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program provides opportunities for overseas experience to elementary, middle and high school teachers in fields related to humanities, social studies and languages. Seminars are designed to provide a broad and introductory cultural orientation to a

Fulbright-Hays seminars

particular country or countries. There are 10 seminars being offered for summer 2011 with 14-16 positions per seminar. Seminars usually take place from late May to mid-August for a duration of four to six weeks. The award includes round-trip economy

airfare, room and board and program-related travel within the host country. For summer 2011, seminars will be offered in Argentina, India, Turkey, Greece, China, Mexico, Thailand and Vietnam. The summer 2011 application and reference form deadline is Oct. 6.

Model curriculum teacher meetings

A series of model curriculum teacher team meetings are scheduled to occur between Sept. 18 and Oct. 1 in each region of the state. Teachers will learn about the revisions to Ohio's academic content standards in science and social studies, as well as the Common Core state standards in English language arts and mathematics. Meeting participants will be asked to share strategies and resources that will support content-based instruction both now and in 2014-2015.

Each of Ohio's 16 regions will have up to 12 meetings organized by three levels (elementary, middle and high school) and by content areas. Participants will receive a certificate for three contact hours of professional development. Visit the main model curriculum website to register through STARS. This page also is available by visiting education.ohio.gov and searching for keywords: model curriculum.

We Are IT Day

Interested in providing girls in grades 8-10 with career exploration opportunities? Mark your calendars for Ohio's annual We Are IT Day on Nov. 19. This fifth annual event will focus on postsecondary learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics career areas. About 20 Ohio higher education institutions are partnering with ODE and collectively will host up to 3,000 girls on their campuses. Contact a participating higher education institution directly to register students. For a list of participating colleges and universities, visit <http://www.weareit.org/events/>