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Huber Ridge Food Drive Nets 2,828 Items

Leadership students at Huber Ridge Elementary School organized a canned food drive to help support Westerville Caring and Sharing. The students ran a three-week collection and brought in 2,828 food items to be donated to Westerville families.

U.S. News & World Report Again Ranks Westerville South High School as One of the Nation's Best

For the second year in a row, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Westerville South as one of the best high schools in America. After analyzing 21,069 public high schools, South earned a bronze rating.

Agent Will Scott Tells Genoa Students the Sober Truth

In keeping with the belief that education is a strong component to the law enforcement effort, the Investigative Unit from the Ohio Department of Public Safety has been presenting this educational program to schools throughout the state.

Advanced Placement Physics Classes Visit New OhioHealth Facility

Advanced Placement Physics students from Westerville North and Central high schools got to tour OhioHealth's new Westerville Medical Campus on December 3, viewing and discussing specifically the MRI and Pool Physical Therapy facilities.

Hanby Receives Ohio Action for Healthy Kids Grant to Install Climbing Wall

Hanby Arts Magnet School received grant funding for \$850 to implement the installation of a climbing wall. The funding was received from the Ohio Action for Healthy Kids.

North Journalism Students attend OSMA Workshop at Otterbein College

Thirty-Eight Journalism I, II and III students from Westerville North High School attended the Ohio Scholastic Media Association (OSMA) workshop at Otterbein College on December 5, 2008.

The Cheese Stands Alone at Alcott Elementary School

Third grade students at Alcott Elementary School took their musical, "The Cheese Stands Alone," on the road December 2nd when they visited Friendship Village and the Village of Westerville.

Pointview's Healthy Lifestyles Fair Draws Students, Parents, and Community Members

Pointview Elementary School hosted a Healthy Lifestyles Fair on November 20. The event was made possible thanks to a \$36,000 grant from Ohio Action for Healthy Kids.

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IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

from Westerville City Schools

May 5	Waiver Day/Professional Dev. (No School)
May 5	Election Day: Issue 16 on Ballot
May 25	Memorial Day (No School)
Jun 1	All WCS Enrollment moves to the: Enrollment and Family Resource Center at the OhioHealth Westerville Medical Campus 300 Polaris Parkway Suite 3200
Jun 9	Last Day of Classes (ALL Grading Periods)
Jun 9	Grade Cards (Elementary)
Jun 10	Teacher Professional Day (No School)
Jun 23	Grade Cards Mailed (M.S. & H.S.)
Jul 3	Independence Day observed (Offices Closed)
Aug 24	Teacher Professional Day (No School)
Aug 25	Teacher Professional Day (No School)
Aug 26	Classes Begin (Grades 1-6, 9)
Aug 27	Classes Begin (Grades 7,8, 10-12)
Sep 2	Classes Begin (KG, Special Needs Preschool)

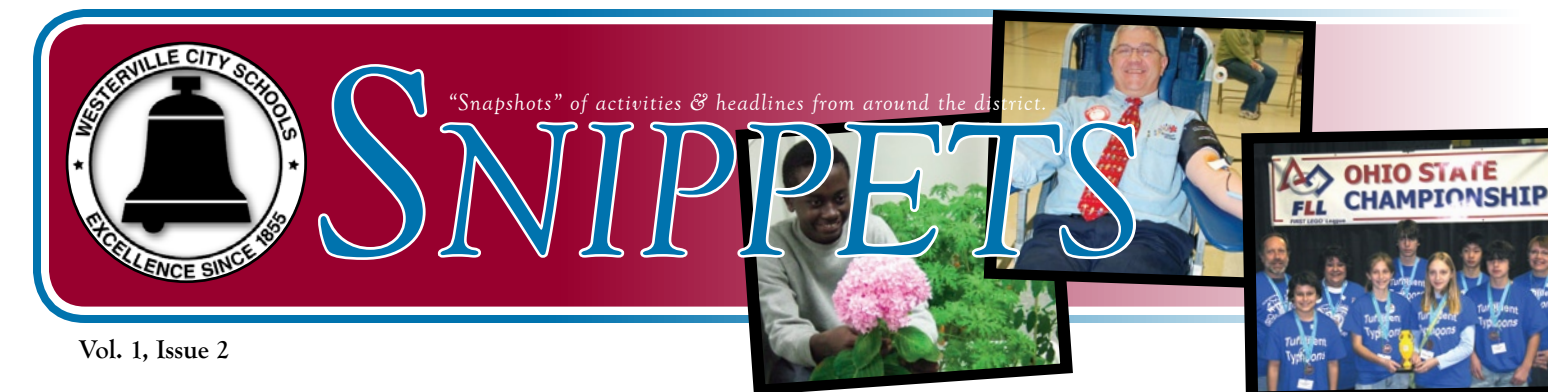
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ISSUE 16

THE MAY 5, 2009

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LEVY RENEWAL

The Westerville City School District will place before the voters on May 5 the renewal of an expiring Capital Improvements levy. This issue has been replaced every five years by the Westerville School District community since its original approval in 1989. If voters approve the issue, the district over the next five years will be able to complete \$65.7 million in repairs and renovations to every school and other district-owned facilities. The district will also be able to begin meeting some of its most critical academic and operational space needs.

There are several important facts that district residents should know about Issue 16:

- The ballot request is for renewal of the district's expiring Capital Improvements levy with additional millage, but at no increase in tax rates.
- The issue will be collected for a "continuing period of time" rather than needing to be renewed every five years as with past Capital Improvements levies.
- The funds generated by this Capital Improvements levy cannot be used for operating expenses or salaries.

Additional information about Issue 16 is available online at [www.wcsoh.org](#). The campaign committee also has a web site at [www.ourcommunityyourschools.org](#)

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MARCH 2009

Pointview Elementary Wellness Week held March 26-April 8

Events were being supported by the Pointview Wellness Committee and a grant from Ohio Action for Healthy Kids. Activities included a Whole Grains Family Breakfast Celebration; Speaker Amy Sternstein, M.D., Nationwide Children's Hospital; Family Game Night and PTA Book Fair.

Heritage Duo Wins National Writing Contest

What if you, as a middle school student, were part of the first space generation living in an orbiting space habitat? Heritage Middle School sixth grade students Jack Engelhart and Tony Du pondered this possibility and submitted an essay to the national *What If* competition. They were recently notified that they were First Place winners in the Sixth Grade division.

Career Day Enlightens Students at Heritage Middle School

Heritage Middle School hosted a Career Day on March 19. A welcome breakfast and speakers kicked off the event, followed by students proceeding to classrooms to hear from people in a wide variety of occupations including private investigator, caterer, professional bowler, cosmetologist, firefighter, florist, sculptor, veterinarian, actor, teacher/coach, and principal.

Westerville North's Science Olympiad Team Advances to State Finals

The Westerville North High School Science Olympiad team placed fourth in the Science Olympiad tournament held in Grandview Heights on March 14. The Westerville North team will advance to the state finals at The Ohio State University (OSU) on April 18, where 40 junior and 40 high school teams will compete.

Heritage Student Awarded Scholarship to Attend "Be Wise Camp"

Courtney Gregory, a seventh grade student at Heritage Middle School, has been awarded a scholarship from the American Association of University Women to attend Be Wise Camp, a week-long residential mathematics/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in girls entering grades 7 or 8.

Alcott Elementary Student Wins Third Annual Westerville City Schools Lego Competition

Alcott Elementary School fourth grade student Evan Wolfe won Best of Show in the third annual Westerville City Schools Lego Competition which took place on Saturday, March 14. The competition was open to Westerville students in grades K-5. Proceeds from the event will benefit WARM, Kids-n-Camp, and Westerville's Elementary Leadership Summit.



Choir to Sings National Anthem at Schottenstein Center

The "Voices of Hawthorne" student choir from Hawthorne Elementary School sang the National Anthem for the Boys State Basketball Tournament on Friday, March 27 in the Jerome Schottenstein Center.

Empty Bowls Dinner at Walnut Springs Raises \$1,162 for Charities

WARM and the Central College Food Pantry will split \$1,162 raised at the Empty Bowls dinner hosted by Walnut Springs Middle School seventh grade students on March 5. Empty Bowls projects maintain a high level of integrity, cutting across social, political, racial, and religions boundaries – all with the goal of ending hunger.

Hawthorne Students Participate in "Balm for Freedom Drive"

Students and staff at Hawthorne Elementary School recently collected gum, candies, and more than 350 tubes of lip balm which will be shipped to Sgt. Harold Klusendorf's troop serving in Iraq.

Students Host Energy Fair for Peers at Genoa Middle School

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade student energy leaders hosted an Energy Fair March 6 for their peers in sixth grade Science classes at Genoa Middle School. A number of hands-on activity stations were set up throughout the Media Center as part of "kids teaching kids" about Energy Standards.

Heritage Students Read at Robert Frost as part of Read Across America Week

Dozens of Student Council members from Heritage Middle School trekked across the field on Thursday, March 5, to read to first grade students at Robert Frost Elementary. The event was one of several which took place throughout the district in observance of Read Across America Week.

High School Students Embrace Job and Career Fairs

The fourth annual Job and Career Fair took place during student lunch periods in the cafeterias at Westerville Central High School on Monday, March 9; at Westerville North on Tuesday, March 10; and at Westerville South on Wednesday, March 11. Eighteen companies or schools participated by offering high school students job and career information in a relaxed setting.

Mark Twain Empty Bowls Event Nets a Record \$882 for WARM, Caring & Sharing

The Mark Twain PTA, Fifth Grade Service Club, and students in grades 4-5 sponsored the Empty Bowls event in the school gymnasium. For the third year in a row, lunch was prepared by Mark Twain grandparent Michael Perry, a firefighter and executive chef of a Columbus firehouse.

Veterans Address Students at Westerville Central High School

Westerville Central High School students are helping to preserve and honor the stories of some of our nation's bravest heroes through personal interviews and family research experiences. The project kicked off on Thursday, March 5, when keynote speaker 1st Lt. Michael J. Pohorilla spoke to students about his experiences during World War II.

BalletMet Partners with Hanby to Create "Moving into Literacy"

Second grade students at Hanby Arts Magnet School shared works they created in BalletMet's Moving into Literacy, an innovative program that infuses dance education into language arts learning to positively impact students.

Otterbein College and Genoa Middle School team up for Wellness Project

For six weeks, Otterbein College Health and Physical Education instructor Patti Wilson, along with four of her students, spent their mornings at Genoa Middle School teaching 6th grade students health-related fitness concepts, nutrition and discussing other health issues facing teens.

Robert Frost Variety Show Brings out the Talent

The Robert Frost Elementary School PTA sponsored its annual variety show, entitled "Robert Frost Idols," on Friday, February 27. An enthusiastic audience was treated to students who shared a variety of talents including singing, dancing, playing the piano, hula hooping, magic and even stand-up comedy.

Genoa Middle School Staff Hosts Have a Heart Soup Luncheon

The staff at Genoa Middle School hosted its second annual Have a Heart Soup Luncheon February 10 and 11. Proceeds from the two-day event, which totaled \$282.05, will be donated to the Westerville Area Resource Ministry. The luncheon helped the faculty model community outreach for the Genoa student body.

South Students Present "Living the Dream" Assembly

In observance of Black History Month, students at Westerville South High School created a show that focused on the triumphs, trials and inspirations of African Americans. Inspired by the recent victory of President Barack Obama, the program was entitled, "Living the Dream."

Genoa is Tops in Pennies for Patients Fund Raiser

Genoa Middle School had another record-breaking year for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients Fundraiser. Genoa's goal was set at \$10,000, but on Friday, February 27, it was announced that Genoa had raised \$13,365.47 and broke a record for the most money raised for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by any school in Central Ohio.

Orphanage in Ternopil, Ukraine Receive Care Packages in time for Easter

Eight boxes were packaged with 570 pounds of basic care items, crafts and toys and shipped to orphans in Ternopil, Ukraine by volunteers at Westerville South High School. The initiative was part of project Starfishnadia, which was founded by health and physical education teacher Jill Ponzi.

Student Artwork Selected for 2009 Arts Day Statehouse Exhibition

As part of a month-long celebration of the arts and arts education, 36 pieces of student art work have been selected for the 2009 Arts Day- Statehouse Exhibition. Four pieces were created by Mark Twain students Kathryn Shaffer, grade 2; Sarah Martin, grade 3; Emma Vetter, grade 4; and Dakota Hayes, grade 5.

Westerville Students Win Recognition at Jerry Tollfison Open for Art Criticism

The Ohio Art Education Association has awarded two Westerville students recognition for their criticism of an art work through the Jerry Tollfison Open for Art Criticism. The level of their writing was chosen as exceptional. Carolyn Keener, Mark Twain Elementary School, placed second in the entire State of Ohio for grades 4-6; and Zoe Henderson, Hanby Arts Magnet School, received an honorable mention.

Student Artwork Wins Columbus Museum of Art's Docent Award

Student artwork has been displayed recently at the Columbus Museum of Art. Among the pieces on exhibit was an expressive portrait by Matthew McVay, a third grade student at Hanby Arts Magnet School, which was named the Docent Award prize winner.

Walnut Springs Students Qualify for Central District Science Fair

The thirteenth annual Walnut Springs Middle School Science Fair, held February 14, was an enriching time for students, staff and parents. Thirty-nine pupils earned a Superior rating, which qualified them for the Central District Science Fair held at Columbus State Community College on March 21.

FEBRUARY 2009

Blendon Students Excel at Regional Robotics Challenge

Four Blendon Robotics Engineering Teams brought home trophies, awards, and medals from the Columbus State CC Regional FIRST/LEGO League (FLL) Robotics Challenge, "Climate Connections" on Saturday, December 13,

2008. Blendon's "Turbulent Typhoons" team went on to compete at the Ohio State Championship and were honored with the Ohio Ambassador Award. For one year, the Typhoons will represent FLL and FLL Core Values to the Ohio general public to assist in growing and sustaining the FLL program and increase interest in Science and Technology.

Mobile Dentists Visit Mark Twain Elementary School

Bright smiles are abundant at Mark Twain Elementary School following a visit from Mobile Dentists, a group which provides children with dental examinations, cleanings, sealants, fluoride, radiographs, referrals and education.

Translation Service Enhances Enrollment and Family Resource Center Capabilities

The Enrollment and Family Resource Center staff was trained recently to use MARTTI, My Accessible Real-Time Trusted Interpreter, at the OhioHealth Westerville Medical Campus. WCS service providers will now be able to easily connect via video to qualified interpreters who can translate 150 languages. The use of MARTTI at the Enrollment and Family Resource Center is being provided by OhioHealth free of charge.

Westerville Spellers Advance to Regional Bee

More than 100 people turned out on February 17 at Genoa Middle school to watch 38 finalists from district elementary and middle schools compete in the third annual Westerville City Schools Spelling Bee, sponsored by Sheridan WorldWise.

North Students Participate in National Entrepreneurship Week in Ohio Program

Westerville North High School students Ellen Hamrick and Yeji Hong, as well as Lauren Bruce, participated in the National Entrepreneurship Week in Ohio program held February 23 at the Vern Riffe Building in downtown Columbus.

Pointview Elementary School Raises \$4,550 for Pennies for Patients

Cheers filled the gymnasium on February 20 when it was announced that parents, students and staff at Pointview Elementary School raised an astonishing \$4,550 during their Pennies for Patients Campaign. Activities during the three-week event included estimation jars, hat day, pajama day, and a Pennies Carnival.

Student Artwork Chosen for Display at 29th annual Young People's Art Exhibition

Artwork created by Nicholas Thompson, a second grade student from Hanby Arts Magnet School, and Isabella Gregory, a third grader from Mark Twain Elementary School, has been chosen for display at the 29th annual Young People's Art Exhibition, sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association.

Annehurst Community Helps Save Lives through Red Cross Pint Size Hero Program

The American Red Cross thanked Annhurst Elementary School for hosting a blood drive on February 10 through the Pint Size Hero program, a community service project developed to introduce children to the importance of donating blood. The program encourages students to volunteer at the blood drive and invite parents, guardians and other adults to give blood on their behalf.

Emerson Students Delight Audience with International Night Musical Performances

Friends and family members gathered in the Westerville South High School auditorium on February 5 to hear Emerson World Languages & Cultures Magnet School students in grades 1-5 perform a variety of musical numbers during the annual International Night.

James Cancer Center Reps Visited Whittier Students on February 18

James Comprehensive Cancer Center representatives visited K-5 classrooms at Whittier Elementary School to educate students about medical research and other issues connected with their hospital. Staff nurses will meet with students, as will Elizabeth Bowman, the hospital's Community Outreach Director.

Dinner and Silent Auction Benefits Local Resident Kelly Hanlin

The Westerville North High School girls' Lacrosse team sponsored a dinner and silent auction on Saturday, February 28, 2009, in their continuing effort to raise money to buy a wheelchair lift van for Kelly Hanlin, an Otterbein student who graduated from Westerville North. So far, through a number of activities, the group has raised \$23,000 towards their goal of \$40,000.

Students Teach Students at Walnut Springs Energy Fair

Coordinated by science teacher Sherry Bircherm, the event enabled students to participate in four different activities – light bulb comparison, Energy Hog, an energy movie, and energy transformation.

Students Excel at Business Professionals of America Competition

Interactive Media students from all three Westerville high schools walked away with a number of honors after competing in the Business Professionals of America Region 4 Competition held February 3 in Mt. Vernon.

Westerville North's Jeffrey Bracken Featured in Teaching Chemistry Video Series

Flinn Scientific has just released a new eLearning Video Series to help chemistry teachers build their content knowledge and teaching strategies. The video series features 20 award-winning chemistry teachers presenting their best demos and activities.

Seven Westerville Students Named National Merit Scholarship Finalists

The National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSC) has determined which of the 16,000 Semifinalists named in September 2008 have met all requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition.

School Employees Give Back to Community through United Way

Results from the Westerville City Schools 2008-2009 United Way Campaign reveal that despite the challenging economy, giving throughout the district has increased. Three-hundred-sixty-six employees participated this year and \$37,422 was donated.

Genoa's Literary Magazine Earns "Excellent" Ranking from NCTE

The Troubadour received the ranking from the National Council of Teachers of English, which sponsors the Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines.

JANUARY 2009

South English Classes Honor Morrie Schwartz with a Donation to the ALS Foundation

Freshmen English classes at Westerville South competed in a Penny War to see who could raise the most money to donate to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Foundation. Under the direction of teacher Paula Stenger, the students came up with \$788.51.

Central Standout Football Player Signs with Villanova

Westerville Central football player Michael Giresi had an especially happy birthday on February 4 because that was also National Signing Day and he sealed the deal to play for Villanova University on a full scholarship.

Westerville City School Buses Earn Three Star Ohio Green Fleet Honors

Clean Fuels Ohio has announced its first class of designated Ohio Green Fleets. Among the honorees is the Westerville City School District, which gained a Three Star designation.

Longfellow receives \$5,000 Grant from Lowe's for "Climbing to the Moon" Project

The grant application was based on the goal of providing an outdoor climbing wall that focuses on coordination, upper body strength and problem solving. The school will replace its 40 year old parallel bars with this safe and physically challenging alternative.

American Legion Post 171 Announces Americanism and Government Test Winners

More than 350 selected students in grades 10-12 from each of Westerville's high schools took the American Legion's Americanism and Government Test, sponsored by local American Legion Post 171 & Auxiliary.

Mark Twain Student's Play Produced

Lexi Bristol, a second grade student at Mark Twain Elementary School, can add "playwright" to her list of accomplishments. The Columbus Children's Theatre will begin performing her story, "Abe in a Bikini," starting in in April 2009

Hanby Receives Grant to Build Climbing Wall in Gymnasium

On January 20, Jen Morel, a representative from the Zone 8 Action for Healthy Kids Team, traveled to Hanby Arts Magnet School to present a check in the amount of \$850 which will be used to help build a climbing wall in the school's gymnasium.

Hawthorne Students Strive to Meet Goals for Renaissance Incentives

Pupils at Hawthorne Elementary school celebrated their first Incentive Day on January 9. Students there are participating in the Renaissance program, which focuses on three areas: Academics, Behavior and Attendance.

Mark Twain Third Grader Wins Writing Contest

Chrissy Fite, a third grade student at Mark Twain Elementary School, won a writing contest and received one of three writing class scholarships from the Thurber Writing Academy.

Sunbury McDonald's Donates \$300 to Wilder Elementary School

The Sunbury McDonald's donation to the Wilder Elementary School PTA will be used to purchase indoor/outdoor playground supplies.

Westerville South Graduate Receives Fulbright Scholarship

Dr. Todd W. Kenreich, a 1989 graduate of Westerville South High School, spent the fall semester working as a visiting professor at the Kansai University of International Studies in Japan.

Meijer Donates \$1,000 to Hawthorne Elementary for Needy Families

On December 18 Hawthorne Elementary School principal Fred Tombaugh accepted a check in the amount of \$1,000 from Nancy Woosley-Thomas, store director at the Meijer facility located at 5555 Cleveland Ave.

Hanby Students Tour "Objects of Wonder" Exhibit at Columbus Museum of Art

Students and staff visited the Columbus Museum of Art on January 8 and 9, where they experienced the exhibit Objects of Wonder from The Ohio State University, to go along with their unit of study, "Why People Collect."

January 25 Bowling Event Benefits Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Bowling teams at Westerville Central and Westerville South high schools worked together to help raise money to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Central Ohio. Each team currently has one member afflicted with Juvenile Diabetes.

Fouse Students Make the Holidays Merrier for Residents at Feridean Commons

Members of the Fouse Elementary Student Council visited Feridean Commons, a senior residential center, on December 18 to carol and deliver hand-made ornaments, and warm the hearts of residents.

PTA Reflections Winners Honored at Gallery 202 Exhibit/Reception

Gallery 202 in downtown Westerville showcased work by Westerville student artists as part of the National PTA's Reflections Program. The exhibit ran from December 10-January 10.

North Science Teachers Receive \$13,000 Weyerhaeuser Grant

Freshman science teacher Patrick Herak, acting on behalf of his colleagues, received the grant from Weyerhaeuser to fit all the freshman science classrooms at Westerville North High School with LCD projectors and Smart Boards.

Hanby Receives \$1,200 Arts Integration Grant

The grant was awarded for a project entitled "Learning about our Legacy." Hanby students will recreate Westerville's historical contribution to the Underground Railroad through a variety of arts based educational experiences.

Warrior Way Leadership Summit Promotes Tolerance and Respect

The day was spent with 115 student leaders working on ways to facilitate respect and tolerance within the building.

DECEMBER 2008

Board of Education appoints Denise Pope to vacant seat

Members of the Westerville City School District Board of Education announced that they had selected Denise Pope to fulfill the unexpired term of Mike Collins, who resigned from the Board effective December 31, 2008.

South Students Get a Taste of Real Money, Real World

Westerville South Personal Finance classes participated in a Real Money, Real World simulation. This simulation is an active, hands-on experience that lets young people make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those they will face as adults.

Genoa Student Advances in VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Genoa Middle School student Kyle Huston won first place in the local Patriot's Pen youth-essay writing contest, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This year's theme is, "Why America's Veterans Should be Honored."

Blendon Middle School Earns SOAR Award for High Progress

Blendon is rated among the top three percent of schools (out of 672 eligible SOAR schools) for making exceptional growth with students. The school was lauded for high academic progress in multiple grade levels and subjects over the past school year.

Westerville North Receives \$2,500 Hydroponics Grant from the Ann Sherry Foundation

This \$2,500 grant will allow students to research the optimal nutrient solutions for several different types of plants. The goal of the program is to use hydroponic gardening techniques to create a model science curriculum that could be replicated.

Hanby Parent Creates Murals in Lunchroom to Remind Students about Healthy Habits

Hanby Arts Magnet School parent Kay Gaus, also known as the "resident Michelangelo," has spent the last two years painting gigantic murals in the school cafeteria to encourage students to make healthy choices.

Students Teach Students at Energy Fair

Five hundred fifth grade students and teachers representing all 16 Westerville elementary schools were "energized" December 9 and 10 at Otterbein College, where they attended the Westerville Energy Education Program Energy Fair.

High School Caring & Sharing Drive Nets \$50,000 for Local Families

Students and staff in the Westerville City School District joined forces to help those in need by collecting food, money, and gifts for Caring & Sharing, a non-profit, all-volunteer local charitable organization which helps Westerville children.

District Outlines Plan to Keep Levy Promise, Maintain Excellence

Westerville City School District officials announced that they will be able to keep their promise of ending Fiscal Year 2010 (June 30, 2010) with a balanced budget, despite new economic realities that have negatively impacted district revenues.