



SNIPPETS

"Snapshots" of activities & headlines from around the district.

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FY11 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT WORK TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER

Thanks to the generous support of voters in the Westerville City School District (WCSD), capital improvement projects funded by the passage of Issue 16 on May 5, 2009, will begin this summer. Over the next five years the district plans to complete repairs and renovations to every school and other district-owned facility. Capital improvement funding will provide students with new textbooks and other instructional materials; updated computers and other classroom technology; and improved, safer learning environments. The district also will be able to replace the oldest buses in its transportation fleet, renovate facilities that support its athletic and academic extra-curricular activities, and begin meeting some of its most critical academic and operational space needs.

"The passage of issue 16 ensured that safe, nurturing and efficient learning and working environments will not be compromised," said Superintendent Dan Good. "Those environments are required for every student to achieve educational success."

Projects on tap for FY11, under the guidance of Jeff LeRose, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, include:

- Partial roofing replacement at eight locations
- Partial HVAC replacement at four locations
- Building envelope repairs at 20 locations
- Window replacement at Longfellow
- Carpet replacement at Annehurst and Pointview
- Fire alarm system upgrades at Westerville North and South
- Farmhouse renovation
- Boys locker room renovation at Westerville South
- Site paving and concrete improvements

- District-wide safety improvements
- Salt shed replacement
- Transportation Building renovation
- The conversion of a storage room to a classroom at Emerson
- Parking lot expansions at Huber Ridge and McVay
- Media Center renovation at Blendon Middle School
- The conversion of woodshop to a special education classroom with a unisex restroom at Blendon Middle School
- Stadium Field Turf at Westerville Central
- Land Lab building replacement at North
- District-wide phone system replacement
- Replacement of 15 buses
- The possible purchase of a building located at 936 Eastwind Dr.
- Field house renovation and expansion at Westerville South

The renovation and expansion of Westerville South's field house will be funded in part by a \$180,000 donation to the school district from the Paul Price Memorial Fund. This facility has not been renovated since 1980. Repairs and renovations to portions of the existing structure used daily by



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the district will be funded by the Capital Improvements fund, while the expansion of the facility will be funded by the Price Memorial Fund. Paul Price, a former Westerville South student athlete, died at age 21 following a violent assault.

His decision to be an organ and tissue donor improved the lives of more than 50 individuals. His memory inspired friends and family to host an annual golf tournament, which has raised thousands of dollars to help build a 2,400 square foot addition to the weight room.

As the local, state and national economies continue their slow recovery, the WCSD Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the district and community to make slight modifications to the capital improvements plan, primarily in the scope, sequence and deferral of some projects. Compared to other options examined by the Board, these modifications will minimize the district's need to borrow against future capital improvement revenue, which in turn decreases the time over which debt service would be repaid and saves up to \$28 million in interest.

“Our primary reason in taking these actions was to seek another responsible solution in an uncertain economy,” said Board President Kristi Robbins. “These decisions and public discussions represent the latest step in an ongoing process to remain transparent and fiscally responsible to the community.”

The district's capital improvements plan has received a “green light” rating from a panel of independent analysts. On December 14, 2009, members from

the Business Advisory Council (BAC) reported on the WCSD's Facility Master Plan. The BAC is a committee comprised of experts from the private sector who are charged with, among other things, validating the decision-making process used by WCSD officials. For this particular review and report, a BAC Facilities Planning Subcommittee assessed the plans and processes used by the Office of Facilities & Operations to manage the buildings in an effort to meet the educational space needs of the district. In its report to the Board of Education, the BAC determined that:

- Resources used to maintain the buildings are being utilized effectively;
- Westerville City Schools has an effective process to determine capital type needs; and
- Westerville City Schools delivered to the community what was approved and promised as part of the Fiscal Years 2006-2010 Capital Improvements Plan.

These findings were made after the subcommittee met for 14 hours over five

meetings from September to December 2009. They commended Westerville Schools for its Facility Master Plan, and released findings confirming that:

- The data presented was comprehensive, credible, and appropriate for analytical critiquing;
- The method utilized in developing the plan resulted in recommendations that are data driven; and
- The plan was found to be current and worthy of providing credible information for the Board in formulating facility decisions.

Sub-Committee Chair Rod Rice, a former Ohio superintendent and former executive director for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, complimented the administrative staff for the amount of, and usefulness of, data employed in compiling the Facility Master Plan. He said, “The Sub-Committee concluded that the comprehensive nature of Westerville Schools' Facility Master Plan exists in very few, if any, school districts in Ohio.”

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Westerville Schools maintains "Excellent" rating on 2008-09 state report card

District gains two standards, increases Performance Index to all-time high.

The district's most current Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is now available online at www.wcsoh.org

Eighteen Westerville South Students Earn International Baccalaureate Diplomas

Eighteen students from Westerville South High School earned the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma last year. The diploma award rate of 95 percent is 15 percent higher than the international average. This is the third IB class to graduate from South.

Huber Ridge and Genoa Middle Schools Earn LEAGUE Awards for Community Service

Huber Ridge Elementary School placed first in the State and Genoa Middle School placed second at a Statehouse ceremony honoring outstanding schools that perform community service activities.

125 Westerville High School Students Earn AP Scholar Awards

The award recognizes students at each of the district high schools for their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

Three North Students Named 2010 National Merit Semifinalists

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corp. have announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Among those listed are three students from Westerville North High School – Andrea L. Haugtvedt, Daniel E. Klintworth, and Paul R. Swinger.

Westerville City Schools Treasurer's Office Earns Financial Reporting Awards

Department honored with highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Westerville City Schools ACT scores continue to surpass state and national averages, meet or exceed five-year highs

Positive trends attributed to ongoing improvement efforts, necessary resources and staffing levels.

South Students Selected to Perform in 2010 Ohio State University Honor Band

Seniors Ian Harrah and L'Nard Tufts, Westerville South High School band members, were selected to perform in the 2010 Ohio State University Honor Band.

Genoa's Nancy Shew Named Ohio VFW Teacher of the Year

Genoa Middle School teacher Nancy Shew, has been named the VFW Ohio Teacher of the Year in the Middle School Category and will be considered for national recognition.

Bodies Students Learn Hands-On Medical Skills

Using patient simulators, sixteen Bodies students from Metro Early College High School and Westerville City Schools applied their classroom work with the help of Dr. Jennifer Beard and staff at the Center for Medical Education & Innovation at Riverside Hospital. Students learned catheter procedures; suturing; airway and intubation techniques; and participated in a mock "code blue."

Huber Ridge Educator Receives AEP Teacher Vision Grant

Math and Science teacher Barbara Brown will use the funds to integrate Language Arts into daily Science lessons.

Americanism & Government Test Results

More than 350 selected students in grades 10-12 at all three district high schools took the Ohio Legion's test that is sponsored locally by the American Legion Post 171 & Auxiliary. The test consists of an essay and 50 questions

about government; current events; and information regarding the U.S. flag, Constitution and Declaration of Independence. The tests of the district's highest scoring students have been forwarded to Ohio Legion 12th District for other possible recognition.

Students Address Peacekeeping, Conflict Prevention, and Combating Terrorism

Ninth grade pupils in Natalie Taylor's Honors Language Arts class at Westerville Central High School championed the topic of "Peacekeeping, Conflict Resolution, and Combating Terrorism." They were charged with the mission of researching, collaborating and developing an action plan to literally change their world – locally, nationally and internationally. Their focus was on reducing violence against children as a means to reducing violence globally.

Fouse Entrepreneurs Enjoy Business Day

Fourth grade students learned lessons on economics during Business Day at Fouse Elementary School. Young entrepreneurs created items to sell to peers and teachers, after which time expenses, earnings and profits were calculated.

Alcott Kindergartners Collect Toys for Firefighters for Kids Program

Instead of bringing holiday gifts to their teachers, students provided toys to be enjoyed by less fortunate children in our community.

Blendon Middle School Robotics Engineering Teams Succeed at FIRST/LEGO Challenge

Four teams, *Turbulent Typhoons*, *The Chill Factor*, *Cirrus Haze* and *Glaciators* competed in the academic, robotics sports challenge. The event exposes students to careers in science and engineering by creating a fun, challenging environment for inquiry, invention, and innovation. The *Turbulent Typhoons* were chosen to represent Central Ohio as FIRST/LEGO League Ohio Regional Ambassadors for robotics technology in the state. They also competed at a two-day state championship tournament, in February.

Westerville High Schools Bring in \$49,170 for Caring & Sharing

Proceeds benefit needy Westerville families during the holidays.

Rappin Math Fills the Air at Hanby Arts Magnet School

Teaching math concepts through rap is a new program at Hanby Arts Magnet School this year. Materials called "Rappin Math" have been provided for teachers through a grant from the Bette Marshall Foundation.

Indonesian Scholars Visit Emerson World Languages & Cultures Magnet School

Emerson World Languages & Cultures Magnet School entertained a number of Indonesian guests on Monday, December 7. The individuals, all of whom are pursuing PhD degrees, have received fellowships from the Ministry of National Education in Indonesia to participate in a four-month visiting scholar program.

Mark Twain Students Reap Benefits from Learn-a-Thon

Students visited eight centers that focused on such topics as estimation, equations, and probability, with an overall theme of learning more about Samuel Clements.

Hanby Fifth Graders and Preschool Buddies Feast Together

Fifth grade students and their preschool buddies came together to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast and discuss what each is thankful for. The activity bridges the age gap to form a strong sense of community within the school.

Heritage, Robert Frost, and Whittier Students Provide Comfort for Children in Foster Care

Students donated time to make fleece blankets for "My Very Own Blanket," an organization of volunteers dedicated to helping children in foster care feel valued and comforted.

High School Extra Curricular Leadership Summit held in November

Discussion emphasized the impact of student behavior at school events and on the community.



IB Students Build Cardboard Dwellings to Raise Awareness about Homeless

Seventy-seven junior and senior International Baccalaureate Science students at Westerville South High School recently completed a project where they built dwellings using only cardboard boxes and recycled materials. They were charged with creating a living space as comfortable and mentally stimulating as possible.

Central Student Takes Second Place at Chemistry Competition

Phong Bui, a senior at Westerville Central High School, took second place at the Ohio University's annual Chemistry Scholarship Exam Competition held November 14. He earned a \$100 cash prize.

South's Marching Band Earns Superior Rating at OMEA Competition

Band has grown from 37 to 104 members in past five years.

Elementary Leadership Summit Generates Excitement

Program enhances students' leadership, communication, teamwork, and sharing skills.

Business Professionals, Civic Leaders Become "Principal for a Day"

The Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, in conjunction with Westerville City Schools and Leadership Westerville, sponsored the "Principal for a Day" program on December 2. This program allows corporate and civic leaders to experience a day in the life of a Westerville City School District principal.

WCSD Transportation Department Named One of Top 40 Green Fleets in North America

The program recognizes and rewards peak performing fleet operations in North America.

Fouse Fifth Graders Participate in "Create Your State"

Each participating school has been asked to have their students create their state using their choice of media. Photographs will be submitted along with a narrative describing their project. All of the states created across the U.S. will then be combined into a book that will be published and available for purchase.

Blacklick Creek Water Studied by Westerville Students and Educators

Program is in partnership with the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.

Families Turn Out for Annehurst Games Night

The games build problem solving and strategic thinking skills in a fun environment.

Westerville Central Marching Band Raises \$3,000 for Blind Musicians

The Warhawk Marching band at Westerville Central decided to help their fellow musicians get to Pasadena by hosting a benefit concert.

Emerson has Pint Sized Heroes

The school recently hosted the Red Cross as it conducted its annual Pint Sized Heroes Blood Drive.

Longfellow Receives National PTA Healthy Lifestyle Award

Events throughout November promoted healthy habits among students and families.

Service Learning is Spotlited at Whittier Elementary School

Students learn first hand the necessary traits of leadership, responsibility and empathy for others, while allowing them to become aware of various needs in the community.

High School Seniors Receive Writing Awards from NCTE

Honor recognizes winners as being "among the best student writers in the country."

Genoa Art Teacher Picked to Paint Mural at COSI

Genoa Middle School art teacher Erica Hinkle is one of six winners in the Center of Science and Industry's (COSI's) Community Mural Art Contest. Hinkle's "Tribute to Galileo" mural idea was among those selected for inclusion on the mural.

Westerville North's Mock Trial Team Meets with Assistant U.S. Attorney

Westerville North Mock Trial team members were given a rare opportunity to eat lunch with Wes Page, a 2000 Westerville North graduate who currently serves as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central Pennsylvania District. Mr. Page talked about his fascinating journey from participating on a Mock Trial Team at North to actually becoming a federal attorney.

North Teams up with MAD Scientist & Associates, LLC to Resolve Water Lotus Issues

Ecology and Advanced Placement Environmental Science students at Westerville North High School are teaming up with Mark Dilley and his team from MAD Scientist & Associates, LLC to remove an invasive water lotus plant that is taking over the Larrimer Land Lab behind the high school.

Central Girls Raise Money for Fight against Breast Cancer

The Westerville Central girls soccer team participated in "Shoot for the Cure" by selling t-shirts and collecting donations for the fight against breast cancer. The girls volleyball team also got in on the action by hosting a "Volley for the Cure" event.

Heritage Pep Rally Encourages Team Spirit

The event included performances by the school band and cheerleaders, an introduction of fall sports participants, and a relay race featuring students shooting baskets, running football patterns and shooting soccer goals, among other activities.

North Environmental Studies Projects are Focus of Sustainable Westerville Meeting

Those who attended the Sustainable Westerville meeting in October were treated to a presentation and tour of Westerville North High School Environmental Studies projects. Topics included growing hydroponic tomatoes, lettuce and basil; composting cafeteria food scraps and coffee grounds; promoting a Food Pantry garden; and working on biofuels with a land lab and data collection.

Westerville Students Earn Accolades at Laws of Life Banquet

Westerville students met with continued success at the annual Laws of Life Banquet on Thursday, October 1. Terrence Fully, a Heritage Middle School student, received a Superior ranking for his essay; and Casey Flynn, a Westerville North High School graduate, placed second in the high school category. More than 7,000 essays were written for this contest by students in the State of Ohio.

Huber Ridge Elementary Dedicates New Walking & Fitness Trail

The "Celebrating Success" event marked the culmination of three years worth of fund raising and determination on behalf of students, staff, and the PTA.

Longfellow PTA Secures \$5,000 Lowe's Grant to Enhance Playground

The money was used by the PTA for buying a Roadblocks climbing structure and a backless coated bench for the school playground.

Super Secret Assemblies Motivate Pointview Students

The new program was created by Pointview teachers to recognize students who exhibit appropriate behavior during the school day and at school functions.



Twenty-eight bowling teams from the district's three high schools raised \$4,000 to Help Strike Out Juvenile Diabetes.

Westerville School Personnel Recognized at All Ohio Counselors Conference

Carolyn Moseman, an elementary school guidance counselor, received the Mary Claytor/Charles Weaver Lifetime Membership Award; and Amy Miller, Coordinator of Diversity and Family Engagement, received the Administrator Award, at the 26th annual All Ohio Counselor's Conference in November.

Westerville Schools Recognized at OSBA Central Region Fall Conference

Blendon Middle School teacher Susan Holland accepted an Outstanding School Program award on behalf of the Turbulent Typhoons robotics team; Westerville North and Westerville South were named Outstanding Central Ohio Schools; and district representatives were lauded for their support of high quality teaching and learning.

Cherrington Elementary Students Learn About Current Conditions from COSI on Wheels

Lightening struck, so to speak, when COSI brought its traveling program *Current Conditions* to Cherrington. The innovative, interactive program is designed to stimulate the imaginations of the next generation of meteorologists.

Kimberly Perrone Named Central Ohio Art Teacher of the Year

Perrone is being recognized by the Ohio Art Education Association for meeting the needs and interests of her students in a creative manner; for bringing about learning, growth and development in all areas; and for the development of appropriate objectives.



Curious George Monkeys Around at Central College

Curious George showed up at Central College Math & Science Magnet School recently to kick off a Barnes & Noble Bookfair. Story time was held with guest readers, PTA President Amy DeRose and Westerville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Good.

Annual Walk-a-thon raises money

Blustery weather did not prevent students at Robert Frost Elementary School from raising \$8,168.86, which will be used by the PTA to provide programs and instructional tools for the school.

Hawthorne Students Celebrate Service Learning Projects

"Service Learning Celebration Day" featured a slide show recapping a multitude of projects in which students participate during the school year, including: Autism Walk, Howl for Hunger, Caring & Sharing, and Pennies for Patients.

All Five Principals Attend McVay's 20th Anniversary Celebration

The school first opened its doors to 544 students in 1989. Former students and staff were invited to tour the school, walk through the Knox-Metzger Log Cabin, look at memorabilia, and enjoy refreshments.

Walnut Springs Students Learn from Each Other During Energy Day

Walnut Springs Middle School held its third annual Energy Day for all sixth grade students. Participants explored different energy stations, visited the Energy Hog website and applied what they are learning currently in science class.

Wilder Celebrates School's Namesake

Wilder Elementary School held a celebration in honor of its namesake, author Laura Ingalls Wilder, and its 20th anniversary. The week-long observance included a multitude of fun activities and guest presenters.

These "snippets" represent many of the great things happening in our schools. View the news archive at www.wcsoh.org for more detail, or better yet, sign up to receive weekly news and announcements by e-mail through our e-communications service! If you lack Internet access, just call 797-5700 and we'll send you "the rest of the story" for any of these items.



Important Dates & Information

from Westerville City Schools

School Calendar

March 26, 2010	Last Day of Classes (Third Grading Period)
March 29, 2010	First Day of Classes (Fourth Grading Period)
April 2-9, 2010	Spring Break (No School)
May 4, 2010	Waiver Day/Pro. Develop. (No School)
May 31, 2010	Memorial Day (No School)
June 8, 2010	Last Day of Classes (ALL Grading Periods)
June 9, 2010	Teacher Professional Day (No School)

Superintendent's Coffee & Conversation

March 5, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.	- Starbucks, 533 South State Street
April 21, 2010 at 7 p.m.	- McDonald's, 40 South Cleveland Avenue
May 7, 2010 at 12 p.m.	- Giant Eagle Café, 650 North State Street
June 4, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.	- McDonald's, 4435 Executive Parkway

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Cindy Crowe; Kevin Hoffman; Denise Pope

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