



# The Ripple

## Spring Program and Last Week of School

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The last two weeks of school were very busy at WCLC with dress rehearsal for the program, the second grade Wax Museum, the talent show and other activities.

Willow Creek Learning Center's Spring Program, Amerikids, was held on Friday, May 27th at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Packo and students from kindergarten through eighth grade did an excellent job. The evening was made even more special by visits from former students. Mrs. Walker's second graders were terrific as they presented the information that

they learned from reading biographies during the Wax Museum on Wednesday, June 2nd. The first graders, third graders, and invited guests enjoyed the speeches and the costumes.

Students from kindergarten through eighth grade participated in the Talent Show on Wednesday morning after the Wax Museum. Mrs. Packo introduced more than thirty children who shared their talents with their classmates and teachers. There was dancing, singing, karate, magic tricks and trumpet,

violin and piano playing. Kindergarten through eighth grade students participated in a "Minute to Win It" activity on Wednesday afternoon. Ten "families" competed in oreo eating, ding dong stacking, filling cups with water, relay races and other contests. Congratulations to Cooper and the members of his "family." for their first place finish. Thursday's activities included the awards assembly with special recognition for the eighth graders, a picnic and clown chapel.



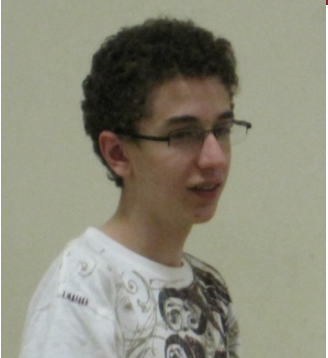
## 2011-2012 School Year

Coming soon to WCLC:

- Fantastic Fridays, four per year
- Mid-week Prayer and Coffee for WCLC Parents and Grandparents
- Mentor Families for Kindergarten and New Families

We are in need of volunteers for the library, lunch/recess duty, media liaison and repair work on the playground and inside the building.

Please continue to collect labels, cell phones and printer ink cartridges.



## Science Fair at the Ohio State University

State Science Day was held at the Ohio State University on Saturday, May 7th. Paul, James and Ana qualified for state competition at district science fairs. Paul and Ana competed at Youngstown State University. James competed at Mount Union University.

Paul earned a superior rating at State Science Day.

James earned an Edison Center Materials Science

and Engineering Award. He also received a Governor's Award for Excellence in Material Science.

Ana was recognized for an Outstanding Project in Engineering or Earth Science related to the Exploration, Development, Production or Processing of Petroleum and Natural Gas. She received a \$300 award from the Society of Petroleum Engineers.



## Lauren in Washington, D.C.



Lauren and her family traveled to Washington, D.C. on Sunday, May 29th for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. She was one of two hundred seventy-five students who qualified for the national spelling bee.

On Tuesday Lauren took a

written spelling test for the first round. She had twenty of twenty-five words correct. Wednesday morning the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders watched Speller 198 (Lauren) on laptops in the learning center. In the second round Lauren spelled

licentiate incorrectly. Lauren spelled batik correctly in the third round.

A maximum of fifty spellers are selected for the semi-finals round, and Lauren did not qualify.

We are proud of you, Lauren!

## Community Service



The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders devoted one grading period of their Home Economics class to making lap blankets for the residents of the Inn at Christine Valley in Youngstown. They made sixteen blankets under the supervision of

Mrs. Hoffmaster in class and after school. Mrs. Hoffmaster and the students delivered the lap blankets to Mrs. Jane Fife, Activity Director at the Inn, and several grateful residents after school on May 21st.

## Math Olympiad for Elementary Schools

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Math Olympiad for Elementary Schools. The MOES consists of five rounds (November through March) of five problems each.

Jacob and Lilly received trophies for the most correct answers for first through sixth grades. They tied with sixteen correct

answers. Ryan received a trophy for first place among the seventh and eighth graders. Ryan had twenty-three correct answers out of twenty-five problems.

The following students had scores in the top twenty-five percent nationally: Ryan, Jacob, Lilly, Alex, Ethan, James, Cooper, Kassady, Li, Paul, Samantha F., Lauren and Grace.

The following students were also in the top ten percent nationally: Ryan, James, Cooper, Paul and Lauren.

Audrey had the highest score in the third grade. The top score in the second grade belonged to Liam. Daniel was the high scorer in first grade.

Keep practicing during the summer.



## 8th Graders

Cooper, Ryan, Paul, Li, James, and Kassady completed their final year at WCLC on June 2nd. They represented WCLC admirably at YSU's English Festival, Math Counts, district and state Science Fairs and other contests. Their achievements are listed on

the WCLC 2011 Home of Champions banner at the entrance to the school. Our prayers and best wishes go with them as they move on to Canfield, Columbiana, Cardinal Mooney, and Jackson Milton High Schools and Hathaway Brown School.



## High School Class of 2011

Congratulations to all former Willow Creek students who graduated in 2011!

Boardman High School—Trey Dailey, Christina DeDominic, and Katelyn DiGiaco

Canfield High School—

Arthur Brant, Valedictorian, Alexandra Montalto, Gretchen Scheel, Salutatorian and National Merit Scholar, and Bradford Smith

Crestview High School—Kathrin Ridzon

Ursuline High School—Bence Tamas

Liberty High School—Brian Jackson

South Side High School (Pennsylvania)—Garrett Gourley



# Willow Creek Learning Center

## *Joy of Learning*

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Willow Creek Learning Center is a non-profit, tax-exempt educational institution whose purpose is to provide a quality education in a Christian environment while passing on the joy of learning.

WCLC meets or exceeds the state of Ohio's minimum standards for non-tax supported private schools.

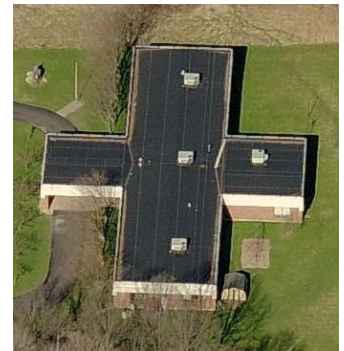
WCLC was established in 1985 and sits on four and one half acres of grassy play area and woodland with stream. Its location, several hundred yards off Western Reserve Road in Boardman, gives the school the privacy and quiet conducive to learning both indoors and outdoors.

***Enrollments for the 2011-2012 school year are currently being accepted. Please call the office for more information.***

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## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers.

Mrs. Carroll and her soon-to-be-born baby

Rachel and her ministry in Seattle, Washington

James, Cooper, Ryan, Kassady, Li and Paul as they start high school

Olivia, Connor and Davidson as they prepare for their senior year of high school

Travelling mercies for WCLC current and former families for summer vacations

Arthur, Gretchen, Katelyn, Christina, Trey, Bradford, Alexandra, Garrett, Brian, Bence, Kathrin as they prepare for college

WCLC's search for a volunteer librarian

