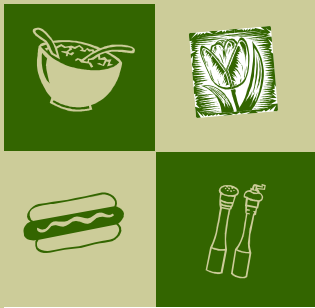


The Ripple



2010 Bible Fair

Our annual Bible Fair begins the week we return from Easter break, April 12-16. This simulation lets all Willow Creek students experience life in the Holy Land during the time of Jesus. Our gym-converted-into marketplace will feature crafts typical of the time. Costume-clad students will be able to knot a fish net, create mosaics, make clay coins and oil lamps, make and play a timbrel and many other interesting crafts. They can also taste foods, play games, dance to music, and see dramatizations of Bible stories. Parents are encouraged to get involved by volunteering

for this event. Preschool and kindergarten participate in the morning; the elementary in the afternoon.

We appreciate all the donations of materials that we have received for the Bible Fair.



April 12-April 16

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- ♦ *Cooper, state qualifier, Geography Bee*
- ♦ *WCLC earns nine of thirteen awards in Symphony Art Contest*
- ♦ *Math Counts, fifth place at YSU*
- ♦ *YSU Science Fair, five advance to State Science Fair*
- ♦ *Bryson, 2nd place, History Day at YSU*

2010 Spring Program and Basket Raffle

The Willow Creek Spring Program will be held on Friday, May 28th at 7:30 p.m.

The title of this year's program is Everyday Heroes. This year we will include a presentation by the Drama Club and some special selections

by grades three through eight.

Information about reserved tickets will be sent home with the children.

Our Chinese Auction of Baskets will include

more than a dozen baskets and raffle tickets will be available in the office.

We will need help to prepare the pre-school area for the stage, to prepare plates of cookies, to serve punch and to fold chairs after the program.

Vindicator Spelling Bee

Our annual spelling bee was an exciting event this year because our past champion of five years (John Umble) entered high school this fall. Sixth-grader Lauren Ritz became champion with eighth-grader Mara McCloud as runner-up. Lauren represented Willow Creek at the *Vindicator*-sponsored event at YSU in March. All eyes were on the previous year's second and third place winners. A first



Lauren
Runner-up
Vindicator Spelling Bee

year participant, Lauren surprised the crowd by competing head-to-head with previous finalists, and becoming the runner-up to Julia Miglets, an eighth grader from Springfield. Lauren appeared on the local television program *Home-work Express* recently. Several local organizations, such as Kiwanis, are honoring Lauren for her achievement.

Willow Creek has the distinction of winning the championship twice in

the past three years. Our former champion John Umble volunteered at the bee and was there to cheer Lauren on to victory.

Geography Bee

Cooper won the WCLC Geography Bee in January. Cooper also won the WCLC Geography Bee last year. After his victory he took a written qualifying test that was sent to the National Geographic Geography Bee in Washington, D.C.

Twelve thousand schools in the United States participate in the Geography Bee.

Mrs. Rabosky received notification

in March that Cooper had once again placed in the top one hundred students in the state of Ohio. On April 9th Cooper will compete in the Ohio Geography Bee at the Mansfield Campus of the Ohio State University. This will be Cooper's second appearance at the Ohio Geography Bee.

Cooper was also an alternate on the Math Counts team and represented WCLC at the YSU Science Fair.

Good Luck,
Cooper

The winner of the Ohio Geography Bee will compete at the national Geography Bee in May in Washington, D.C.

Symphony Art Contest

The Women's Committee for Children's Concerts in affiliation with the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra recently held its Art Contest.

The contest was in preparation for the Young People's Concert, Serious Fun. Kindergarten through eighth grade attended the concert on March 18th at Powers Auditorium.

Students worked hard on their entries and their hard work paid off.

Nine of the thirteen awards for the

Art Contest were earned by WCLC students.

Best in Show-Gwen

1st place, 7th-8th grade,
Norah

2nd place, 7th-8th grade,
Lisandra

1st place, 4th-6th grade,
Makenzie



Women's Committee for
Children's Concerts Art
Contest 2010

3rd place, 4th-6th grade,
Nicholas

1st place, 1st-3rd, Andre
2nd place, 1st-3rd,
Olivia

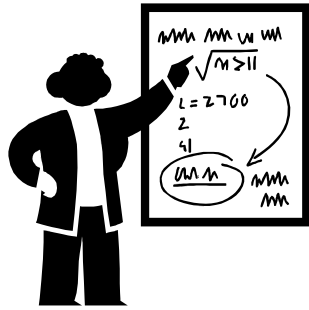
3rd place, 1st-3rd, David
G.

Honorable Mention, 1st-
3rd, Ethan

Math Counts and TAPS Contest

Willow Creek Learning Center's 2010 Math Counts Team members are Bryson, James, Ryan and Samantha. They placed fifth out of twenty-seven Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana schools. The top three schools qualify to compete in the state Math Counts contest.

James, Ryan and Bryson placed in the top twenty-five percent of



*Math Counts
YSU
February 22, 2010*

the one hundred thirty-six individual participants. They received trophies and a t-shirt at a banquet at A La Cart Catering in March.

The alternates were Mara, Kassady, Cooper and Lauren. Lauren placed in the top twenty-five percent of the alternates.

We extend our thanks to Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Ritz for driving to and from YSU for the event.

The seventh and eighth

graders participated in the Eastern Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics TAPS (Team Approach to Problem Solving) Contest in March. This contest is conducted online and involved over one hundred teams representing over forty schools in the tri-county area.

The team of Ryan, Kassady, James and Bryson tied for fourth place.

The team of Norah, Li, Paul, Mara and Cooper tied for seventh place.

Science Fair

Preparations for Science Fair began last fall or even earlier for some students. WCLC Science Fair was held the week of February 16th. The judges chose the projects of Lauren, Norah, Mara, Cooper, Paul, James, Lisandra, Gwen and Grace to advance to the Lake to River Science Fair at YSU on March 27th.

We extend our thanks to Dr. Thorne-Baltes, Tim Ridzon, Mrs. Carroll and Ms. Rabosky who

served as judges for the science fair.

The judges at YSU chose the projects of Paul, Gwen, Lisandra, James and Mara to advance to the State Science Fair in Columbus on May 8th.

**Lake to River Science Fair
Youngstown State University
March 27, 2010**

Tons of Drama Here!

The 2010 Willow Creek Drama Club has been working hard the past couple months. Our cast this year is small, but mighty. We consist of six members: Kassady, Alanna, Makenzie, Emma, Ethan and Jacob.

Each of these talented students gives up over an hour of their time after school on Fridays and countless hours at home to step into character. Every week they chal-

lenge themselves to become new and interesting people caught up in a wide variety of scenarios.

This year we are fortunate to be able to put on a Reader's Theater play during our annual Spring Program. Our story is based on Louis Sachar's Sideways Stories from Wayside School. The cast is very excited about



*Drama Club
2010
Mrs. Carroll*

this opportunity and is working extremely hard to bring these rather interesting stories to life.

Get out there, cast, and break a leg!

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We are accepting enrollments for Pre-K, Kindergarten and Elementary students.

Upcoming Events

Week of April 12th Bible Fair

April 19th 3rd through 8th grades Field Trip to Stambaugh Auditorium for Freedom Train

April 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th 3rd through 8th grades Stanford Testing

April 30th 7th and 8th Grades English Festival at YSU

May 28th Spring Program

June 2nd Second Grade Wax Museum

History Day

Bryson earned a second place in the junior division for a research paper that he presented at the Ohio State Historical Society's Annual History Day at Youngstown State University on March 27th. Students from Mahoning, Trumbull, Portage, Geauga and Ashtabula counties participated in the event. Bryson earned the right to compete at the state contest on April 24th at the Ohio State University.

Bryson was a member of the Math Counts team.

WCLC Staff

Willow Creek teachers continue to upgrade their skills by attending trainings and workshops. Mrs. Haski attended an all-day workshop sponsored by the Ohio Department of Wildlife to learn how our school can become an official wildlife habitat. Sherri Ball, Wendy Rabosky, and Lynn Rabosky learned resiliency coaching and dealing with challenging behavior in a six week class from D & E Counseling. Peggy Witman and Lynn Rabosky took a refresher course in administering the Program Administration Scale (PAS) which provides benchmarks for conducting a quality early childhood program. The following staff took advantage of

recent grant-writing classes at the public library: Sherri Ball, Cande Haski, Wendy Rabosky, and Lynn Rabosky.