



CONNECTION

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“The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible – and achieve it, generation after generation.”

— Pearl S. Buck



DISTRICT NEWS

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- **To combat the seasonal flu, West Clermont staff from across the district started receiving flu shots on a volunteer basis this week. Two flu shot clinics, one at Glen Este High School and one at Amelia High School, was held for staff and their families. The shots were given free of charge to anyone carrying West Clermont insurance, in order to encourage the healthiest possible schools this flu season.**



Lisa Reeves, an American Studies French teacher at Glen Este High School, anticipates the needle during her turn at the flu shot station.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- **Members of the Glen Este Band Ensemble performed at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Union Township Library on October 17. Band members who participated were: flutes: Janet Ford and Elizabeth Dunkman; clarinets: Leah Childers; saxophones: Peyton Hall, Hannah Davis and Jillian Hahn; trumpets: Suzanne Schmitt, Ryan Stark, David Campbell and Brian Ginn; trombones: Mac Losey; tubas: David Fehn and Christopher Andrews.**
- **On November 9, the West Clermont Institute of Performing**



Ryan Stark, Suzanne Schmitt, David Campbell and Brian Ginn perform at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Union Township Library.

Glen Este High School presents FAME!

“So You Think You Can Choreograph”

October 30

Arts (WECIPA) Concert Choir and West Clermont By Request will be guest performers at the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music (CCM) fall choral concert with the UC Men's and Women's Choruses. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Patricia Corbett Theater, which is on the main UC campus. Ticket prices: general admission is \$10, non-UC students are \$5, and UC students are FREE.

- **The Glen Este High School Marching Band** competed at Mason High School on October 23 and brought home the following awards: 4th place band out of 18 bands, 4th place color guard out of 18 bands, 1st place percussion out of 18 bands.
- **The Glen Este Dance Company's production** of "SO YOU THINK YOU CAN CHOREOGRAPH?" will be performed on Saturday, October 30 at 7 p.m. in the Glen Este Performing Arts Center.
- **The GEHS Thespians collected over 1,100 pounds of food** this past weekend for "Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat." Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat (TOTS-EAT) is the International Thespian Society's annual nationwide community service initiative to collect food for the hungry. With the help of over 280 Thespian troupes, more than **330,000 pounds** of food were collected during the 2009 TOTS-EAT food drive. Donations will be taken to local food shelters.
- **Glen Este High School's fall musical "FAME"** will be presented on December 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. and December 5 at 3 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 at the door. Please come out and support our students.
- **Amelia High School is hosting an After Prom fundraising event, The AMELIA ZUMBA FIESTA!** The event will take place at Amelia High School on October 29 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes one raffle ticket and one hour of Zumba. Ladies, gentlemen and children are welcome! There will be free giveaways to the first 75 paying customers. Shop vendors such as: Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Longaberger, Silpada Jewelry, Creative Memories and many more will be present. There will be one hour of Zumba from 7 to 8 p.m. with instructor Robin Brinck. Food will be served 8 to 9:30 p.m. Come to the Zumba Fiesta and support Amelia's After Prom! For information, call Erin or Sharon at 752-5692.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

- **After finishing the novel Seedfolks, Mrs. Wolfer's eighth grade students at Amelia Middle School** participated in an activity that was introduced to Language Arts teachers during their Professional Development day. These activities were taught by teachers from the Ohio Writing Project. The activity was titled "One Word Note Card." Each student was asked to come up with one word that described the novel Seedfolks. They were then asked to write two sentences explaining why they felt that word was appropriate. Students put the sentences on the back of the note card. After completing this activity, the students were asked to draw a symbol that represented a character from Seedfolks. Mrs. Rudi Smith, the school librarian, took the symbols and created a quilt. Mrs. Smith had some of the students help her by gluing the symbols on the quilt. The students were very engaged and it was a great way to bring the novel to an end.



Kaleb Holcomb, Mike Gill, Carla Lopez, and Tara McCleary work on their character quilt.

- **Seventh graders at Glen Este Middle School are working on the school's new net-book computers.** Students are investigating potential and kinetic energy using an online simulation lab creating a skate park. Students were highly motivated while applying the seventh grade standard of describing how an object can have potential and kinetic energy due to its position and motion. Some of the students had enough potential energy to get their skater through 8 loops and back again.
- **Students in Ms. Miller's class at Glen Este Middle School work on designing and building a "boat"** out of limited materials in a competition to see which boat design will hold the most mass (pennies). The goal of this highly engaging activity is to reinforce the concepts taught in class; buoyancy and density. Students will attempt to answer, "Which boat design will float the most cargo and why?"

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

- **While visiting Amelia Elementary this school year, you may have seen a new face.** We are thrilled to introduce Mr. Charles as a school volunteer. He will be helping at arrival, dismissal times, recess and lunch duties as well as help run the building recycling program. Thank you Mr. Charles for being a valuable member of our school community! We appreciate you!
- **The Amelia Elementary staff invites you to consider becoming a school volunteer.** We are always looking for individuals to assist with lunch and recess duties, or to help within classrooms. Contact Amelia Elementary if you are interested in volunteering at 943-3800.
- **Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Fowler's fifth grade Amelia Elementary students got "down and dirty" dissecting owl pellets in science class.** Students begin to pull apart pellets with their hands, slowly and carefully. The tiny pellet was filled with small, fragile bones that students would identify later. Students separated the mess of fur, feathers, and bones. Students then used pre-printed diagrams of rodent skeletons and tried to identify the bones, and who they once belonged to. Owls feed on mice, voles and small birds, and the contents of their latest meal could be identified from the different sizes and proportions of the bones found in their pellets.
- **It was all about "Bats" when Brantner Elementary hosted Karen Venetian from the Cincinnati Museum Center.** She presented a program called "Bats!" Karen, who knows a wealth of information about bats, presented a slide show, artifacts, and live bats. She also provided the children who attended the program bat masks, bat cut-outs and bat crosswords to take home. Everyone was amazed at



Students Jordan Funk and Rebecca Glassburn use the new net-book computers.



Students Maya Forthuber, Brooke Feters, Alli Brown and Blake Batchelor investigate the design process, testing buoyancy and density by building a boat.



Mr. Charles greets the students as they arrive for school.



Jonathon Crumbacher and Austin Knott pull apart owl pellets to identify the contents.

the wingspan of some of the bats and how little they weighed.

- **On October 22 the Clough Pike Spirit Spot was open for business.** The Spirit Spot is the PTO sponsored "school store". Students are allowed to come to the Spirit Spot during their recess or lunch periods. The students enjoy buying anything from pencils to spirit wear.
- **Clough Pike Elementary preschoolers enjoy the Tap-it.** The Tap-it is a new piece of interactive technology in the West Clermont preschool classrooms. Students practice drawing, writing, and matching skills.



Karen Venetian holds a bat to show to the students an up close and personal view.



Far left: Clough Pike Kindergarten students enjoy their first trip to the Spirit Spot.

At left: Clough preschoolers have fun making faces on a pumpkin using the Tap-it.

- **The Willowville Walk-a-thon was a huge success! Profits were close to \$16,000** which will benefit the students with playground equipment and curricular items. In total 185 students will be receiving prizes for collecting \$25 or more. The top collector this year was **Ayden Crowell**, a second grader in Mrs. Funk's class. Ayden collected \$500. The other top two collectors were fourth graders **Abby Carver** and **Montgomery Sutter**. A great big THANK YOU goes out to the **Willowville PTO** and **Julie Panek** who organized the successful fundraiser. Willowville would like to thank the many volunteers and parents who walked with their children. They are grateful for a supportive Willowville community.



Willowville Principal Michelle Kennedy wore every grade's color of t-shirt at once, taking turns walking with each class throughout the walk-a-thon.

- **Dr. Tim Kloth, music teacher at Willowville Elementary, was very excited when the Willowville PTO purchased the set of drums** displayed in the photograph. Students at all grade levels will have the opportunity to learn and practice many music selections playing the drums. This month, students were exposed to an African drumming piece through a video of a performance by the Miami University African drum ensemble. Students then learned some of the same rhythms from this piece and performed them as a class.



Mrs. Flanigan's fourth grade class at Willowville Elementary learn to play the new drum set purchased by the Willowville PTO.

- **Willowville Elementary received an anonymous donation to purchase a "steam roller"** which will be placed in the motor room. With two autism units and a multiple disabilities unit, many students with sensory needs will benefit from using the "steam roller." The staff and students are very grateful for the donation.
- **Withamsville-Tobasco Elementary's Math Carnival Night held on October 19** was a huge success! There were 644 students and their families that attended and 29 WT staff members there to support the activities. The WT stage was the location for the Math Symbol Cupcake Walk. The cafeteria was home to Trail Mix Measuring, Face Painting and Pop Ring Toss. There was plenty of food for everyone, served by the PTO. Every family that attended had a chance to win a pumpkin that had been painted by the WT Staff. All grade levels had a table set up in the gym with Math Games to play at the carnival as well as Take-It Games to play at home. The unused food items that had been donated for the carnival were given to Sauls Homeless Shelter in Batavia.



Layne Wilder, a student in Mrs. Heekin and Mrs. Flanigan's classes illustrates how to use the "steam roller."



Al Tegge, Title 1 teacher, helps serve up some trail mix.