

White's World!

Fall Quarter



When British man Michael Cohen decided to go for a swim, he ignored the white flag posted on the beach. The white flags at Fish Hoek Beach in South Africa indicate NOT to go swimming due to the shark infested waters. Cohen was known from previous occasions to disobey the warning flags, so he decided to do the same on the 29th of September. Unfortunately for Cohen, there was, in fact, a shark in the water. The shark attacked him, and left after it had eaten Cohen's right leg, and severely injuring his left foot. Reasons are not known why Cohen decided it was a good time for a dip in the water, as he is currently under sedatives in a South African hospital. Needless to say, Cohen won't be swimming anymore.



By: Nate Hofford and Jack Routhier

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Interview with Laurie Gettings!

By: Nate Hofford and Jack Routhier

On November 8th, the Westlake City School Board will hold elections. Running this year is Laurie Gettings. We decided to pay a visit to the house of Mrs. Gettings, where we asked her the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be on the School Board?
2. What is your campaign strategy?
3. What would you do if you are elected?
4. What is your opinion about the reconstruction of the schools?
5. Do you think the teachers are overpaid?



Mrs. Gettings gladly helped us, and she answered the questions:

1. She wants to be on the School Board because she believes that the Board is divided. She thinks that she would be able to bring order to the Board and help the other members focus on the issues at hand.
2. Mrs. Gettings wants to interact with voters as much as possible. She explained to us that she wouldn't be discouraged if people didn't vote for her because they didn't agree with her, but she would be discouraged if people didn't vote for her because they didn't know about her.
3. Mrs. Gettings wants to institute the International Baccalaureate program, a school system that offers a higher education worldwide. She also wants the Board to have a broader viewpoint.
4. She is very supportive of the new schools, and believes that they are necessary to accommodate space needs, technology needs, and to best utilize the space. Also, with companies such as American Greetings moving into or around Westlake, there will be more children needing educations. The new schools would offer a place for the kids to learn and have technological and human resources available to them at all times.
5. She believes (close your eyes, teachers) that teachers will probably have to take cuts. However, Mrs. Gettings also believes (you can look now, teachers) that teachers can't be paid enough for the hard work they perform.

For those of you over 18, remember to vote for the School Board on November 8th and support the schools!

Clubs

By: Max Prexta and Tricia King

The Student Council Executive Board has been working hard these passed months. They have recently created a bullying survey that the whole school took. This survey was designed to have the students at LBMS give their opinion on bullying at the school.

Coming up in November, Student Council is hosting a Canteen to raise money for the Council. Moving on into December the Council is hosting a fundraiser for the kids at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. More details on all the events will come when they approach.

The Environmental Club is having a cell phone drive. They are asking people to donate their old cell phones. The cell phones will then be donated to the Cincinnati Zoo. The school with the most cell phones collected wins a grand prize of \$5,000 dollars and a picture painted by a gorilla named Bobo. The money would go to the cost of the trip to Africa that the Environmental Club is taking in the summer.

Language Arts with Mrs. Persia!

By: Brittany Gulla and Michael Corrigan

You may be wondering what your child does all day in school. Well, we have lots to tell you about what they do in language arts class with Mrs. Persia. One thing that occurs on a daily basis is grammar warm-ups. Every day we have five questions, two consisting of fixing errors in a sentence, and three which test your child on vocabulary, grammar, and knowledge. Along with this, Mrs. Persia makes us personal dictionary sheets. These help us learn and understand L.A. vocabulary. Then, we have a lesson. An example of such a lesson is “Better Answers.” This shows us the four basic steps in writing a better paragraph. This is our basic day in room 127 with Mrs. Persia.

We also have done projects and learned other important skills. The first project we did was “Life in a Bag”. This consisted of telling your classmates about yourself, and it allowed the students to practice their speaking abilities in front of their peers. We also practice reading comprehension. The class is near the end of reading a book and doing packets on them. There are a total of five packets, and now we are doing a project on our book. Along with that, the first quarter includes a speech about a book that we will present.

Practicing writing skills is very important, too. Mrs. Persia prepares two choices every week for journals. We have one week to write a minimum of 15 sentences about this topic. We have also practiced note-taking, another important skill. We have taken notes, shortened the number of notes, and shortened and paraphrased again, until they were short and simple. We practiced with an Amelia Earhart story, and Mrs. Persia gave us a pancake lecture, which included eating the chocolate chip pancakes that our wonderful teacher made. We have also written a couple papers. One was about our dreams, in our Dream-Catcher Essay. Another was in our “Real World” paper. We had to interview someone in our life, and write about them. In between all of this, we are learning the eight elements of prose. To better understand these, we have made posters for each element, presented, and voted on them. If your poster was picked, it got hung up on the wall, giving that table five extra credit points.



Mrs. Persia happily shows the Elements of Prose board.

This leads to other opportunities for extra credit. There are a couple ways to earn this. One way is by tickets. During each class, there is a designated ticket person who gives a ticket to every person who answers a question correctly. After every two weeks, Mrs. Persia picks some tickets, giving each person picked two extra credit points. There’s also another way to earn some extra quarterly points. Every quarter, each class period receives ten points. Throughout the quarter, points can be taken away for bad behavior. However many points your class still has at the end of the quarter, is the number of points each student is rewarded with. Now you know all about your child’s day in the L.A. room with Mrs. Persia.

You may be thinking how great this all is, but want to know who your child is spending all this time with. First, the teacher’s name is Cassandra (Casey) Persia. She has been teaching for nine years, six of which have been at Lee Burneson Middle School, and two of which have been on the white team. She tries to appeal to all of her different learners. She attempts to learn in different ways – some days are hands-on projects, while others are more independent, quiet work. She wanted to become a language arts teacher, because she really enjoys reading, and talking about it. She’s very creative, and likes to show the students how great reading can be if you put your mind to it. Mrs. Persia also likes to set goals to achieve with her students. Aside from school, she has a great personality, too. One way her personality shines is through her favorite sports team, the Ottawa Hills Green Bears. She played for them, and is a big fan. Also, her dad is the baseball, basketball, and football coach there! Other than sports, one thing not many people know about her is that she likes to sing. She has performed at weddings and other events as a singer. You also may not know that she loves all kinds of desserts and bakery. Her favorite thing is anything with chocolate. Now that you know your child’s language arts teacher a little better, you may feel more comfortable sending your child to school to learn every day!

FOOD AROUND THE CITY!!!!

By: Malek Odetallah and Alexis Mance

Menchies- This restaurant sells soft-serve, frozen yogurt. They have many flavors and about 200 toppings. You pay by the ounce. This place is really delicious.

Chipotle- This is a Mexican grill where you can sit inside or out, or you can take it to go. There are four different types of meat: carnitas, steak, chicken, and pork.

Robeks- Robeks is a smoothie place in many different locations. They have smoothies such as Strawberry Banana, Big Wednesday, and Raspberry Romance. There are 3 different sizes you can get. You can also put different types of boosts in your smoothies.



HALLOWEEN WORDSEARCH

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Candy

Haunted

Costumes

Monsters

Fright

Pumpkins

Ghosts

Scary

Halloween

Trick or Treat

VOLLEYBALL!

By: Nick Moracz and Elise Illius

Ready for a spike!

Players and Numbers:

#6- Katie Lew	#11- Claire Dunphy
#9- Natalie Samenuk	#4- Kayla Iannello
#1- Alexis Mance	#2- Paige Ward
#7- Julia Chernosky	#14- Abbey Kay
#10- Maggie Guilfoyle	#8- Rebecca Blair
#13- Caroline Pavlo	#15- Lexi West

Wins: 0

Losses: 14

Coach: Mrs. Sally Falatach

Opponents: Amherst Comets, Avon Lake Shoremen, Roehm Raptors, Brecksville-Broadview Heights Bees, Olmsted Falls Bulldogs, Ford Falcons, North Olmsted Eagles



Season Summary

The 8th grade girls' volleyball team ended their season 0-14. Even though they didn't win a game, they never gave up. Whether they were winning the match 20-10 or losing 7-18, they always played their hardest. At one point during the season, the team came from behind to win one of their three matches against the Raptors. The girls were down 10-20, but rallied to win the game. The season was tough but enjoyable for everyone. Good luck next year to the Lady Demons!!



The girls getting a pep talk from Coach Falatach.



Paige Ward coming into the game for Julia Chernosky.

Math with Ms. Kiktavy!

Maggie Guilfoyle & Sam Horwitz

Most of us didn't do very well on the first math test of the year. We decided to ask Mrs. Kiktavy about some tips on how to do better in her class, and some questions that we were just curious to hear the answers to!

The first question we asked went like this, "What are some tips you could give about how to get a better grade in your class?" She had many suggestions like, use the online textbook to get extra practice in and watch the video help. Also, just doing your homework will help you get a lot of review done, and show you what you need to know for that day. Finally, she says to come in before school or during I & E to get some extra practice or ask any questions you have.

The next question also related to the test and doing well in class, "What are some study tips for tests?" Some answers were to do the practice test that the book has for every chapter. Also she suggested to go over any homework we did or notes we took in class.

We also wanted to know a little more about how Mrs. Kiktavy did when she was a child, so we asked, "Were you a good student when you were a kid?" She says that she was, but not until 7th grade. Also, she mention that she didn't like chemistry very much, and it was a hard class.

For our final question we asked, "Did you ever bomb any tests and if so, what did you do with the papers?" The answer was a surprising one, no less! She says yes, she did bomb a test when she was younger. To try to cover it up she hid the papers under her desk so her parents wouldn't see them. The only issue was that it backfired and she got caught!

As you can see, there are many study tips that you can use for the test, and to do better in her class. Just spending a couple minutes, regularly before the test can help you tremendously!



Mrs. Kiktavy helping out Caitlin Brown!



Having fun in math!

How to Make a Fingerprint Turkey!

***NOTE: At any point during the instructions that you are unclear, refer to the example at the bottom of the page**

#1- **PREPARE.** First gather all the Crafts and needed art supplies. You will need: 1 brown paint bottle, 1 yellow paint bottle, 1 orange paint bottle, 1 one red paint bottle, 1 green paint bottle, 1 paint brush (medium sized would be best), 1 piece of construction paper, 1 black marker, 1 orange marker, and one Clean hand.

#2- **PAINT.** You need to make each of your fingers a different color, (green, red, yellow, or orange) because these will serve as the feathers of the turkey, but be sure to paint your thumb brown, because this will later be the head of the turkey. You will also be painting the palm of your hand brown to serve as the body of the turkey.

#3- **PRESS.** Now that you have your whole hand painted, press your hand down on the construction paper towards the middle of the paper. Use your other hand to press your fingers down in order to get as much paint off of your hand as possible.

#4- **WASH.** Be sure to wash the paint off of your hand before continuing to the next step.

#5- **DECORATE.** Turn your paper so the feathers of your turkey (your finger marks) are pointing upward. Find the head of your turkey (your thumb mark) and make two eyes, with your black marker, at the top of the head. Below the eyes, and at the edge of the head, make an orange beak with the orange marker. And finally, at the very bottom of your turkey's body (the brown palm print) make two feet so your turkey can walk.

TADA! YOU MADE A TURKEY!



How many cats can you find?



FUN FACTS

- Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.
- Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- Pumpkins also come in white, blue, and green. Great for unique monster carvings!
- Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.
- Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.
- Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
- Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.

How To Carve A Pumpkin!

Halloween is right around the corner, and people are beginning to carve pumpkins. You should want your pumpkin to be the best, so I'll fill you in on some basic steps to know:

1. Pick out a medium/ large sized pumpkin that you like.
2. For the eyes, choose any shape to make them.
3. Next, you need to make a nose; a circle would work well.
4. Then, finally it's time to make the mouth. It could be any shape, but personally I like the idea of having a zigzag mouth.

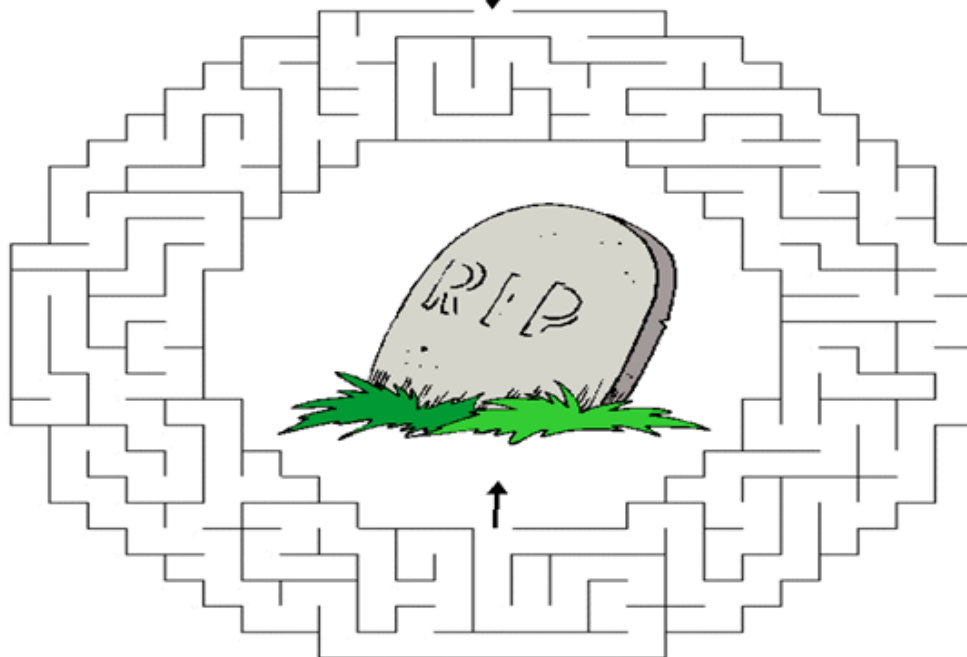
5. That's all you need to know about making the best pumpkin, but you may also add any of your own details too.

Also, sometimes people like to design their pumpkins off of characters in a movie or a book. If you just look online, then it would most likely give you instructions on how to make a great personalized pumpkin. If you don't like the idea of carving a pumpkin, then you could always paint a design on the outside. It works just as well, and you might even be able to make it look better. Another thing you could do with pumpkins, is to make roasted pumpkin seeds. If you want to find out how, then go to this website: http://simplyrecipes.com/recipes/toasted_pumpkin_seeds/ It will tell you everything that you need to know on roasting pumpkin seeds. Have fun creating the best pumpkin of the season!

Halloween Maze



Help the
ghost
brothers
find
their
way
home.



American History with Mr. Henderson!

By: Elise Kennedy & Charlotte Keppler

Whites World: What topics will we be covering next quarter in American history?

Mr. Henderson: We will mainly be studying the Revolutionary War. We will also be doing an activity called the tavern. The tavern is when we transform the classroom into a tavern from a specific time period.

WW: What projects have the classes done already this quarter?

MH: We did a historical interactive unit where we did a cooperative jigsaw. Students have also done an A-Z review which is a schoolbook to teach schoolchildren from the colonial period; which includes a picture and couplet for each picture.

WW: What about this year are you most excited for?

MH: I am really excited about working with Mr. Thoms and Ms. Kiktavy for the first time. Also I would like to show how disciplines on the team are connected.

WW: How long have you been teaching?

MH: I have been teaching for about 27 years. Of those 27 years, 25 were at Westlake City Schools.

WW: Have you ever taught other subjects beside social studies?

MH: I have taught 7th grade world geography as well.



WW: What kind of extra-curricular activities can students learn in your class?

MH: We watch many movies, make bulletin boards, study current events with our noses in the news, and even do timeline entries.

WW: Could you tell us a little about yourself?

MH: I grew up outside of Columbus. I played football, basketball, and baseball in high school. I met my wife at Bowling Green College, and we now have four kids. Now I am happily working at Westlake, like I have for many years.

WW: Why does Social Studies interest you?

MH: I always loved learning about the past, especially how it shapes the world we live in today.



Book Reviews!

Turnabout by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Turnabout is set in two different time frames, the current year being 2085, and the past year being 2000. Two elderly women, who are best friends are named Melly and Anny-Beth, live over a century because they volunteered when doctors asked if they want to be 'unaged,' a process in which they lose their memories that are then replaced with new memories as they unage. There's also another problem. Anny-Beth and Melly both can't stop unaging. They just keep getting younger and younger, losing abilities and privileges. They can't contact their families, as that is one of the restrictions. Among their friends and fellow citizens, one woman commits suicide because of this ban on contact with family.

As Melly and Anny-Beth continue to unage, they are running away from the Advanced Technology Agency, where a reporter is searching for them. Soon, they find that their ancestor is trying to find them. Pondering this, Melly and Anny-Beth find that this ancestor is related to both of them. Eventually, they meet this ancestor, this person decides to take care of them when they become too young to do anything, because also, Melly and Anny-Beth will become babies once again and pass away.

"I think that everyone should read Turnabout because it's interesting, and really good. It's a little confusing, but if you read it you'll be able to get it." – Katie Liggett

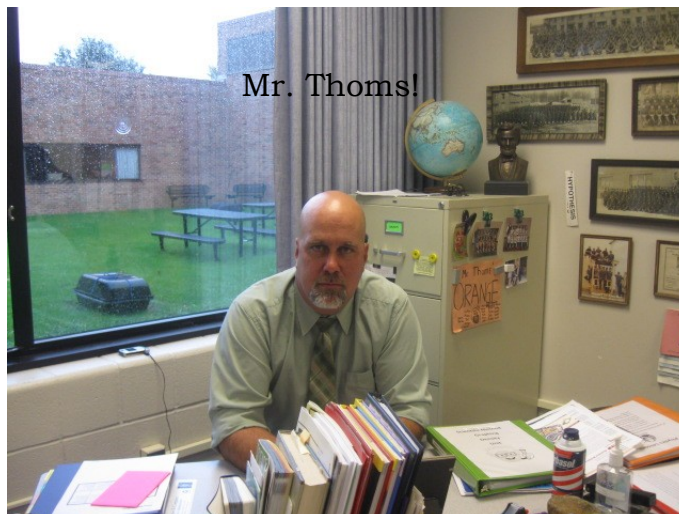
Rating:5 stars

-Rachel Stanco & Autumn Custer

Science with Mr. Thoms!

By: Max Chappel and Mike Beaver

Science on our team has been doing pretty well. For our last test out of 70 points the average grade was a 99%. On the first day of school, Mr.Thoms was saying it was would be a difficult year for us. This stage has started to brighten up. So far this quarter, we've covered scientific method and density. The density test went well for us. More recently, we're doing a review on weather. Most classes learned this last year, but the usual has occurred and we forgot most of what we learned over the summer. There are also some classes from last year who never learned this in the first place. Mr.Thoms thinks that the test should be around Monday the 25th or Tuesday the 26th. Are you ready? All that we're going to have to study from is our own notes, so if you've been wasting your time, it's time to pick up the slack.



Comics!

By: Sofie Canepa

Why do we do things so early?



October.....



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