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District works with DFCU Financial on PLC day

Representatives from DFCU Financial visited the district earlier this week to meet with high school Economics teachers for a full day professional development session.

The credit union provided a workshop to help plan the financial literacy portion of economic units. Ruth Ann Albus, youth education coordinator, worked with teachers to review Unit Planners and resources in light of the High School Content

Expectations, and provided an update on the assessment writing work being done by other instructors outside the district.

DFCU Financial makes a generous donation to Walled Lake Schools each year



Ruth Ann Albus, youth education coordinator, DFCU Financial, center; works with Bryan Willard, social studies teacher, Western; and Cheryl Roden, business teacher, Northern.

to support the teaching of financial literacy K-12. The district is in the process of using their expertise to help plan effective instruction in the new ninth grade economics course required for graduates of 2011 and beyond.

Julie Janosz, language arts/social studies instructional coordinator, said: "We appreciate DFCU Financial's support as we write financial literacy content expectations into our K-12 curriculum. The DFCU Financial staff led an exceptional workshop creating hands-on, interactive and engaging lessons that will enrich and enhance our economics program."

'Courageous Conversations' with Martin, staff

The Multicultural Committee hosted a special meeting Tuesday at the ESC featuring Robert Martin, leadership/diversity consultant, Oakland Schools, who presented, "An Introduction to Courageous Conversations About Race: Addressing the Racial Achievement Gap." This session was based on



Martin

the book *Courageous Conversations About Race* by Glenn Singleton. Martin discussed the data on the racial achievement gap in Walled Lake Schools and Oakland County, and shared some initial steps that have been taken in Walled Lake to address this critical issue.

Ellis is district's 'Betty Champion' nominee

The 2007-08 district Betty Champion nominee is Gail Ellis, Meadowbrook paraeducator. She goes beyond the call of duty to assist both students and staff members whenever necessary. Gail naturally intervenes in times of need without being asked. In every circumstance, Gail always knows exactly what to do and say. Her past experiences and knowledge of the expectations of kindergarten make her an asset to our program. Gail's professionalism and

work ethic are truly commendable. In her very nurturing way, she helps kindergarten students become independent and responsible learners. She always sees the strengths in each and every student and capitalizes on this to help each child to reach his/her maximum potential. She is a terrific role model for parents, staff and students alike.



Ellis

Hochestein, Bohon get Golden Apples

Richard Hochestein, owner, Wonderland Lanes; and Laura Bohon, Transportation, received Golden Apple Awards at the March 6 board meeting.

Mr. Hochestein put bowling on the map for Walled Lake Schools' students. He has supported the elementary, middle and high school programs since they started.



Hochestein

Because of his generosity, both the Oakland County High School tournament and the MHSAA regional tournaments were conducted at Wonderland this year.

Laura has a gentle, loving care for her students, all of whom are three and four-year old children with autism spectrum disorder. Her patience goes far and above what her job requires.



Bohon

Laura works hard to solve problems and come up with resolutions that are best for every child.

Walsh receives honorable mention

Alison Walsh, Walled Lake Elementary counselor, recently received an Honorable Mention from the Xap and Bridges National School Counseling Week contest.



Walsh

The contest pays tribute to counselors who truly make a difference in the lives of their students.

Over the past two years, Walsh has demonstrated creative insights and developed interventions that have proven remarkably effective while working with children.

2008 LAYA youth recognition awards program

The Lakes Area Youth Assistance will hold its 21st Annual Youth Recognition Awards Program on Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the Wixom Community Center. Awards are given to deserving individuals, organizations, or recognize a student who has made a remarkable achievement in spite of personal hardship.

Deadline to submit nominations is Friday, April 4, 2008. For more information, please refer to the attachment included.

'SPRING FORWARD...'

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed!

Don't Forget...

❖ **March 8, 2008- WLS' Parenting Education Fair**, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Walled Lake Northern. The **Foundation's Tuition Expedition drawing** will be held that day.

Attached is a copy of the Fair's flyer and registration form. Additional information is available online at: wlcsd.org/pr/parenting_fair.html.

❖ **Tuition Expedition 2008 50/50 Raffle Tickets on sale now!** Don't miss the opportunity to win up to a \$50,000 scholarship for your child! Call 248-956-2116 to purchase your ticket. Visa and MasterCard accepted. MI Raffle License #R94235.



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- For more info & official rules, call the information hotline at 248-956-2069 or visit www.foundationforexcellence.com
- With your purchase, mention your favorite WL school, team or club and it could win up to \$5,000 in our "raffle within the raffle!"

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Lannen is mayor in 'Father Bingo' musical

Walled Lake Northern's **Joe Lannen**, can be seen playing the role of the mayor in the Novi Community Theater's rendition of "Father Bingo."

All performances will be held at: Novi Middle School Auditorium, 11 Mile Rd. between Beck and Wixom Roads.

For show dates, times, and ticket information, go to: www.novitheatres.com.



Charity volleyball game, March 14

Who: Wixom vs. Oakley Park Elementaries

What: 12th Annual Charity Volleyball game

Where: Walnut Creek M.S.

When: Friday, March 14
7-9 p.m.

Why: To raise money to benefit the *Gift of Life* organ donation program.

Congratulations to

➤ Mike and **Tricia Ziegler**, Glengary, on the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Lynn, on Feb. 23, 2008. Mackenzie was 18.5 inches long and weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz.

Thank you

➤ Writes **Gail Wilson**, Oakley Park: Thank you to everyone for the many kind words, prayers, cards and donations in memory of my brother. Your support is comforting and much appreciated.

➤ Writes **Dennis (ESC) and Sally (WLE) Keeney**: Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards and kindness in response to the passing of Dennis' father.

Calendar

➔ **March 8, 2008** - Parenting Education Fair, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Walled Lake Northern. For more information, go to: www.walledlake.k12.mi.us/pr/parenting_fair.html.

➔ **March 10, 2008** - LACDC committee meeting, 7 p.m., ESC.

➔ **March 11, 2008** - No students, professional development day; Juniors only, ACT/MME test.

➔ **March 13, 2008** - Your child is 18 - What now? New legal issues you need to know; parent educational forum, 7-9 p.m., West Bloomfield Public Library.

➔ **March 15, 2008** - Passion for Life 5K Run/Walk, Registration begins at 7 a.m., Walled Lake Central. See attached flyer for more information.

➔ **March 17, 2008** - PTSA Reflections Celebration, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sarah Banks.

➔ **March 20, 2008** - Last day of school prior to Spring Break.

➔ **March 31, 2008** - School resumes.

➔ **March 31, 2008** - PTSA Council, 7 p.m., Walled Lake Central.

➔ **April 3, 2008** - Board of Education meeting, Middle school art recognition, 7 p.m.; regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., ESC.

➔ **April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19; June 2, 9, 2008** - Raising Responsible, Cooperative Children, a nine-week empowering parenting program, 7-9 p.m.; Wixom Community Center.

➔ **April 11, 2008** - Peace Pole dedication, 1:30 p.m., Walled Lake Northern.

➔ **April 14, 2008** - No students, professional development day.

➔ **April 24, 2008** - Raising Techno Kids - What to Do? How to do it; parent educational forum, 7-9 p.m., West Bloomfield Public Library.

➔ **April 28, 2008** - PTSA Council, 7 p.m., Meadowbrook.

➔ **April 29, 2008** - No students, professional development day.

➔ **April 30, 2008** - LACDC committee meeting, 7 p.m., ESC.

➔ **May 1, 2008** - Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m., ESC.

Ask Carol "Kill-a-watt" Energy Update



Dear Staff,

Great job to all of you that have made it a habit to turn things OFF before leaving. With the high cost of energy, it is important that we are "energy savers" everyday.

Check out the attachment included with this issue of INSIDER. You may find it interesting.

Carol Holly,
Energy Manager

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