

Westlake Education Foundation



*“ If we teach
our Children
in great ways,
they will give
greatly to
others”*

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MISSION STATEMENT

To Provide initiative, strong leadership, and the financial support for creative projects not otherwise available, which will enhance positive changes in the Westlake City Schools, and which will also prepare the greatest number of students at all grade levels, at virtually every Westlake City school, to achieve their maximum potential.

The Westlake Education Foundation is sanctioned by the Westlake Board of Education, as well as an independent non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status, allowing all contributions to be tax deductible. The WEF is run by an elected Executive Board of Trustees, all of whom are Westlake residents, business owners, community leaders and/or parents.

Since 1995, The Westlake Education Foundation has provided more than \$65,000 in teacher / project grants to Westlake City Schools! The grants awarded include those that have helped educate students against drug abuse, those that have helped students master language, science, math, reading, history, chemistry, visual arts, leadership skills and physical education. The Westlake Education Foundation also provided the grant that brought some of the very first computers into the school system.

The following is the summary of recent grants awarded by The Westlake Education Foundation. More information about many grants can be assessed through our Website at www.westlakeeducationfoundation.org.

School Year 2009-2010

Teacher Grants:

1. The Westlake Education Foundation is participating in funding for the district-wide *Home Language Literacy Program* initiated by Jennifer Petticord at Lee Burneson Middle School. The program objectives are four-fold: (1) to facilitate social inclusion of the many students for which English is their second language; (2) increase parent-child reading at home and, therefore, increase family literacy; (3) boost reading comprehension for the ELS Students with approved bilingual Accelerated Reading test books; and (4) affirm the importance of a multi-lingual environment. Once ordered and received, the books will be available to any school within the district via inter-library loan. The Westlake Education Foundation has committed to funding \$650 for the program (half of the requested amount).

2. The Westlake Education Foundation also will provide funding for the *Economics: Dollars for Dog Tags* program initiated by Tracy Sicafuse from Dover Elementary. This program is intended to allow all third grade students at Dover with hands-on learning of economics by developing a product, marketing and selling the product and managing money. The product will be a painted (sanded and primed) and decorated dog tag that can be attached to a backpack or used as a key chain. Proceeds from the project will be donated to Dog Tags for Kids, a non-profit organization that provides dog tags to children whose parents are serving our country in the military in Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq. The Westlake Education Foundation funded \$604.50, the entire amount requested for the program.

School Year 2008-2009

Teacher Grants:

1. The Westlake Education Foundation provided funding for a book study group to discuss *From Binge to Blackout* by Chris Volkmann and Toren Volkmann. The idea and study group was initiated by Kathy McGinty at the Westlake High School. This program involved developing a student book club to discuss the important issues for teenagers relating to drug and alcohol abuse. The Westlake Education Foundation partially funded the program in the amount of \$500.00.
2. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$561 in funding for *Here Comes the Sun – Energy That’s Free, Clean and Green!*, initiated by Scott Kutz, Mike Kula and Adam Purdy of the Westlake High School. This program allowed high school students to study solar energy and develop projects using solar energy.
3. The Westlake Education Foundation provided funding for *Multi-cultural Awareness*, a program initiated by Kathy Nash and Karen Kane of Hilliard Elementary. This program provided funding for pre-school classrooms for books, dolls, toys and other tools to incorporate multi-cultural awareness into the classroom. The Foundation partially funded this program in the amount of \$600.
4. The Westlake Education Foundation provided funding for *Design and Build Wind Turbine Prototypes*, a project initiated by Judy McMasters at Lee Burneson Middle School. This project furthered

the Westlake School District's STEM focus for Eighth Grade students to research and build wind turbines and learn about green energy. The Foundation partially funded this program in the amount of \$725.

5. The Westlake Education Foundation provided funding for *Distance Learning*, initiated by Shannon Fortuna and Ashley Witman at Dover Elementary. The funding for this project allowed the teachers to implement virtual field trips through video conferencing for the entire school. The Foundation partially funded this program in the amount of \$1,000.
6. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$970.13 in funding for *Nutrition Explorers and Movin' Minds*, a program initiated by Nick Miller at Holly Lane Elementary. This funding allowed Mr. Miller to develop a lesson plan to inspire good nutrition and health, as well as how foods impact the human body.

Student Mini Grants:

1.	Back to Nature – Lake Erie Nature	\$120.00
2.	The Visual Arts Camp – Beck Center (x3)	\$670.00 (total)
3.	Creep Critters – Great Lakes Science Center	\$200.00
4.	Math Magicians – Westlake High School (x2)	\$170.00 (total)
5.	3D Game Design – Case Western Reserve Univ.	\$250.00
6.	The Write Stuff – Westlake High School	\$75.00
7.	Classroom Antics – Rocky River Civic Center	\$200.00
8.	Junior Zoo Keeper – Toledo Zoo	\$340.00
9.	Video Design Camp – Westlake High School	\$200.00
10.	Pre-Med Camp at Cleveland Nat'l Hist. Mus.	\$225.00

School Year 2007-2008

Teacher Grants:

1. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$2,745.00 in funding for "*And The Survey Says: GPS Navigation and Surveying in Civil Engineering*," initiated by K. Scott Kutz at the Westlake High School. Funding included purchase of digital and precision instruments for property survey to be used by all engineering, technology and math students.
2. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$909.39 in funding for *Communication Aids*, initiated by Karen Kane at Hilliard Elementary. Funding included purchase of communication devices and aids for preschool students.

Student Mini-Grants:

1.	Forensic Science Honors at CWRU	\$ 500.00
2.	BayArts – Drawing, painting, sculpting	\$ 50.00
3.	BayArts – Art Outdoors	\$ 50.00
4.	Science Explorer at Science Center	\$ 145.00
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6.	Presidential Youth Inaugural Conf. in D.C.	\$ 500.00
7.	Chess camp at lake Ridge Academy	\$ 175.00
8.	Jr. Engineering, Bridges at Lake Ridge	\$ 175.00
9.	Exploration program at Wellesley College	\$ 275.00
10.	Great Lakes Great Science at Science Center	\$ 205.00

School Year 2006-2007

Teacher Grants:

1. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$400 in funding for *Books For Everyone*, initiated by Christina Meecha at Hilliard Elementary. The funding permitted Ms. Meecha to purchase of books that will be adapted to become interactive for the child and whoever is reading with the child, which will be used for special needs children. The program benefited all learning challenged students.
2. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$250 in partial funding for *Art Room Reading Corner*, initiated by Jody Guzman at Hilliard Elementary. The funding permitted Ms. Guzman to purchase art themed books with help from the Hilliard Elementary Library to establish an art reading corner in the art room. The program benefitted all Hilliard Elementary students.
3. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$600 in funding for *Poetry Live!*, initiated by Wade Werner and Laura Miller at Westlake High School. The funding for guest professional poets to work with students who then did a final poetry performance, filmed by WHBS. Students were judged and prizes distributed.
4. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$434 in funding for *Text Talk*, initiated by Jennifer Medved at Bassett Elementary. Funding allowed the purchase of a new vocabulary program for use in all second grade classrooms at Bassett Elementary.

5. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$1,951 in funding for *GeoFitness Dance and Aerobics*, initiated by Tom Urich at Hilliard Elementary. Funding allowed for the purchase of GeoFitness® mats, CD's and DVD's for an elementary GeoFitness® program. The program is continued today and incorporates all aspects of education for all Hilliard Elementary students.

Student Mini-Grants:

1.	Zoo Camp	\$ 90.00
2.	Academic Camp	\$ 350.00
3.	Robotics @ CWRU	\$ 275.00
4.	Creative Kids, Baycrafters	\$ 75.00
5.	Zoo Camp	\$ 65.00
6.	Robotics @ Great Lakes Science	\$ 100.00
7.	Intro to Computer Programming @ CWRU	\$ 275.00
8.	Theatre Camp @ Magnificat	\$ 125.00
9.	“Spark” @ Brown University	\$ 275.00
10.	Career Camp @ Sea World, Orlando, FL	\$ 275.00
11.	Mohican Out Door School	\$ 150.00
12.	Robotics @ Great Lake Science	\$ 200.00
13.	Beck Center Performance Camp	\$ 220.00

School Year 2005-2006

Teacher Grants:

1. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$156 in funding for *CSI Chemistry Investigations*, initiated by Sandy Vontroba at Lee Burneson Middle School. Students will apply chemistry and technology skills to a week long set of experiments to problem solve, evaluate and synthesize their finding to a series of ‘crimes’ committed by member of LMBS staff.
2. The Westlake Education Foundation provided \$2,050 in partial funding for *Parkside Music Technology Lab*, initiated by Todd Eichenauer at Parkside Elementary. The program allowed Mr. Eichenauer to install a Music Technology Lab at Parkside to enable students to increase their knowledge and ability to read, write, perform and compose vocal and instrumental music.

Student Mini – Grants

1.	Pre-med camp at Health Space in Cleveland	\$225.00
2.	Village One Camp in South Euclid	\$500.00
3.	Beck Center Art Enrichment	\$240.00

4.	Dance Camp at the Beck Center in Lakewood	\$200.00
5.	Metroparks Summer Day Camp at the Zoo	\$150.00
6.	U.S. Space Camp in Alabama	\$500.00