

# *The SOI Spark Remark*

To date our students have donated over 900 items of food for our RSVP/SOI food drive. We have next week to reach our goal of 1,000 pieces of food. Thank you all for your generous donations to help others in our Lake County Community!

**SOCKTOBER is coming to W-E SCHOOLS!**  
Last year our school collected over 5,000 pairs of socks to help needy citizens of Lake County. This year, with the combined effort of all our W-E Schools, the students have decided we should go for 10,000 pairs of socks! Please help us spread the word for this worthy cause!

## Important dates:

- 9/26 WHITE DAY  
9/27 BLUE DAY  
School Pictures  
9/28 WHITE DAY  
NOTICE CHANGE  
9/29 GREEN DAY  
NOTICE CHANGE  
9/30 BLUE DAY

SOCKTOBER Donations can be delivered to any W-E School during regular business hours! Thank you for your generous donations!

W-E School of Innovation  
32500 Chardon Rd.  
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

## SOI NEWS AND NOTES

### Important Information for contacting the SOI Office and accessing SOI Social Media

School of Innovation Main Office: **440-942-1525**  
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School of Innovation Facebook Page: **[www.facebook.com/SOInnovation/](http://www.facebook.com/SOInnovation/)**  
School of Innovation Twitter Address: **[@WES\\_innovation](https://twitter.com/WES_innovation)**

**Print and cut this text box out to have for a refrigerator reference!**

# SOI NEWS AND NOTES

## SOI School Pictures

On **Tuesday, September 27th**, the School of Innovation will have student picture day. Students may wear uniforms or other school appropriate attire for picture day. You may purchase picture packages online or send in a picture envelope with payment. There will be a picture retake day in November for retakes or absences.

Our SOI Picture Day ID: WP076121Y0 (for online orders)



## Community Youth Activities

Local community groups and organizations offer youth activities for students to participate in during the school year and the summer. In the past, the district has distributed the flyers by sending them home with students. Flyers which have been approved for distribution will now be posted on the Parent Tab of the district website and on the home pages of the district and buildings each month so that parents/guardians may view them electronically. Check out the current postings through this link: <http://www.weschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5P0P3I&dasi=2II>

# SOI NEWS AND NOTES

The report cards for grades K-5 have been revised to better reflect the standards taught at each grade level throughout the year. Report cards will be printed and sent home with your student at the end of the first grading period (after October 13, 2016). Beginning with the second quarter through the end of the year, report cards will no longer be printed as parents can view them through the Parent Portal of PowerSchool. To access the Parent Portal, please go to the green Parents Tab of the district website. You can then click on *Parent Portal* to login, or click on *Parent Portal Help and Info* for help setting up your account. If you need a printed copy because you do not have technology access, please contact our office.

## Boxtops for Education

Our school will be participating in the Box Tops for Education™ program. Rachel Legerski is the Box Tops Coordinator for The School of Innovation. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school buy what it needs. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. This school year, our school's earnings goal is \$1,125.00. If each student fills the sheet that was sent home this weekend, we will easily reach that goal. You can also send in bags of clipped box tops and bonus box tops.

**Please DO NOT put bonus box tops on the collection sheets. Send those in separately.** To help our school, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and send them to school. For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, visit [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com). **Be sure to become a member to receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and learn about extra ways for our school to earn. Attached to this email are files that can help you get started clipping and collecting. Last year we earned \$881.40! This year, I know we can top this!**

I hope you're excited for everything we can do this year with Box Tops! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Legerski at [rachel.legerski@weschools.org](mailto:rachel.legerski@weschools.org).  
Thanks for your help!

# W-E SOI Parent-Teacher Organization

The SOI PTO invites you to our Fall Bonanza! Your ticket price includes a hayride, apples, cider, and donuts. Two half-hour wagon rides will take off at 7:00pm, 7:15pm, 7:45pm, and 8:00pm, limited to 75 people total, per time slot. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your ride time.

Please note that this event is **not** at the fruit farm market. It is at 8765 Mulberry Rd in Chesterland, 1/2 mile east of State Route 306 on the right hand side (across from Peach Treet Drive). Mulberry Road can be reached by going east on State Route 322 off I-271 at the Mayfield Rd (Route 322)-Gates Mills exit. Continue east to 306 and turn north. The second traffic light is Mulberry Rd where you turn right. OR, you can take I-90 to the 306 exit and go south THROUGH the Route 6 intersection. The next light is mulberry; turn left. Look for a lighted lantern by our entrance.

- Tickets must be purchased by October 3rd
- The event is rain or shine
- No refunds or rain checks
- Ticketing is limited to 300 people based on space at the Barn/Sugarhouse.

Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering, please visit <http://signup.com/go/ob2b39> to choose your position and time slot(s). Please complete the form prior to October 3rd.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - all are invited!

First Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm

October 4th                      November 1st

December 6th                  February 7th

March 7th                        April 4th

May 2nd

## POPCORN IS HERE!

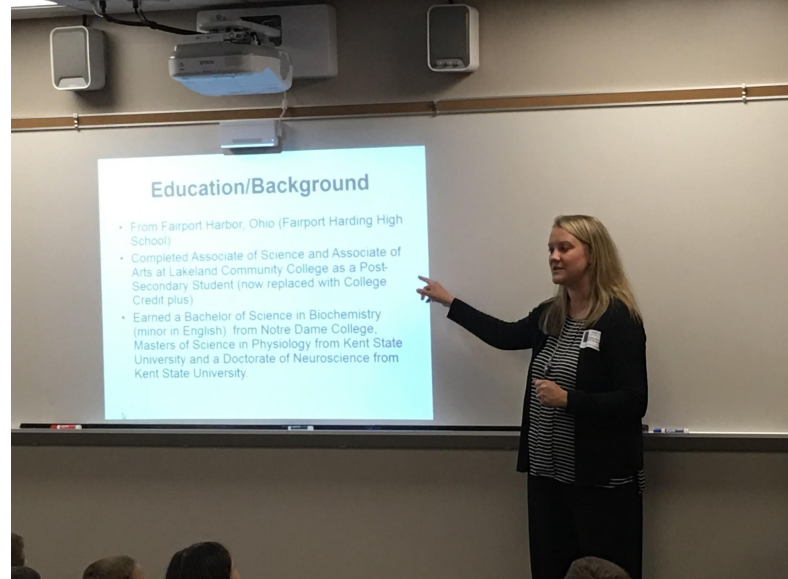
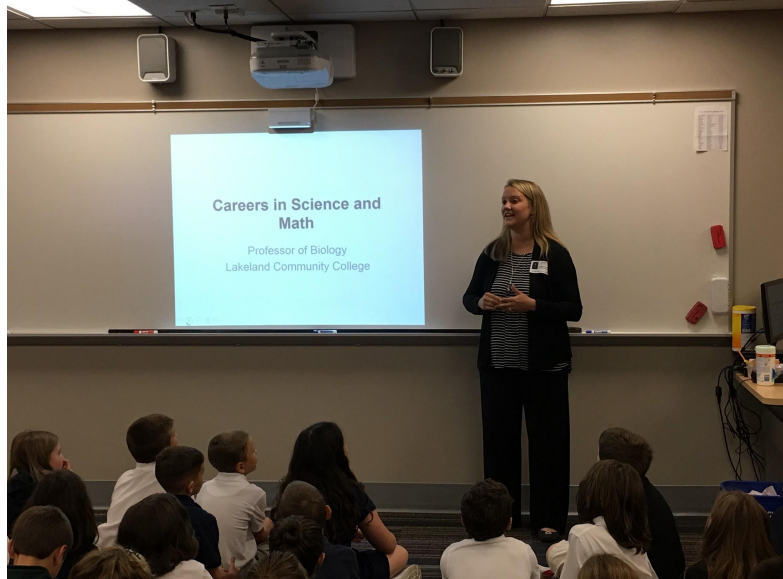
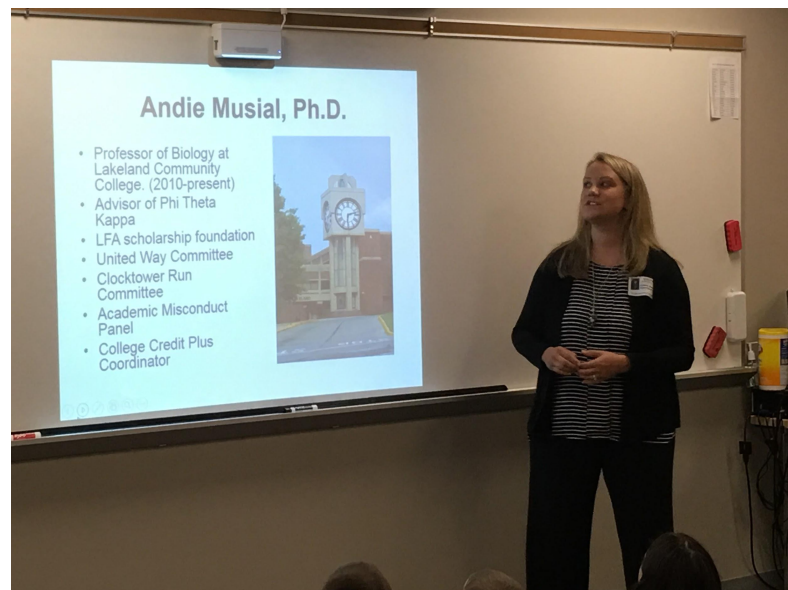
September 23rd, September 30th -  
Campfire Popcorn Chocolate  
popcorn with mini marshmallows  
and Golden Grahams, October  
7th, October 21st, October 28th -  
Happy Halloween Orange popcorn  
with eyeball gumballs

**POPCORN IS \$0.25 CENTS a bag!**

# SOI Professional Speaker Series

This past Wednesday Dr. Andrea Musial, biology Professor at Lakeland Community College, visited the School of Innovation as part of our Professional Speaker Series. Dr. 'Andie' spoke about growing up in Fairport Harbor, her love for science, and how fun it is to teach others about the subjects she enjoys so much! She also explained that she attended Lakeland as a high school student and received college credit before even graduating! Dr. Musial also agreed to come back as we grow to help our students and teachers with areas of study such as brain development, cell study and genetics. Thank you Dr. Andie for a presentation filled with interesting information. We look forward to seeing you again at the School of Innovation! We would love to have you help us with some future Problem Based Learning units (PBLs)!

Oh, and Dr. Andie brought us Lakeland sling bags too!!



# THIRD GRADE HAPPENINGS

Updated 9/22/16

## Exploring Minerals

SCIENCE / S.S.	TECHNOLOGY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Characteristics of Maps</li><li>- 3 types of rocks</li><li>- sedimentary, igneous, metamorphic</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bitsbox</li><li>- COMPASS</li><li>- SumDog challenges</li></ul>
ENGINEERING	MATH
CAPSTONE 1 - Working on EXPLORE IT stage in design process. Studying ROCKS and their PROPERTIES from our outdoor learning space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Properties of Addition</li><li>- Addition strategies</li><li>- Using interactive notebooks as a reference</li></ul>
ELA	THIS AND THAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Persuasive Writing- trying to persuade parents to take them on a vacation</li><li>- Connect Ed Reading Assessment</li><li>- Began reading How to Eat Fried Worms</li><li>- Prefixes and suffixes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Popcorn sales every Friday \$0.25</li><li>● Picture Day- Sept 27</li><li>● Parent Teacher Conference Dates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Oct 24 3-6</li><li>○ Nov 1 3-6</li><li>○ Nov 9 3-6</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Keep an eye on your inbox for scheduling information.</p>
What to ask at home...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Which type of rock did your house become an expert on?</li><li>● What is one property of addition that you learned this week?</li><li>● Tell me about one of the characters in How to Eat Fried Worms.</li></ul>	

# 4th Grade Update

Updated 9/23/16



## SCIENCE / S.S.

This week went on a field trip to Foster's Run at the North Chagrin Metroparks. Students were able to make observations about weathering and erosion. They also studied rocks and scaled the rocks according to their size. Students were able to use what they learned as clues to help the Metroparks solve their erosion problem at Foster's Run. We will be working on solutions next week.

## TECHNOLOGY

Students have a document in their Google Drive with their passwords for the various websites we are using in school. They can access their Google Drive from any computer. Many students have been learning to code using Code.org.

## ENGINEERING

At this point, all students should have made bookmarks in the Fab Lab. We are wondering if any students will need to use the Fab Lab for developing possible prototypes for their erosion control ideas.

## MATH

Mrs. McKito and Mrs. Goodrich's math classes are beginning chapter 3 & 4 next week. Mrs. McCullough's class is learning multiplication of whole numbers using estimation, partial products, and the distributive property.

## ELA

This week we worked on compare and contrast. Students also have been working on No Red Ink, practicing grammar standards. You can ask your child to show you how they are doing by asking them to log into No Red Ink from home.

## THIS AND THAT

- Look for an email about signing up for conferences in the next few days. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Oct 24 3-6

Nov 1 3-6

Nov 9 3-6

## What to ask at home...

- Show me the pictures your group took on the field trip.
- What did you watch on Friday before specials?



# The BAM FAM

SOI 5th Grade 2016

**Past:** The students examined force and motion this week during STEM time by completing a Zipline Challenge! The redesign was key! The students had to analyze the purpose of a zipline and the safety features necessary. Then they adjusted their original design to meet these needs. They had a blast learning about friction and gravity! The students also had a chance to write like a scientist by summarizing their findings of photosynthesis in a one paragraph analysis.

**Present:** We are wrapping up our Lake Erie Invasion Exhibition! It has been wonderful watching them build presentations, posters, websites and more in order to teach others about invasive species! Monday the students will be assessed on this project. Ask your child about Rachel Carson, the pioneer of ecology! In ELA, they are studying her life and how she has impacted the scientific world.

**Future:** Next week, on Wednesday (9-28), we will host an evening just for 5th grade parents! We would like to give you information on your child's days here at school and what our expectations are. We look forward to seeing you there at 5:30!

October 7th, we will attend the Cleveland Museum of Art. If you are able to chaperone this event, that would be wonderful. Permission slips went home on Monday the 19th. Another field trip will be to the Cleveland Orchestra in November. Permission slips and \$7 need to be returned to the school as soon as possible.



# Sixth Grade

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# New Beginnings

- ❑ What independent variable did you discover in their assessment?
- ❑ Tell me about your main character in the novel you are reading.
- ❑ What problems did you face transporting water?



Students transporting water and taking an assessment in Science.



**Birthdays**

**August:**  
Christina, Tallula, Jatin, Ellie B., Ashton

**September:**  
Jane, Caeti, Eric, Christopher, Colin F., Edward, Mrs. Withrow

For a more complete list of weekly happenings, don't forget to check ClassDojo for the daily agendas.

## Moving forward next week:

Next week we will be working on Bing Bam, Boom for writing, rocks and minerals in Science, and River Civilizations in Social Studies.

# SOI ENCORE PAGE

I am excited to introduce **ARTSONIA**, the **WORLD'S Largest Student Art Museum!** And it's so much more than that. It is a free, safe, educational program designed to connect parent and families with their child's creative activities at school. It also provides a fundraising opportunity for our school. The fundraising option is completely optional. I'm excited because this gives me a way to share your child's art with you and your family.

Here is a link for you to explore Artsonia: [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com)

**Grade 3 parents will be invited to sign up at Curriculum Night.**

**Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be receiving sign up information during their next scheduled art class.**

**Please contact Mrs. Legerski with any questions or concerns.**

## MUSIC

3rd Grade - The students are beginning to learn about the basics of reading notes in treble clef.

4th & 6th Grade - Is continuing studying the movement and music that led to women getting the right to vote. Up next: 18 year olds getting the right to vote. Performance is November 7 at Willowick MS.

5th Grade - A permission slip was sent home with all 5th graders regarding a field trip to Severance Hall to see the Cleveland Orchestra perform. The field trip is November 4th. Permission slips are due by September 30th.

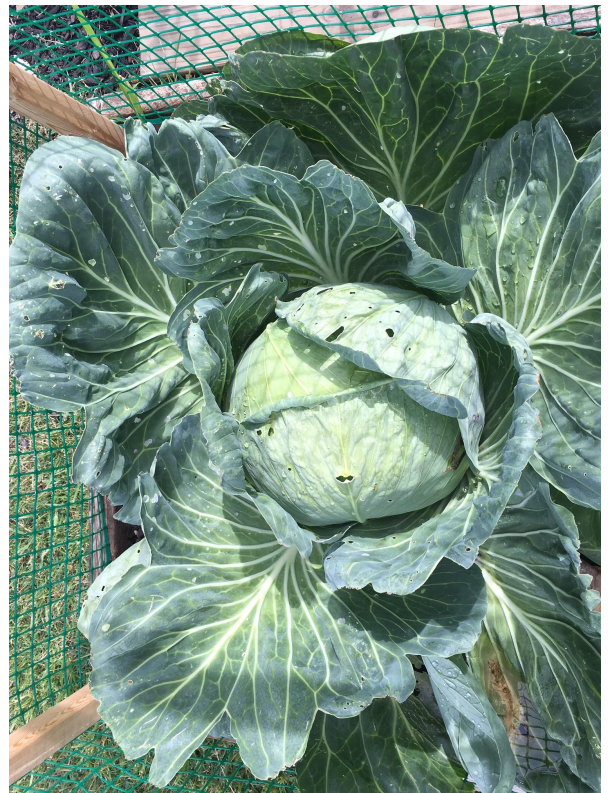
## PE

3rd- 5th Grade: The focus of the week was on Cardiovascular Activities for building a strong heart. The 3rd Grade was introduced to the pedometers & the heart rate monitors and how to monitor their fitness level.

The 6th grade started their teaching assignments in Physical Education class. The students have created some very challenging lessons that have been focused on the elements of fitness. I am overly joyed with the time and effort the first couple of groups have put into their work. Please check out some of the pictures from their teaching.

# Cabbage Challenge

Last year the 3rd graders were challenged to grow the largest cabbage plant they could. Students had to take a picture and weigh their cabbage to qualify for the competition. The winner was Cole Sikora (13.4 lbs), 2nd place was Emma Martin (11.6 lbs), and other participants were Finley Fiediga-Ramsey, Maddie Luciano, Linell Dichazy and Danielle McGuigan! Great job boys and girls!



# Pictures

## Physical Education: Teaching Assignments 6th Grade



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