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## Westlake Parent Connection

Helping parents keep their kids safe and healthy since 2003

A Parent to Parent Network (P2PN) Affiliate

### Email Information Blast

May 11, 2009

**Mock Car Crash**  
**Thursday, May 14, 2009 @ 1:30 pm**  
**(Rain Date – May 15)**  
**Westlake High School Football Stadium**

We are thrilled to partner with the Westlake High School SADD students on this event for WHS juniors and seniors and their parents because good kids sometimes make bad decisions. Our collective hope is that parents will attend this event and then have a meaningful discussion with their teen about how poor choices can change lives forever.

This event is open to community members as well. Contact [Dani Marinucci](#) for more information.

### Operation Medicine Cabinet

***“...a great community, with great people, accomplishing great things.”***  
– Officer Scott Fortkamp, Westlake Police Department

On April 4, more than 200 people attended Operation Medicine Cabinet; a community event aimed at the safe disposal of prescription drugs. In total 168 pounds of drugs, ranging from controlled substances to over-the-counter items, were collected and then destroyed in an environmentally-safe manner.

Although illicit drug use by teens is declining, teen prescription drug abuse is an emerging threat. Please make a difference by monitoring the drugs in your home, storing them securely, disposing of them properly, and sharing this information with family and friends.

## Underage Drinking Awareness Campaign: *From Binge to Blackout*

The book club and author events were well-attended. Thanks to all that participated. During the three days authors Chris and Toren Volkmann were in Greater Cleveland they participated in 17 events and met with over 6,400 teens and adults. The Westside events included students assemblies at Amherst Jr and Sr High Schools, a meet the authors at Westlake Porter Public Library and a program at Learwood Middle School in Avon Lake. [<view event photos>](#)

## Volunteer Opportunity: WPC Communications Coordinator

We are looking for a new volunteer to handle the communications function. The responsibilities include maintaining the contact database, compiling and distributing email blasts, and maintaining the WPC web site.

If you are passionate about the healthy development of Westlake's children and would like to share your writing and computer skills with our community, please contact [Dani](#).

## Support the WPC

Your financial support not only allows the WPC to provide important programs for the community, but also serves as a tangible sign of community support for the WPC vision – making Westlake a community that is known for its parental outreach and is free from underage alcohol and tobacco use, illegal drug use, and violence.

Please make a contribution today – every little bit helps! [Download a donation form](#).

The WPC is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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**As always, this blast is FYI. Feel free to pass it along!**

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