



Constellation Schools

The Right Choice for Parents and a Real Chance for Children!



2006-2007 Annual Report • 2007-2008 School Calendar

WESTPARK COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY



Mission Statement

Westpark Community Elementary • 16210 Lorain Road • Cleveland, Ohio 44111 • Phone: 216.688.0271 • Fax: 216.688.0273

Mission

Constellation Schools creates and provides diverse superior educational opportunities for a community of learners, built on a foundation of character education in a safe environment, ensuring the success of all children in our advancing technological society.



Value

As a school of choice, we believe all children deserve a superior education in a safe, caring, nurturing environment. We will create a community of learners where children excel, become responsible citizens, and are exposed to the highest ethical standards.

Organization Slogan

*The Right Choice for Parents
and a Real Chance for Children!*

Vision

Constellation Schools will create a premiere learning community characterized by high expectations and academic excellence.

Our students will be engaged in the process of learning and will become responsible, involved citizens. They will be life long learners, technologically proficient, and perform to their maximum potential.

Our parents will be positively engaged in the education of their children and be participants in school activities.

Our personnel will be committed, competent, compassionate individuals who will consistently exemplify the highest ethical and professional standards.

Our management team will provide superior leadership, resources and support to facilitate the optimal operations of our school.

Our Board of Directors will guide the organization in creating a culture of excellence and success.

Character Education Slogan

*We all have Choices.
Choices have Consequences.
Be Smart and Make the Right Choice!*

Constellation Schools and Westpark Community Elementary admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, and will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, disability, age or gender in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, hiring, and employee retention policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.



Constellation Schools & History

Constellation Schools • 5983 West 54th Street • Parma, Ohio 44129 • Phone: 440.845.7688 • Fax: 440.845.7689

Constellation Schools is an Ohio nonprofit corporation, and IRC 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization, that was established in 1999 to create and operate high quality community (charter) schools offering a superior, safe learning environment. Currently there are sixteen (16) schools in Constellation's community of schools; they are: Old Brooklyn Community Elementary, Old Brooklyn Community Middle, Parma Community Elementary, Middle and High, Elyria Community Elementary, Lorain Community Elementary, Lorain Community Middle, Westpark Community Elementary, Westpark Community Middle, Mansfield Community Elementary, Puritas Community Elementary, Puritas Community Middle, Stockyard Community Elementary, Madison Community Elementary, Lorain Gifted Academy, Outreach Academy for Children with Disabilities and Westside Community School of the Arts.

Our learning communities are characterized by small classes, high expectations, involved parents, and engaged students. We provide safe and secure buildings; the best available curriculum; current textbooks; and, extensive use of computers and other technology. Constellation Schools hires only highly qualified, state-certified/licensed teachers and provides extensive and on-going professional development for all personnel.

Character education is the cornerstone of our program. Students are expected to adhere to a demanding code of behavioral conduct, including a dress code, and are held accountable for their actions through a comprehensive and strict disciplinary policy.

Parents are expected to be active participants in the education of their children, support the school policies, supervise homework and attend conferences.

Constellation Schools Westpark Community Elementary Sponsor
James George, Director of Community Schools
Lucas County Educational Service Center
Collingwood Center • 2275 Collingwood Road • Toldeo, Ohio 43624
(419) 295-4150

Constellation Schools Grades K-4

Old Brooklyn Community Elementary (1998)

Cherie Kaiser, Principal
4430 State Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109
216.661.7888 • 216.661.5975 fax

Westpark Community Elementary (2001)

Macey Baldizzi, Principal
16210 Lorain, Cleveland, Ohio 44111
216.688.0271 • 216.688.0273 fax

Lorain Community Elementary (2001)

Melisa Shady, Principal
201 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052
440.204.2130 • 440.204.2134 fax

Puritas Community Elementary (2003)

Donald Disantis, Principal
15204 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44135
216.688.0680 • 216.688.0609 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-9

Parma Community Elementary,

Middle & High (2000)

Linda Geyer, Principal
Elementary
7667 Day Drive, Parma, Ohio 44129
440.845.5490 • 440.888.5890 fax

Middle and High

5983 West 54th Street, Parma, Ohio 44129
440.845.2587 • 440.845.2834 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-12

Outreach Academy for Children with Disabilities (2006)

Mary Wideman-Blake, Principal
3326 Broadview Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109
216.661.6655 • 330.732.2497 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-8

Lorain Gifted Academy (2004)

Richard Hronek, Principal
307 West 7th Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052
440.244.0855 • 440.244.0857 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-6

Mansfield Community Elementary (2002)

Bethany Young, Principal
455 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio 44906
419.522.4578 • 419.522.2705 fax

Stockyard Community Elementary (2004)

Audrey Petsche-Sims, Principal
3200 West 65th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44102
216.651.5143 • 216.651.9515 fax

Madison Community Elementary (2004)

Kathryn Fiorillo, Principal
2015 West 95th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44102
216.651.5212 • 216.651.9040 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-8

Elyria Community Elementary (2001)

Lee Henderson, Principal
300 North Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035
440.366.5225 • 440.366.6280 fax

Constellation Schools Grades 5-8

Old Brooklyn Community Middle (2006)

Amy Mobley, Principal
4430 State Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109
216.351.0280 • 216.661.5975 fax

Westpark Community Middle (2006)

Karil Sako, Principal
16210 Lorain, Cleveland, Ohio 44111
216.251.7200 • 216.251.7220 fax

Puritas Community Middle (2006)

Donald Disantis, Principal
15204 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44135
216.251.1596 • 216.688.0609 fax

Lorain Community Middle (2006)

Jennifer Cairns, Principal
307 West 7th Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052
440.242.2023 • 440.242.2044 fax



Message from the Chairman

Constellation Schools continues to grow and improve. During the 2006/2007 school year we have implemented many things designed to ensure our schools have the resources necessary to assist students, and that our teachers know how to use these resources.



Every teacher in every classroom is using AIMSweb to assess student performance on an ongoing basis. Where students are not advancing as expected, interventions can be implemented nearly immediately. Professional development for teachers and staff has always been a high priority for us, however, this year we greatly expanded and improved our professional development program. Our special education program remains second to none, and this year we have expanded our use of alternative assessments to ensure the success of all children. We have also focused on standardizing our curriculum, our summer school program, and our kindergarten readiness screening. Because of the growth we have experienced, and our expected future growth, we implemented a Principal Training Program. Two interns spent the entire year working with our experienced principals and administrators to ensure they will be ready to open and effectively operate Constellation schools for the 2007/2008 school year.

Despite our growth, student and school performance continue to improve. For the 2005/2006 school year, Westpark Community Elementary and Lorain Gifted Academy were rated "Excellent," and Old Brooklyn Community Elementary and Parma Community Elementary, Middle & High were rated "Effective" by the Ohio Department of Education. Most other Constellation schools are rated "Continuous Improvement" but all are focused on improving student performance.



Our expansion plans for Old Brooklyn Community Elementary/Old Brooklyn Community Middle, Westpark Community Elementary/Westpark Community Middle, Lorain Community Elementary/Lorain Community Middle, Stockyard Community Elementary and Parma Community Elementary, Middle & High continue with groundbreaking expected at Old Brooklyn and Westpark during the 2007/2008 school year. To accommodate the expansion we are currently seeking a \$20 million bond issue and expect to have the transaction finalized by fall. Our purchase of the Schaaf Community Center building in Parma will also allow us to initiate our first high school during the 2007/2008 school year.

Our specialty schools, Lorain Gifted Academy and Outreach Academy, continue to meet the needs of underserved populations. Gifted students at our Lorain Academy are flourishing with the rigorous program we have established. And, the profoundly disabled/medically fragile children served by Outreach Academy also flourish with the compassionate program we have created there.

Besides initiating our first-ever high school program, we will also open a school dedicated to bringing a high quality arts program to Cleveland's west side during the 2007/2008 school year.

Strategic planning continues to play a major role in the development of our organization and our schools, and our focus remains on one thing – providing a high quality education to all children.





Administrative Staff & Board Members



Westpark Community Elementary Board Members

Left to Right:
Brad Wolters
Bruce Szczepinski
Melisa Shady – Chairman
Amy Mobley – Secretary
Christina Pateras

Constellation Schools' Board Members



**Richard Lukich,
Chairman**



Gerald Preseren



Rebecca Keeney

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Technology Specialists

John Roberts
Coordinator of Educational Programs

Roy Zeman
Coordinator of Educational Services

Becky Jordan
Lisa Stepney
Sonya Lewis
School Psychologists
Jill Teresczuk
Amanda Stricker
Sandra Shaprio
Speech and Language Pathologists

Karen Boose
Frances Horvath
Occupational Therapists

Kim Stanislo
Karen Baker
Lisa Stern
Kelley Vazquez
Diane Sauder
School Nurses

Sharon Morgan
Coordinator of Staff & Professional Development

Penny Hockey
Administrative Assistant

Deborah Kilbane
Principal In-Training

Richard Hronek
Coordinator of Gifted Services

Jeffrey Soltis
Facility Operations Manager
John Allen
Maintenance

Karen Florian
Human Resource Manager

Menetta Szabo
Administrative Assistant

Lisa Vinarcik
Manager of Marketing & Public Relations



Staff/Student Demographics

About Our Students

During the 2006-2007 school year, Westpark Community Elementary served 237 students in grades K-4. Students at Westpark Community Elementary are taken on a first come, first served basis during the first two weeks of each December. Those students who are currently enrolled are ensured a place for the following school year if they enroll during these two weeks. If more students apply than there are spots, a special lottery is held and a waiting list is formed.

The teachers of Westpark Community Elementary are a professionally trained group of educators committed to ensuring a high quality of education for their students. All teachers are certified by the State of Ohio and offer various amounts of experience. Staff information includes the following:

Staff Roster:

Principal Macey Baldizzi

Assistant Principal Sheila Woidke

Administrative Assistants Rebecca Novak, Amy Spears

Kindergarten Jennelle Twardzik, Suzie Skinner, Danielle Gearhart

First Grade Sheila Woidke, Catherine Newton, Brianna Smith

Second Grade Greg Cek, Christine Grovu

Third Grade Kelly Stout, Shelly Joy

Fourth Grade Jennifer Koeth, Renee Murphy

Title I Georgeta Serban, Katie Norris, Diane Boehnlein,
Becky Knaggs, Terri Klobusnik

Special Education Deborah Lockwood, Kristine Gallagher

Spanish Kristine Kascek, Arizon Anderson (Amigos and More)

Physical Education Cathy Schneider

Music Liz Rome

Teacher Assistant Sarah Mooney

Psychologist Becky Jordan

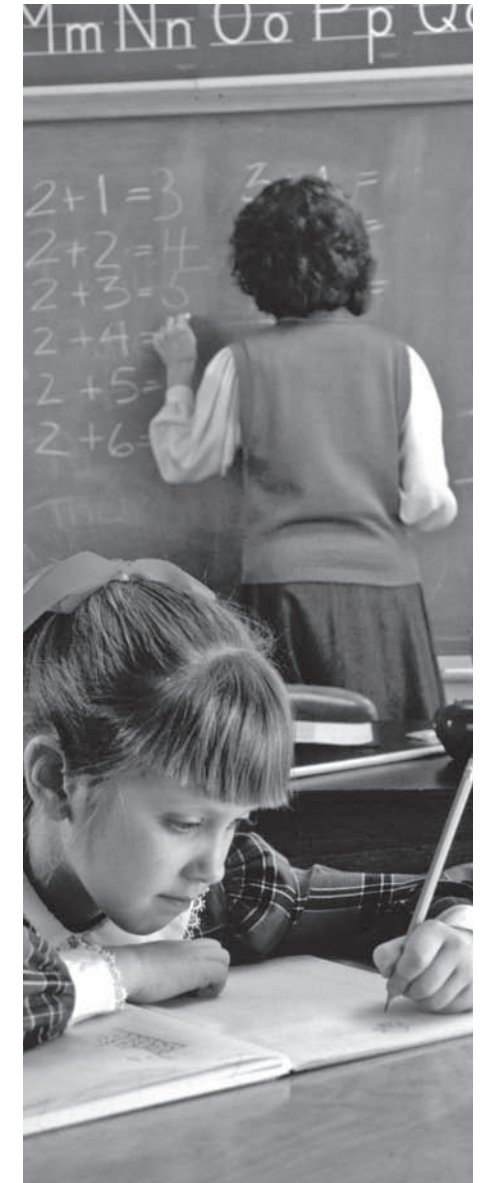
Speech Pathologist Sandra Shapiro

Occupational Therapist Karen Boose

Nurse Karen Baker



The staff of Westpark Community Elementary strives to ensure that the educational, cultural, and developmental needs of the students are met on a daily basis and in a safe environment.





Staff/Student Attendance & Enrollment

Westpark Community Elementary ended the school year with a 95.4% attendance rate. The importance of attendance is stressed throughout the school year and open communication between the school and families is encouraged. Staff attendance rate for the end of the year was 98%.



Macey Baldizzi
Principal



Sheila Woidke
Assistant Principal

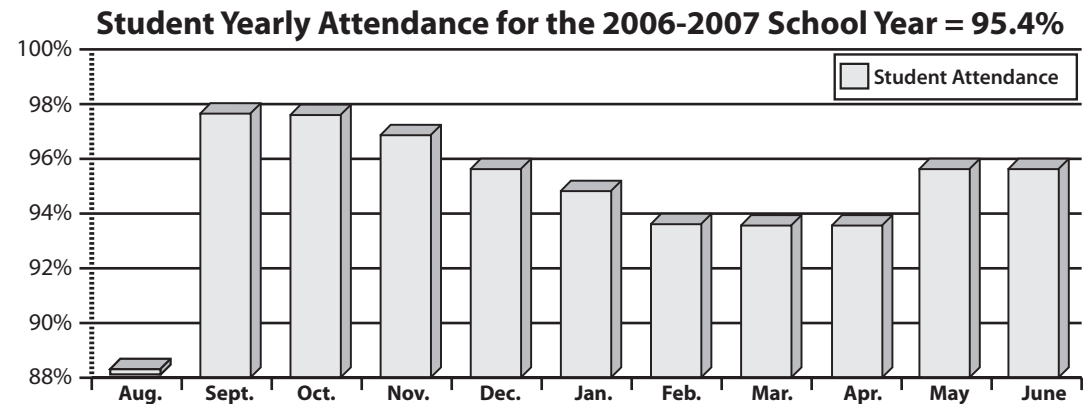
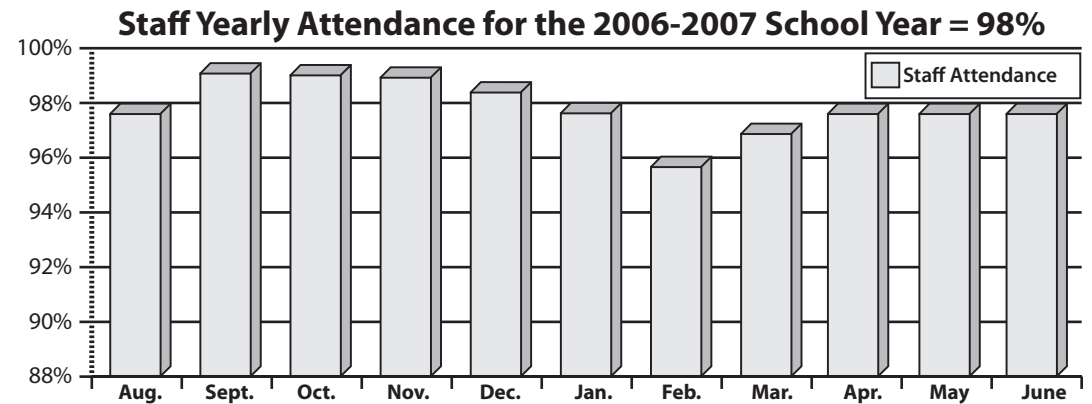


Westpark Community Elementary
Administrative Staff

Enrollment

237 Students
 3% African American
 7% Hispanic
 47% Female
 52% Disadvantaged

6% Multiracial
 1% Asian
 84% Caucasian
 53% Male





Education Plans/Programs

Westpark Community Elementary is proud of our academic achievement. Based on Achievement test scores for the previous school year, students earned an Excellent rating from the Ohio Department of Education and Westpark Community was one of two community schools in Ohio to be named a School of Promise by the state superintendent. All chosen curriculum is aligned with the Ohio Academic Content Standards and is designed to guide students towards their grade level goals. Content areas include Reading/Language Arts, Spelling/Phonics, Math, Science/Health, and Social Studies. Teachers set high standards for achievement and behavior in their classrooms and expect that with age appropriate teaching methods, all students will achieve to their potential. Title I services (small grouping with a reading/math teacher) and Special Education services are implemented to assist students with individual needs to reach their grade level goals.

Furthermore, instruction is enhanced through the use of Technology in the computer lab, integrating classroom projects with such programs as word processing, slide shows, presentations, and internet research. Special area instruction includes Spanish, Art, Music, and Physical Education. In addition, Parent activity, community involvement, and Character Education enhances our educational plan as well, which secures a safe and nurturing learning environment for our students.

Community Involvement:

Life Banc
Ident-a-Kid
Cleveland Public Library
Visits from Local Dentist/Police Officers/
Firefighters
Ohio Reads

Community Service Projects:

Manor Care Assisted Living visits
Gift Card Drive for Cleveland Christian Home
Loose Change drive
Cleveland Christian Home 5K Walk/Run
Food Drive/Can Collection
Personal Care Item Drive/Holiday Cards for soldiers
in Iraq

Field Trips

Mapleside Farms
Patterson's Fruit Farms
Hale Farm and Village
Great Lakes Science Center
Cleveland Playhouse
Cleveland Public Library
Cleveland Botanical Gardens

Special Programs

Math Carnival
Winter and Spring Musicals
Intramural Basketball
100 Day Activities
Character Education Presentations
Awards Ceremonies

Parent Group Activities

Family Nights: Ice Skating, Roller Skating, Back To
School Picnic, 4th of July Parade
Fund Raising Family Nights: McDonald's, Burger
King, Chuck E. Cheese's
Winter Blast/Santa Shop
Library
Scholastic Book Fairs
Spirit Wear
Spirit Week
Yearbook
Market Day
Character Carnival
\$ 1.00 Dress Down Days

Assessment Measures

AIMS web Curriculum Based Measures
State Diagnostic tests (Grades 2 and 3)
Stanford 10 Achievement Test
Ohio Achievement Test
Classroom Assessments





Professional Development

Constellation Schools are committed to quality professional development. Our Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) follows all state requirements to renew teaching/principal certificates and licensures. Our professional renewal process ensures a close connection between renewal activities of the educators and classroom practices. The continued development and improvement of relevant and applicable professional pedagogical skills and knowledge are essential to the education process. Through professional development we can ensure that all students reach their full potential to contribute to a democratic society including maximizing each student's abilities and encouraging self-reflection and a lifelong love of learning.

LPDC plans several professional development opportunities throughout the school year such as:

- Positive Discipline
- Classroom Management
- Saxon Math/Phonics
- Character Education in the Classroom
- Pathwise Training (How to mentor an entry year teacher)
- Differentiated Instruction
- Progressbook
- Cyberchase
- Special Education Procedures
- Instructional Reading Strategies
- First Aid Training
- Technology Conference

Constellation Schools provide teachers up to \$200 per year toward professional development and allow their teachers and staff to choose some of their own professional development opportunities. Such opportunities include:

- Crisis Prevention
- Working with Word Walls
- Practical Strategies to Enhance the Classroom and Strengthen Student Behavior
- Writing About Mathematics
- Grade Level Conferences
- Title One Conference
- Fun-Filled Learning Centers for the Classroom
- SERI
- Literacy Links
- Practical Ideas and Activities for the First Year Teacher
- Using Technology to Improve Math Instruction
- Smartboard Training
- Make-It, Take-It Workshops
- Powerful Strategies for At-Risk Readers
- Guided Reading
- Reading Plus





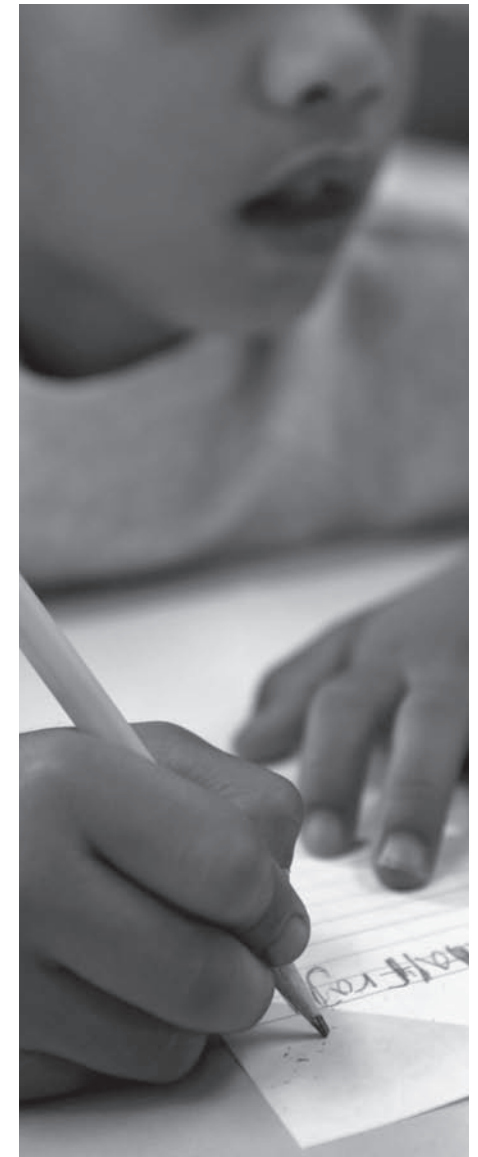
Achievement Results

Westpark Community Elementary Achievement Test Results 2006-2007

Third Grade					
	Math	Citizenship	Science	Reading	Writing
2006-2007	87.2	NT	NT	84.6	NT
2005-2006	100	NT	NT	90.2	NT

Fourth Grade					
	Math	Citizenship	Science	Reading	Writing
2006-2007	55.6	NT	NT	80.0	58.3
2005-2006	95.0	NT	NT	82.5	95.0

*NT=Not Required to Take





Stanford Testing Results

During the 2006-2007 academic year, students in grades K-4 took the Stanford 10 norm reference test in March.

The following results are listed in the normal curve equivalent (NCE). NCE is a standard score that is taken from the percentile rank. It ranges from 1-99 with a mean of 50.

Kindergarten				
	Fall 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Fall 07
Total Reading	51.2	62.4	56.9	67.2
Math	47.5	59.6	62.1	65.0
Complete Battery	50.4	59.2	56.8	64.8

First Grade				
	Fall 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Fall 07
Total Reading	56.6	52.0	48.8	56.5
Math	57.6	57.6	54.0	56.2
Complete Battery	55.2	55.3	52.0	56.7

Second Grade				
	Fall 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Fall 07
Total Reading	50.2	56.5	53.4	48.6
Math	51.1	56.7	68.1	53.7
Complete Battery	49.9	56.0	56.7	51.0

Third Grade				
	Fall 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Fall 07
Total Reading	41.3	54.1	55.1	56.0
Math	43.0	57.8	57.5	58.6
Complete Battery	45.0	55.9	55.5	57.5

Fourth Grade				
	Fall 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Fall 07
Total Reading	42.8	51.4	51.5	55.8
Math	41.9	52.7	60.8	51.2
Complete Battery	46.1	52.7	54.1	53.5



FINANCIAL REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 2007

Highlights for the Year

- 5th annual audit by the Auditor of State issued for 2006 with an "unqualified opinion" (best opinion available)

The Cash Basis Report of Revenues and Expenditures for the Year ended June 30, 2007 reflects the activities of Westpark Community Elementary during the year. The information provided below refers to this report and the accompanying graphs.

Revenues

The largest source of operating revenue (74%) comes from the State of Ohio School Foundation Program. This funding is earned at a base rate of \$5,403 for each student enrolled during the year. Additional funds are provided for the special needs of students, the poverty level of the community in which each student resides, and other adjustments.

State and Federal Grants (13%) supplement school operations for specific purposes. Westpark Community Elementary received grants for Title I Reading, Professional Development, Technology, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Innovative Programs, Special Education, Child Nutrition Services, Entry Year Teacher Mentoring, Statistical Reporting (EMIS), Ohio Reads and Electronic Communications.

Materials Fees (3%) are collected from each student to provide consumable materials used during the year.

Contributions (2%) are collected from companies and individuals and from fundraising activities. Several grants were awarded by MBNA Foundation for program enrichment.

Other income (8%) includes interest earned on bank account activity, lunch collections, services provided to Westpark Community Middle and other miscellaneous items.

Expenditures

Personnel services, combined with retirement and benefits, accounted for 45% of the expenditures for the year. These expenditures include principal, support staff, teachers, state retirement systems, employment taxes and health insurances.

Purchased services (31%) include expenditures for student support services (speech, psychologist, health, physical therapy and occupational therapy), Spanish instruction, field trips, Ohio Reads coordination, professional development, management services, test scoring, facility operations, equipment leases, telephone, postage, travel, marketing, printing and food services.

Supplies and materials (8%) include textbooks, instructional supplies, testing materials, office supplies, medical supplies, instructional software and maintenance supplies.

Capital Outlay (7%) includes purchases of equipment, furniture and building renovations.

Other (9%) includes audit fees, mortgage debt service, bank fees, insurances (property, liability, fidelity bond, director/officer), dues and subscriptions and miscellaneous.

Additional Information

A more detailed set of financial statements may be obtained by calling (440) 845-7688, writing to the Treasurer, Constellation Schools, 5983 West 54th Street, Parma, Ohio 44129 or by e-mail at the following address: babb.thomas@constellationschools.com.

During the fall of 2007 the Auditor of State will audit the financial records of the school and issue an audit report. The audit report should be available in early 2008 on the Auditor's website: www.auditor.state.oh.us.

Westpark Community Elementary Cash Basis Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Year ended JUNE 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

Beginning Cash - July 1, 2006 **\$805,272**

REVENUES

State Foundation	\$1,599,036
State & Federal Grants	\$285,282
Material Fees	\$55,156
Contributions	\$40,115
Other Income	\$170,552
Total Revenue	\$2,150,141

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$755,413
Retirement & Benefits	\$182,385
Purchased Services	\$631,081
Supplies & Materials	\$170,459
Capital Outlay	\$137,248
Other	\$190,577
Total Expenditures	\$2,067,163

Ending Cash - June 30, 2007 **\$888,250**

