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North School News

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Fox Chapel Area

The school district is seeking applicants to fill the seat on the school board vacated by Shirley R. Wiley, who has resigned for personal reasons.

The new member will represent Region II of the district, which includes all of Indiana Township and Districts 2, 4 and 5 in Fox Chapel.

The term will be from March 2008 through the next municipal general election in November 2009.

Candidates for school board must be 18 years of age or older and must have been a resident of the school district for at least a year before the appointment. Any qualified candidate for the position should submit a completed application and resume postmarked no later than Feb. 25 to the board secretary, Fox Chapel Area School District, 611 Field Club Road, Pittsburgh 15238. Applications may be obtained by calling 412-963-9600 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

- High school rowers from the Fox Chapel Crew Club will hold their second annual FC Biathlon to support those touched by cancer.

This year's fund-raiser includes indoor rowing and outdoor running and walking events tailored to athletes of all ages and aptitudes and will benefit Gilda's Club Western Pennsylvania. It will be held from noon to 4 p.m. March 15, at Fox Chapel Area High School, 611 Field Club Drive, O'Hara.

Gilda's Club, with its bright red doors, is in the Strip District and is a meeting place where people who are living with cancer can go for social and emotional support. It is named to honor comedian Gilda Radner, who died of ovarian cancer in 1989.

This year's biathlon will have a similar pair of red doors on which entrants can write the name of a person for whom they would like to dedicate a race. Classic clips from the NBC comedy series "Saturday Night Live," including Ms. Radner's portrayals of Emily Litella, Baba Wawa and Roseanne Roseannadanna, will be shown.

Funds for Gilda's Club will be raised through entry fees: \$20 for teens and adults; \$15 for ages 13 and under, and individual and corporate sponsorships.

Register by March 8 to be guaranteed a spot, and to receive a free T-shirt, at www.regattacentral.com. More information about becoming a sponsor or entering a race is available at the team's Web site, www.foxchapelcrew.org.

Hampton

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence, has given Hampton Middle School pupils a grant of \$1,414 to give the school access to the world's largest weather network, The WeatherBug Schools Program. The grant application was submitted to the alliance by teachers Michele Hurst and Greg Shumaker.

The Weather Bug program combines live weather data, dynamic graphics and lesson plans that teach to national and state education standards. It provides up-to-the-second data from the network, which is automatically integrated into lessons that help students grasp complex concepts across a range of subjects.

The middle school will use the program with the school weather station to enhance the content of the traditional grade six science curriculum. Additionally, WeatherBug will provide live meteorological reports for the middle school television newscast. The program also may be incorporated into math lessons across all grade levels and be useful to the Language Department, since it is offered in multiple languages, the teachers said.

The grant covers a lifetime membership to the WeatherBug program and includes support and instructional tutorials.

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• A blood drive, open to the public, will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the green gymnasium at Pine-Richland High School, 700 Warrendale Road, Pine.

The drive is being held in the name of Patrick Ramsey, a senior, who was diagnosed with leukemia. For more details, e-mail Colleen Hartzell at chartzell@pinerichland.org.

• The school district will accept kindergarten registration this month. Registration is centralized and will take place in the administrative office at 702 Warrendale Road in Pine. Drive behind the high school for entrance.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the following days:

- For Hance Elementary, Feb. 25.
- For Richland Elementary, Feb. 27.
- For Wexford Elementary, Feb. 29.

Choice of morning or afternoon kindergarten sessions will not be determined at registration. All preferences will be considered before assignments are made.

Parents should bring the completed kindergarten enrollment package when registering. It can be found at www.pinerichland.org/kindereg08.htm. For more details, contact enrollment coordinator Cathy Dankmyer at 724-625-7773, Ext. 6000.

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