



## HUMAN RIGHTS

### WESTLAKE ACADEMY HOLDS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS WEEK



“Do you know your rights? You should.” This phrase was pondered by Westlake Academy students as part of a campaign to help promote International Human Rights Day. The UN General Assembly proclaimed Dec. 10 as Human Rights Day in 1950. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, signed in 1948, forms the basis for a world built on freedom, justice and peace.

During their opening flag gathering, the preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was read followed by an interactive presentation of the 30 rights. Posters are placed around campus this week with thought provoking images and facts, and students are encouraged to write their thoughts on life-size paper cut-outs in the shape of people. A video about everyday human rights was shown to each class. At the end of the week, students were sent an email inviting them to participate in Amnesty International's electronic letter writing campaign, which highlights 10 specific cases of injustice. This was a way for students to reflect on the week, as well as take action.

Human Rights Awareness Week was the first in a series of monthly awareness campaigns at Westlake Academy that will bring more international awareness to the school. Future campaigns, which correlate with the UN calendar, will include Holocaust Victims Day, International Mother Language Day, World Water Day and World Day for Cultural Diversity and Dialogue Day.

These campaigns pair beautifully with the Academy's philosophy as an International Baccalaureate World School. “The idea is to empower students to change the culture at Westlake Academy through leadership opportunities, mentoring, learning about local/national/global issues, and forging their own identity as a global leader by connecting with a variety of communities,” said Heather McCown, director of student life. For more information about Human Rights Day, go to:

[www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday](http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday)

## NOT JUST BRASS

Local area youth band members met with the Baylor Health Care System Foundation and donated funds raised over the holidays to benefit Parkinson's research. The Just Brass Band, a local Southlake youth brass band ensemble, raised \$325 for Parkinson's research by playing several concerts at the Southlake Town Square during the month of December. Concerts were free and were mainly for fun. Passerby's donated money in the tuba case as they stopped to listen, watched children dance to the tunes and enjoyed the holiday spirit.

Ethan Jezek formed the group last year for fun with four friends all from SL Carroll. This year, the group expanded to seven players ranging in age from seventh grade to sophomores in high school and decided to name themselves The Just Brass Band. They not only grew in size, but also in music repertoire, and they decided to give the money they raised to charity. The Just Brass Band plans to continue the tradition and will play again next holiday season at the Southlake Town Square and is considering the possibility expanding their repertoire yet again to include other music to play all throughout the year.

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