



# Live and Learn



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## Gilmour project wins vote

Gilmour Academy's Honduras project recently was selected from many projects, based on the number of votes it received online from the general public, to receive a grant from the True Hero organization. The organization awards money for community service project expenses to qualified high school, college and community organizations.

To be eligible to win, the student community service project must involve at least three volunteers under 23 years old. The Gilmour Honduras project received a check for \$1,000, which will be used in Nuevo Paraiso.

Since 2001, Gilmour's dean of students, Tihomir Teisl, has been leading a mission trip every spring to the village. Some years, he has taken an alumni group to the same village over the summer.

Nuevo Paraiso is a village of approximately 60 homes and is a safe haven for children who are victims of extreme poverty and neglect. It is run by the Sociedad Amigas de los Ninos.

Before each trip, Gilmour students collect the personal care items most needed by the villagers at that time. Once in Honduras, the group works on building projects per the village's requests.

"Gilmour Academy has as part of its mission the goal of educating the heart, as well as the mind. I believe that it is very important to experience that mission with our trips to Honduras," Mr. Teisl said. "It is extremely important for our students to 'walk in the shoes' of the poorest of the poor before they leave here. I know the experience stays with them for the rest of their lives."

## Children learn about money

Exploration Station: Money Math will provide stories and activities about saving and spending money 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Chagrin Falls Branch Library.

Children between 3 and 5 years old with a caregiver will explore and learn through play at hands-on activity stations. Registration is requested for this free program at 440-247-3556. The library is at 100 E. Orange St.

## Hathaway Brown senior leads Ohio

Hathaway Brown School's **Gurbani Kaur**, a senior from Copley, is the lone Ohio finalist in the 2012



Gilmour Academy graduate Andrea Massaad, class of 2011, spends quality time with a Honduran girl during her student mission trip to Honduras.

Siemens Competition in math, science and technology. Five of her classmates also are winners in the competition.

Of the nine semifinalists in the state, five attend Hathaway Brown. The other four are from Hudson, Orange and Columbus Academy.

Gurbani was chosen for her targeted drug-delivery research in the Case Western Reserve University School of Biomedical Engineering. As a finalist, she has advanced to the top 36 individual projects in the country. She will present her work at the University of Notre Dame in November. Finalists and semifinalists receive awards packages and are eligible for partial to full college scholarships.

Hathaway Brown's semifinalists include **Jenn Blumer** of Moreland Hills for her pharmaceutical research and **Aly Bryan** of Chagrin Falls for her research on malaria in Third World countries. Both conducted their research at the CWRU School of Medicine.



Vanessa Butler

## Putting on a happy face

More than 25 Upper School students at Hathaway Brown School, including sophomore **Olivia Tse** of Beachwood, worked for two days with art teacher Debra Gressel to create dozens of pumpkins that have been delivered to hospice patients through the Pumpkins for Patients program coordinated by the Visiting Nurse Association of Cleveland.