

# Westlake City Schools

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### PARKSIDE COUNSELOR NAMED REGIONAL OUTSTANDING SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Parkside Intermediate School guidance counselor Joan Jerome earned the Outstanding School Counselor Recognition Award, District III, from the Ohio School Counselor Association.

Melissa Westfall, a Kent State University graduate student working on her master's degree in school counseling, interned under Jerome last school year. Westfall nominated Jerome for the inaugural award, citing Jerome's "empathy and ability to build trusting relationships with the students."

"She genuinely believes that all students can be successful and, like a compass, guides them through their adolescence," Westfall said. "She provides the students with the necessary tools and skills to deal with the trials and tribulations of life in order to become prosperous adults. I have learned more from her than I have from any of the textbooks that I have studied and have chosen to continue to work with her during my internship experience."

There are 12 districts within the Association – District 3 covers all of Cuyahoga County. Jerome and seven other regional winners are now in contention for the School Counselor of the Year Award, which will be announced in November at the group's annual conference in Columbus.

Jerome is a Westlake resident whose four daughters graduated from the Westlake Schools. She previously served as PTA Council president and Parkside PTA president during her daughters' school years.

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