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## And the winners are...



Congratulations to the winners of the 7th Annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest. First place went to "Pablo PiSCAREcrow" by the Beck Family; Second place was awarded to "Scary Poppins," crafted by the MOMS Group of Oakwood; Third place went to "E-SCARE-got," designed and built by the Oakwood Sister City Association; The Mayor's Award was given to "Happy Anniversary Smith Gardens" by the Oakwood Environmental Committee.

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## School Board

# Board reviews 15 candidates for Hershey's seat

By Dawn Beigel

The Oakwood Board of Education has reviewed the names of as many as 15 applicants to replace former board member Debra Hershey, who vacated her seat Oct. 1.

The board discussed the applicants in their executive session last night, but names were not released to *The Oakwood Register* by press time. The board expects to interview applicants next week, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy by Oct. 31 will finish Hershey's term through the end of 2011.

Hershey resigned in order to relocate to Michigan.

"We came on the board together...she will be missed. She was always looking out for the interest of kids," said board President Dr. Paul Vanderburgh.

The board officially accepted Hershey's resignation during their regular meeting.

Among information reports at the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo discussed the official district enrollment, which is up by nine students from the unofficial count

in September. According to October count week, the largest increase was in kindergarten with an additional 34 students, followed by first grade with an additional 13 students. The largest decrease in enrollment has been in second grade, down by 14 students. No changes were seen in grades 3 and 7.

The total enrollment count for October is 2,137, compared to the projected 2,162 for the '09-'10 school year.

Among commendations at the meeting, the board recognized the

following:

- High school seniors David Holdren, Jonathan Pearson, Andrew Berger and Audrey Maney on being named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. They scored in the top percent among college-bound high school students on the qualifying test they took last year. They are eligible to become finalists and possibly receive National Merit Scholarships.

- High school seniors Caroline Clarke, Channon Conner, Dillon Corrigan, Tyler Dillon, Sarah Oda,

Benjamin Roess and Colin Ward on being named Commended Scholars in the National Merit Scholarship Competition (see page 9).

- Eighth-grader Holly Horlacher for being named her school's Oakwood Rotary Club Student of the Month for October. She was nominated by staff member Kelsey Jackson.

- The Harman School PTO for hosting a neighborhood meeting with the superintendent.

Oakwood Board of Education will hold its next regular meeting Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Board office.

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