

# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note from Dr. G

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### Superintendent's Corner

Thank you to our entire Wildcat and Mount Pleasant Community for not only a beautiful Salute to First Responders event, but your flexibility. The weather moved the ceremony inside, but it was still very well attended and meaningful. Then on Tuesday night, over 1,000 fans gathered for an exciting football game that ended with an overtime victory on our new turf. Congratulations to our Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Tennis, Swim & Dive, and Cross Country teams who have all had victories this week. And of course our Cheerleaders! Our Cross Country team has broken TWO school records so far this year! #wildcatpride

Our students have been making a difference in their community, too. Senior Gavin Blide has been instrumental in the upcoming Valhalla Ambulance Corps Blood Drive on Saturday, September 16. (See the flyer below) At Columbus, Student Council is busy planning for Spirit Week, which will be held later this fall. Thank you to Christine Galbo and Maureen Valvano for making sure there are exciting things planned for our students 3-5. I have enjoyed seeing so many of you at Back to School Nights and look forward to the upcoming ones. L'shanah tovah to everyone celebrating this weekend.

### Noticing the Good

HES art teacher Melissa Mancini introduced her youngest students to classroom rules and procedures this week. She explained, "This is an important step in creating a positive and productive learning environment. We talked about expectations for behavior, such as being respectful to others and their artwork, and following directions." She also took this opportunity to assess students by providing them with large sheets of paper covered in shapes and asking them to color them in by following verbal directions. "By establishing classroom routines, the art room becomes a space where creativity can flourish and students can fully engage in their artistic endeavors!"

### BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

Saturday Sep 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 3:00pm



**VALHALLA**  
Ambulance Corps

1 Westlake Dr. Valhalla, NY

To sign up call 800-933-2566,  
visit [nybc.org/donate](http://nybc.org/donate)  
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Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.



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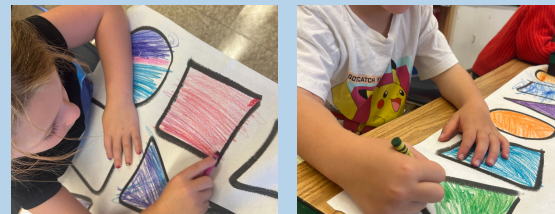
### The Week Ahead

9/19 Elementary PTA Mtg 7:30 pm

9/20 BOE Meeting 8 pm

9/21 WMS Back to School Night

9/22 Spirit Day in Schools



### In Awe of the Paw – College Board and New York State School Music Association

The school year has just started, but we already have some exciting news regarding our talented students!

Congratulations Gianna Zurlo for being selected to receive the National Hispanic Recognition Award for her outstanding academic achievement and performance on the PSAT. The award coincides with Hispanic Heritage Month in our schools.

Junior tenor, Gabriel McCabe was selected as one of only three 2nd tenors from Westchester to this year's NYSSMA All-State Mixed Chorus. He will be representing Westlake High School when the All-State Mixed Chorus performs in Rochester in late fall.

Stay tuned for news on Area All State Musicians next week!

