

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Every one of our fall athletic teams - Varsity Football, Varsity Girls Soccer, Varsity Boys Soccer, Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Girls Tennis, Varsity Girls & Boys Cross Country, Varsity Girls Swim, and Varsity Cheerleading - achieved scholar-athlete status! Please join me in congratulating them.

In what is quickly becoming a well-loved annual tradition at Hawthorne, "Gather Here" brought the entire student body together for song and dance and celebration! For the grand finale, the entire gathering sang Feliz Navidad at the top of their lungs (check out the video on social media). Thank you Elementary PTA for generously funding this fun-filled learning experience. Columbus students brought their math studies to the botanical garden for some hands-on research of symmetry which they have been focused on in the classroom. In art, the study of winter trees and triangles intersected in LauraLee Chambers' class! With the bond vote just 11 days away, today I met with Martin Wilbur from the "Examiner." Be sure to look for the article in next week's edition! The weeks between Thanksgiving and the winter break are very busy, thank you for making a plan to vote on December 12!

Noticing the Good

Today we recognize two WMS standouts.

For the second year in a row, 7th grader Hailey Schott hosted an art auction to raise money for a cause close to her heart: Rockefeller State Park Preserve. This year, she created over 30 original pieces including sketches, paintings, and photographs and raised several thousand dollars. You can read more about Hailey's story at haileyschott.com

For her year-long Community Leader Project (CLP), grader 8th Gia Gentile is training to serve as a Peer Mentor, while researching and learning about the careers in the "Education and Training" cluster. She co-taught a lesson focusing on the value of teamwork and having a "team mentality," drawing from her own experiences as a member of the Varsity Cheer Team, competing in local and national tournaments. She explained how students worked together to achieve a complicated task that required them to think and act as a team. All 8th graders will present their CLPs in the spring.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Let's Celebrate

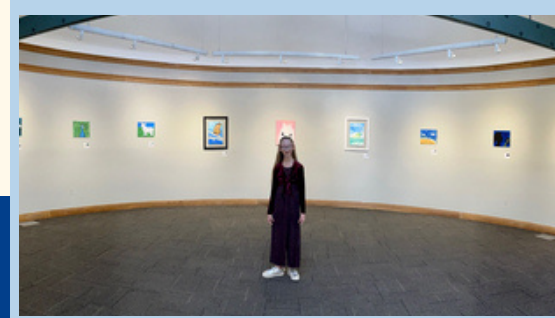
WESTLAKE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

ELEMENTARY STEM FAIR	WHS LIBRARY 4-6 PM	
ATHLETIC CLINICS	CHEER - WMS GYM, 4-5 PM FOOTBALL - PATCH, 4-5 PM BOYS/GIRLS SOCCER - JIANNOTT FIELD, 5-8 PM BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL - WHS GYM, 6-7 PM	
CONCERT	6TH GRADE BAND AND CHORUS (WHEARTY THEATER) 7-8 PM	
FOOD TRUCKS	ROAD GRUB MOBILE, DANNY'S DONUTS, AND MORE! 4-6 PM	
STUDENT VOTE	WHS GYM LOBBY 4-9 PM	
BOND VOTE	WHS GYM 7 AM - 9 PM	

The Week Ahead

- 12/5 College Night for Juniors 7pm, Meet the Modified Coaches 7pm
- 12/6 MPEF Meeting 7:30pm, BOE Work Session 7:30pm
- 12/7 English Honor Society Induction 2:30pm, 7th & 8th Grade Winter Concert 7pm
- Looking Ahead - Bond Vote 12/12 from 7 am to 9 pm in the WHS Gym



In Awe of the Paw - Alumni News

Congratulations to Kiera Sky Torpie, WHS class of 2016, who was named a George J. Mitchell Scholar by the US-Ireland Alliance. Her work of note includes creating a workshop for girls whose families had been impacted by incarceration and addiction. She also collaborated with a local harm reduction organization during her time as a student at Tulane. Her scholarly studies in Ireland and Northern Ireland, which begin in September 2024, will focus on creating cathartic healing experiences for others through writing. Congratulations Kiera!

