

# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note from Dr. G

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### Superintendent's Corner

Winter has definitely arrived and with it delayed openings and snow days. This is the perfect time to make sure your contact information in eSchool is correct. Please opt-in to receive our texts by texting 67587 and replying with a "Y." On Monday, as the country celebrated MLK Jr.'s birthday, many of our teams participated in a day of service. Varsity Cheerleading and Varsity Girls Basketball hosted little Wildcats at youth clinics. What a tremendous turnout! We appreciate our student-athletes and coaches for giving back. As we continue our focus on literacy throughout the district, more of our littlest Wildcats shared their mastery of research and writing skills. Angela Bockino's first grade class celebrated with a crazy sock party. They left their shoes behind as they exchanged fun facts about animals. Deb Kurlander and Bernadette Grassi's kindergarteners used their weekly show & tell to sharpen skills such as asking thoughtful questions, listening, taking turns, and being polite, engaged audience members. The January theme of responsibility continues to be reinforced at Columbus with a newly installed bulletin board with mirrors. Each time they walk by, students are reminded that they are in charge of their actions. Well done, Wildcats!

### Noticing the Good

County-wide auditions were held last April and we just learned that eight WMS students have been invited to Westchester County School Music Association's (WCSMA) All-County Elementary Band. This was the highest number of students from any one school! Their performance will be on Saturday March 9th at New Rochelle High School. CES Band Teacher Austin Alieniello said, "I could not be more proud of our students and I think it is a testament to the strength of our music program despite being such a small district!" Congratulations Kiera Lavelle - Flute, Nicolette Fiskaa - Flute, Crystal Zhang - Flute, Owen Farrell - Flute, Joseph Stallone - Bass Clarinet, Christian Daglieri - Alto Sax, Kieran Fitzpatrick - Baritone, and Sophia Delli Carpini - Snare Drum. In addition, WMS band teacher Erin Sica shared that five middle school musicians were invited to join the Intermediate All-County Band! Congratulations Chloe Kim - flute, Martina Salomone - flute, Ethan Rinaldi - oboe, Duncan Force - trumpet, and Andrew Swirsky - baritone.

### The Week Ahead

1/21 - Elem PTA Family Bowling

1/24-26 - WHS Regents

1/24 - BOE Meeting 7pm

1/25-28 - WMS presents Elf Jr. 27. See website for fix and more info.

### THE EXAMINER NEWS



This week Examiner was jam-packed with coverage of all our teams. Be sure to pick up a copy or check it out online!

### In Awe of the Paw - Student Athletes Give Back

Earlier this year, the boys and girls varsity swim teams collected many items for parent kits to be donated to Maria Ferrari Children's Hospital. The kits, filled with the comforts of home, are designed to give families a few minutes of distraction and relaxation during an otherwise very stressful time. The project, was a collaboration among all the schools with whom the Westlake athletes are merged with for competition including Valhalla, Byram Hills, Pleasantville, and Briarcliff. The teams worked together to assemble the kits at the Westchester Community College pool. The final result: 80 well-stocked kits were delivered to the hospital by the team captains. We are so proud of these students athletes for working together and giving back positively to their local community.

