

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

We are closing in on the 100th day of school which means the school year is half over! With the second quarter ending, report cards will be out soon at WHS and WMS and it this week.

There was time for outside the classroom learning too. This week, the Westlake Library hosted Groundwork Hudson Valley's Science Barge for a 'Living River and You' workshop. Students learned about the food chain and estuarine ecosystem of the Hudson River including feeding habits of eels, blue herons, bald eagles, and blue crabs as well as the comeback of both oyster beds and the Atlantic Sturgeon. Thank you Pleasantville Garden Club for sponsoring and Library Media Specialist Lenore Rotanelli for coordinating. Columbus welcomed Hip Hop Fundamentals for an interactive lesson about the Civil Rights Movement and the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Thank you to the CES Cultural Arts Committee for organizing and Elementary PTA for funding.

I attended opening night of Elf Jr and it was just outstanding. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew and to co-directors Toni and Mike Williams. (Head over to our social media or website for a great story on these WHS alumni!)

Noticing the Good

There was positive news regarding our student athletes in competition and in the community this week.

Westlake was recognized for the second time this year by Team Up 4 Community, whose mission is to encourage athletes and all individuals to take decisive action to create positive and lasting change in their local and global communities. This time our basketball teams were praised for their youth clinics on MLK Jr.'s Birthday. Earlier this year, it was for the Football 9/11 Event. The basketball teams were also written up again in 'The Examiner' for outstanding performances on the court. The modified basketball program travelled to Valhalla for the second set of Modified Madness games which raised money for Blythdale Children's Hospital. This time the middle school principals got in on the action with a halftime competition.

The track team is also on fire. The Sprint Medley Relay team qualified for Nationals two weeks ago and last weekend at League Championships they medaled in 9 events and broke three school records. Let's wish them well as they head to County Championships on Sunday!

Mount Pleasant Food

Pantry at the Knights of Columbus in Thornwood

will be OPEN this Saturday, January 27 from 9:00-1:00.

Grocery & Fresh Foods available.

Coats and clothes too.

Donations will be accepted at this time as well.

The Week Ahead

1/29 - National Honor Society Induction 7 pm

1/30 - WMS Incoming 8th Grade Course Selection Parent Meeting 7 pm

1/31 - WHS 2nd Quarter Report Cards

2/1 WMS 2nd Quarter Report Cards, CES 5th Grade Celebration of Learning 6:30 pm

In Awe of the Paw - Science Research Gold

At the Westchester-Rockland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium WHS Senior Keishanne Bernal won 1st Place in the Biochemistry & Cellular Molecular Biology as a regional speaker for a slide presentation of her original research "Using Predictive Modeling to Identify Small Molecule Inhibitors for BPLFI and Evaluating their Efficacy through Epstein-Barr Virus Infectivity Assays." Keishanne conducted her original research at New York Medical College in Valhalla. As a regional speaker winner, Keishanne will now move on to compete at Upstate New York JSHS at the University of Albany in February, with the chance to then compete at the national JSHS. Good luck Keishanne!

