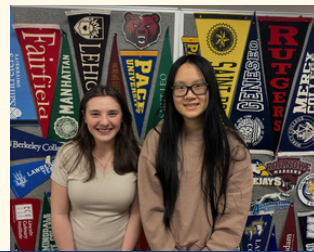


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

There was a lot to celebrate across the district this week!

Students, teachers, and staff members were all able to experience the eclipse thanks to perfect weather and our Elementary PTA and friends in Valhalla who made sure we had enough glasses for everyone. Did you know Westlake has seven honor societies? In the last of this year's ceremonies, our National Science Honor Society welcomed 17 new members this week!

Christa Pomilla and Tina Jiang will represent Westlake at the 2024 Empire Girls State Conference. This educational program of the American Legion Auxiliary is a multi-day, hands-on workshop about the structure of government.

5th grade Physical Education stars at CES received the Southeastern Zone Award for excellent sportsmanship, citizenship, physical fitness/health and cooperation. Congratulations Luca, Frank, Nate, Vera, Maibel, and Riley. Coach Sean Mayer will accompany them to the ceremony in early May.

Finally, Westlake Players will be receiving several awards for their fall drama "12 Angry Jurors" at the Eastern Student Artist Guild Awards celebration in May: Best Drama Production, Best Actor in a Drama, Best Supporting Actor in a Drama, Best Scenic Design, and Best Ensemble in a Drama!

Noticing the Good

WHS sophomore J.T. Nichols and WMS 7th graders Logan Dwyer and Enzo Swartz are Cadets with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force. CAP was instrumental in helping NASA collect data during Monday's eclipse for the purpose of studying the effects of solar eclipses on weather and VHF radio operations. They spent all day Sunday at Westchester County Airport finalizing their training, and did a dry run of data collection. On Monday, they arrived at the airport to prepare for data collection and stayed until 6 p.m. when the event officially concluded.

The data collected will be used to help improve weather/climate models and forecasting, as well as provide engineers with important information needed to help in developing radio systems that will be more resilient against the effects of solar storms. As you can imagine, prior to Monday's eclipse, our Westlake students and their fellow cadets spent many hours training for the CAP Solar Eclipse Mission.

5th Annual Multicultural Celebration Scavenger Hunt
Let's Celebrate Our Schools' Cultural Diversity
Saturday, April 13th, 1-3 PM
Columbus Elementary School

Scavenger hunt for clues at cultural booths. Then receive raffle tickets upon completion for a chance to win one of the raffle items.*

*Only MTPLCSD students qualify to win raffle prizes.

Interested in showcasing your culture? Contact the Multicultural Committee at multicultural.mtplsdsd@gmail.com to reserve a booth

Attractions:

- Cultural Display Booth
- World Market
- Dance
- Make a fun booth with your kids
- World Food
- Fashion Show
- Music
- Discover their favorite aspects of their heritage
- Raffles
- Pinna Tattoo
- More...

Get them excited to learn about other cultures

Hosted by MTPLCSD (Elementary and Middle School) PTA Multicultural Committee

The Week Ahead

4/13 Elementary PTA Multicultural Event

4/15 WHS Senior Experience Begins

4/16 HES and CES only: Parent Teacher Conferences, 11:15 Dismissal; [BOE Meeting 8 pm - Join us to celebrate employees with 25 years at MTPLCSD!](#)

4/17 WHS 3rd Quarter Report Cards

4/18 WMS 3rd Quarter Report Cards

In Awe of the Paw - Celebrating our Music Department!

For the second year in a row, we have been named one of the Best Communities for Music Education! Erin Sica, Westlake Middle School Band Director and Department Chair, said, "The K-12 Music Program in Mount Pleasant is absolutely a point of pride for the district. Our teachers are gifted educators and musicians and, each day, they share their talent and expertise with our students. The program embeds a love and appreciation of music, as well as cultivating discipline, teamwork, cross-cultural sensitivity, opportunities to build self-confidence and an aesthetic form of expression. Through participation in our music offerings, our students gain skills and experiences that will serve them in school and beyond. We are grateful to the Mount Pleasant community for their unwavering support."

