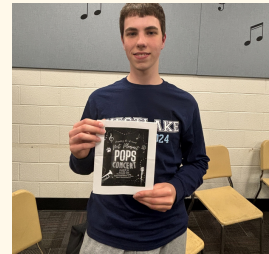


# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note from Dr. G

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### Superintendent's Corner

Throughout the month of April at Hawthorne, a school-wide focus has been on the environment as a lead up to Earth Day. Three weeks worth of activities culminated in a celebration among all the grades today with classes hosting one another for students-led lessons. Kindergarten shared their "How To Care for the Earth" book. First grade learned about deforestation and afforestation and then made "recycled" paper and seed bombs and shared the experience with other students. Second graders performed their reader's theater "How I take care of the Earth." At Columbus, school counselor Connie Cotrone organized Kindness Week with a variety of activities through the school each day. Each one provided opportunities for students to mindfully approach how their actions can positively impact those around them.

Along with the teachers and performers, there are a few more important people that made our inaugural Pops Concert a success. It is my pleasure to recognize Owen Samoyedny for managing the sound and lighting, Dr. Adam Bronstein for emceeing the show, and Gavin Malone for the beautiful program cover design. Be sure to visit our social media for many more photos and video!

### Noticing the Good

Mount Peasant's first every Pops Concert was an evening to remember. From our littlest Hawthorne singers to the sophisticated sound of the WHS Blenders, over 230 of our students participated! Whether you are a Swiftie, Beatles lover, or Broadway musical fan, there was something for everyone. The evening was broken into two parts - vocal and instrumental - and both ended with a grand finale of Journey's "Don't Stop Believing." This unique program created a connection for our performers from across the district and the opportunity to come together to teach and learn from one another. It also gave parents a window into the future, or a trip down memory lane. Thank you to our entire music department: ConnieMarie Rao, Rebecca Poole, Benjamin Appel, Emily Denler, Austin Alianiello, Erin Sica, and Carlo Capano for starting this new tradition.

2024  
WESTLAKE  
**WILDCATS**  
2ND ANNUAL  
"HAVE A HEART"  
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT  
In Memory of  
**PETER BALIC**

(Rain date 4/27)

SATURDAY, APRIL 28  
GAMES AT 11 AM AND 1 PM  
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SOLD  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE  
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION  
**WESTLAKE · PLEASANTVILLE**  
**BYRAM HILLS · RYE**

### The Week Ahead

4/22 & 23 PASSOVER  
SCHOOL CLOSED

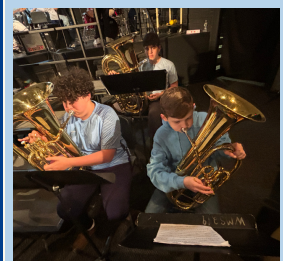


4/24 Coffee &  
Conversation with  
Dr. G in the District  
Office 7 pm

4/25 HES First Grade  
Family Literacy Night  
6 pm. WHS Spring  
Concert 8 pm



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### In Awe of the Paw - Milestones

At Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, we celebrated work anniversaries for 13 individuals (and a total of 349 years!) who have made a difference in our district and in the lives of countless students.

Each honoree was presented with a gift: a notebook and a hand carved wooden pen in a bag adorned with a Dr. G original poem! Congratulations Gina Carmody, Bernadette Kuntz, Laurie Castellano, Patricia Sullivan, Michele Caterino, Jill Coletta, Christine Galbo, Jennifer Avella, Brian Conroy, Colleen Maher, Nicole Ponte, Gina Cefoli, and Grace Cosenza!

