

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

The next couple weeks are all about tradition and milestones. On Monday, the Senior Walk brought the Class of 2024 back through the halls of their beloved elementary and middle schools. There were smiles, tear, and lots of cheers from students and teachers. It was picture perfect in every way. Our fifth graders got in on some end of the year action with the Yearbook Breakfast. Fifth grade parents prepared a beautiful yearbook and a delicious breakfast for the entire class and their teachers to enjoy. All 166 fifth graders could not take their eyes off the screen during the class video. What a great event; thank you Elementary PTA.

The Senior Award Ceremony is a celebration of our students by the entire Community and the Sports Awards Ceremony is the perfect culmination of a year's worth of celebration-worthy moments in athletics. Being with so many of you at WHS on those special evenings is one of the great pleasures of being Superintendent. On Wednesday not only was it Senior Prom, but I hosted Brooke D. as Superintendent of the Day. She joined me during the day and then at night played a major role in our celebration of retirees. Please join me in wishing these fine educators well on their future endeavors. Happy Father' Day Wildcat Dads!

Noticing the Good

The student council at Columbus identified a problem and together with advisors, Christine Galbo and Maureen Valvano came up with not only a solution but coordinated a school-wide assembly to engage all students in it! After noticing that the flags in many classrooms and common spaces in the building looked worn, student council members Maibel, Riley Gwendolyn, Ella, Emma, and Delaney formed the flag committee. Its goal was to make sure no tattered flags were hanging in their school. Members of the Valhalla American Legion Post 1038 were invited to the the event. They brought artifacts related to the flag and demonstrated how to fold the flag properly. They also agreed to take the worn out flags and dispose of them in the proper way. Westlake High School counselor and member of the Sons of the American Legion, Nick DiPaolo, quizzed students on some flag facts and handed out small American flags to those who answered correctly. Check out more photos and a video of the Honor Band playing "The Armed Forces Medley" on our social media. We are so proud of these hard-working, patriotic students at Columbus.



FACILITIES UPDATE

The main turf field and the track will be closed to the public starting Wed, 6/19 and re-open Thur, 6/27 at 4 p.m.

The areas that will remain open to the public include: The Paved Walking Path around the outside of the track, The Patch, The Upper Grass Field, and The Loop through the parking lots and around campus.

The Week Ahead

6/17 WMS Early Dismissal 11:15 am, WMS 8th Grade Community Project Celebration 6:30 pm

6/18 WMS Early Dismissal 11:15 am, Junior National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

6/19 Juneteenth NO SCHOOL

6/20 WMS Early Dismissal 11:15 am,

6/21 HES Moving Up 9:30 am, WMS Early Dismissal 11:15 am, HES/CES Half Day

In Awe of the Paw – Staff Appreciation

As end of senior year traditions kicked off this week, it is the perfect time to recognize some staff members who have been integral to making it all happen. From yearbook to awards ceremonies to prom, there are too many staff members to name, but we did capture photos of some of them in action this week – and there are many more not pictured. We appreciate you!

