

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

Special Summer 2024 Issue



Superintendent's Corner

It's August, Wildcats, and we have been busy! Our district leadership retreat provided time to prepare and plan for September. There was team building, planning for professional development, discussion of the recommendations of the Tri-State Consultancy visit, and important planning updates on safety and security. The two day off-site meeting at Edith Macy Conference Center in Pleasantville concluded with a robust discussion of innovation, iteration, and collaboration. Our buildings and grounds team has been preparing our facilities for an outstanding 2024-2025 school year. The floors are shiny and the lockers painted, but there is more exciting news to share. Our new mascot Westy now adorns the gym floor at Hawthorne. There is a beautiful new playground at Columbus, zoom in to see Principal Mike Cunzio on it! The Visual Arts Room at WHS and Technology and Design room at WMS have been reconfigured and updated. We cannot wait for our students to be in all our spaces.

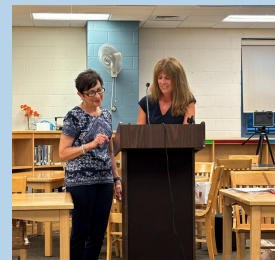
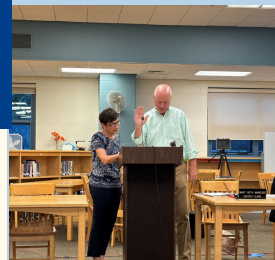
A couple items of note: The District-wide Safety Plan and 2024-2025 Code of Conduct are available on the district website for review in advance of the 8/14/24 BOE Work Session and Public Hearings. Next week, the Summer Newsletter will be mailed to every resident and the school calendar will be sent to the printer. Be sure to follow our social media for the latest! Happy end of summer!

Noticing the Good

The Board of Education reorganized on July 10. Michael Griffin and Colleen Scaglione Neglia, who were re-elected in May, were sworn-in. Michael Horan, who was also re-elected in May, was sworn-in at the District Office on July 1.

Michael Horan and Sara Beaty will serve as our president and vice president.

Please join me congratulating them and thanking them for their service to the District. Additionally, at this annual meeting, our District Clerk Mary Beth Mancuso, who administers all the oaths, and I was also sworn-in.



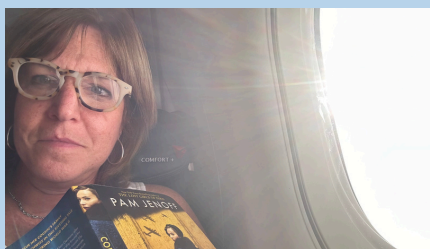
Westlake High School was again last year honored with the School of Excellence Award from NYSPHSAA. To earn it, 75% of a school's varsity teams must qualify for Scholar-Athlete team award, which is achieved when the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90! Well done, Wildcats!

We are looking forward to kicking off the 2024-25 season with our new Director of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics, Dave Kantrowitz!



HES and CES Wildcats

The summer reading photo challenge is underway! Assistant Principal Erica Denman got us started with this photo of her reading on an airplane. She and the library media specialists have a celebration using these photos planned for September. Just email your photos to Ms. Denman to participate!



Save the Dates

*details will be sent from each school

- 8/22 - WMS Bagels & Locks
- 8/26 - JV/Varsity Sports Start
- 8/29 - HES Meet & Greet, CES Back to School BBQ
- 9/3 - Schools Open for Students (Kindergarten at 9 am)
- 9/5 - Modified Sports Start, HES Back to School Night
- 9/10 - WMS WooHoo 6th Grade Parent Welcome
- 9/12 - CES Back to School Night
- 9/19 - WMS Back to School Night
- 9/26 - WHS Back to School Night

In Awe of the Paw - Keeping Mount Pleasant Safe

Please join me in Welcoming Craig Scatola, Mount Pleasant's new full time Coordinator of Safety and Security. This position was recommended in our security audit and Craig will work closely with our SRO Luke Oliveri, the Mount Pleasant Police Department, and our district administrators and principals to keep students and staff safe.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page for a great video of Craig, a recently retired Yorktown Police Officer, celebrating with his former colleagues.

