

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Thank you to everyone that supported our students and our schools last week by participating in any of the many Homecoming activities. Senior games, spirit days, and of course the festivities, football, and fireworks on Saturday were made possible by the hard work of so many. Thank you especially to our student council executive board Danielle Michilli, Alexa DiSalvo, Isabelle Chacko, Lindsay Fox, Caleigh Finck, and their advisor Sarah Johnson. It is always amazing to get everyone from our alumni to some of our littlest Wildcats together on one special night. This year we recognized two giants of Wildcats Football: Vito Virgilio and Jay Scanlon. These two original members of the Junior Wildcats accepted commemorative footballs to celebrate the organization's 20th season. Please join us in thanking them for everything they have contributed over the years and congratulating them on the program's lasting success.

Another fall tradition, the annual Westlake High School Club & Activity Fair was held this week. Students were encouraged to stop by during lunch to see and sign up for the dozens of clubs WHS has to offer! It is great to see all the many ways our students find to connect with each other.

Thank you for a great first month of school, Wildcats!

Noticing the Good

Our third graders are new to the Columbus library and are learning how to choose "just right" books, or ones that are a good fit length, difficulty, and subject. Class discussions start with reminiscing about the books they loved at Hawthorne (*American Girl Doll* books, *Piggy and Elephant*, *The Pigeon*, and *The Crayon*). Library media Specialist Kristin Finno let the students know that it's ok to go back to those favorites, but at Columbus they now have access to new books - chapter books. They also learned about reading stamina, or reading longer to get better. In case you want to read along with our third graders, Ms. Finno recommends you pick up *Magic Treehouse*, *My Weird School*, *Junie B. Jones*, *Bad Kitty*, *The Bad Guys*, *Humphrey*, *Who Is or Who Was* books, *Press Start!*, *Diary of a Pug*, and *Eerie Elementary*.

Ms. Finno is also reinforcing "just right library behavior" with a pom-pom competition. Classes earn pom-poms for a series of appropriate behaviors including using library voices and volume, staying on task, and cleaning up after class. For those keeping score, Mrs. Ponte's class is currently in the lead!

WESTLAKE VOLLEYBALL CLINICS



Who: Future Wildcat Volleyball Players
Grades 5 - 6



Come to one or come to both!

When: Thursday, October 3rd 10am-12pm
Monday, October 14th 12pm-2pm

Where: Westlake High School Gym

Learn skills and drills from our Varsity Team
Cost: \$30 per clinic

(Use the link or QR code to register:
<https://volleyball-clinics.cheddarsup.com/>)



Please email Coach Raniolo with any questions:
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The Week Ahead

9/29 - Spirit Day

9/30 - MPEF Meeting 7 pm

10/1 - WAC Meeting 7 pm

10/2 - WHS/WMS 1st Quarter Midpoint

10/3, 4 - Rosh Hashanah SCHOOLS CLOSED

In Awe of the Paw - Commended Students

Congratulations Hayley Laygan and Danielle Motta for being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as Commended Students in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among only 34,000 students nationwide to be recognized for this exceptional academic achievement.

