

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

This week marked the first of many honor society inductions at Westlake. We welcomed 36 new members into our Spanish Honor Society, Lazarilo de Tormes. Thank you to advisor Maria Mittelman and the officers for a meaningful ceremony and celebration. As we rapidly approach the Holiday Recess, the holiday spirit is evident throughout the district. I had the pleasure of visiting Lauren Morris' class for what has become an annual tradition for me, a holiday photo shoot. I can't wait for the final edited pictures! At Hawthorne, the Kindergarten celebrated Grinch Day, wearing their best Grinch gear from green clothing to various shirts and pajamas to art teacher Melissa Mancini in a full Grinch costume. Students read the well-loved holiday story and discussed the Grinch's behavior while doing art projects and enjoying holiday treats. Our Winter Concerts continued this week with the 6th grade, Meistersingers, and Jazz Band at WMS on Tuesday, our 5th graders last night, and the Kindergarten Sing-Along this morning. It was the first concert for Daniel Enoch at Columbus and John Hahn at Hawthorne. We are pleased to welcome them both to Mount Pleasant. Please visit our social media for many more photos and video of all our concerts. Finally, thank you to the Meduri Family for the beautiful wreath that decorates our Westlake Campus sign!

Noticing the Good

WHS physical education teachers Nick Romeo and Tina Nicodemo lead a class called Project Adventure. This year-long course is divided into a series of activities including icebreakers, de-inhibitors, trust builders, decision-making/problem-solving, low ropes and high elements. The ultimate goal of Project Adventure is to increase: personal confidence, mutual support within the group, agility and coordination, and satisfaction with each participant's physical confidence. This week, the class took a field trip to Movement in Valhalla. Ms. Nicodemo explained, "Project Adventure is designed to expose students to all aspects of adventure education. They set up each indoor element, tie knots, and safety harness and belay each other in various elements. Students work together to develop initiatives, activities, and strategies in order to execute the physical and mental challenges of each element. Group dynamics focus on areas of effective communication, cooperation, compromise, and respect." We are so pleased that our students have access to this unique opportunity!

It's not too late to get your limited edition WAC Holiday t-shirt!



The Week Ahead

- 12/16 - Modified Meet the Coaches Night 6 pm
- 12/18 - Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12/19 - WHS Winter Concert 8 pm
- 12/20 - Early Dismissal/ Emergency Drill:
HES/CES 2:45 pm
WMS 2:03 pm
WHS 2:02 pm



Thank you Meduri Family!

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In Awe of the Paw - NYSSMA

Westlake High School soprano, Gianna Occhiogrossi performed with the All-State Mixed Choir in Rochester last weekend. Gianna was selected for this honor because her spring NYSSMA score was among the highest in the state! Congratulations Gianna and thank you for representing Westlake at the state level! We are looking forward to hearing Gianna and all the Westlake musicians at next week's WHS concert.

