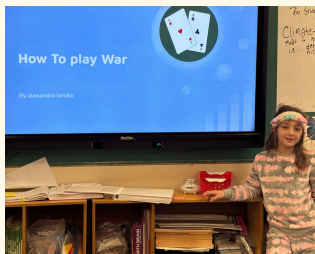


# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note from Dr. G

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### Superintendent's Corner

The current ELA focus across Columbus is non-fiction. This week ended with a school-wide Non-Fiction Book Dump and Reading Celebration! By dumping out all of their classroom books and then organizing them into book bins by topics, students became active participants in creating a system that makes sense to them. The "read-in" portion rewarded their organizational efforts and immediately allowed them to benefit from their newly organized libraries. Everyone was encouraged to wear pajamas so they could be extra cozy for the read-in. This combination of purposeful organization and comfortable reading time reinforced the message that reading non-fiction can be both educational and enjoyable. Some classes even wrote their own non-fiction stories and presented them to peers. Thank you to AP Erica Denman for coordinating the event and the purchase of new books and bins to enhance each classroom library!

In the CES library, Kristin Finno read students *Martin's Big Words*. Along with fitting in perfectly to the non-fiction theme, the story beautifully demonstrates how words can be powerful tools for change. Students then broke into groups to practice "Solving Problems Through Kindness" using words to find solutions for sharing computers, filling new book requests, sharing playground swings fairly, and solving lunch line trouble.

Congratulations to our LOHUD Wrestler of the Week Vincenzo Mannello. Thank you to everyone that voted, he received 61% of all votes cast!

### Noticing the Good

Our Career Research Academy students took a second trip to The Shelbourne, the newly constructed assisted living center in town. This week's trip has been planned since last year when they visited just after construction started. The opportunity to see the two vastly different phases was a truly unique experience.

Students were able to see how the framing and foundations turned into a finished product with plumbing, electrical, and HVAC. On this trip they observed floors being laid and sheetrock being hung. Thank you to Town of Mount Pleasant Building Inspectors Sal and Manny who educated students about building codes and what it means to be proficient in local and state regulations. Thank you also to KBE (the site's builder) Project Manager Mike and Vice President for Field Operations Anthony for meeting with students and sharing expertise and insights about the skilled trades. They went over tips on doing research before an interview, how to determine a company's values and if they are a good fit for you, and tips on how to make yourself more marketable to potential employees.

WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS

# LEGALLY BLONDE

*The Musical* JR.

Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin Book by Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown And the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

SCAN ME

FOR TICKETS

2025:  
 THUR JAN 30 - 7PM  
 FRI JAN 31 - 7PM  
 SAT FEB 1 - 7PM  
 SUN FEB 2 - 1PM

Legally Blonde Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-6684 mtishows.com

### The Week Ahead

WHS Regents all week

1/20 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr Birthday

1/21 - Coffee & Conversation with Dr. G, 7 p.m. DO

1/22 - BOE Meeting 7:30 p.m.

1/23 - HES First Grade Family Literacy Night

1/24 - WHS/WMS 2nd Quarter Ends



### In Awe of the Paw - Learning Life Skills

Move over Door Dash!

Did you know that Sarah Mackin's WHS Life Skills students run a lunch delivery service on select Fridays? The program gives staff members the ability to order and pay for a variety of lunch options. By Thursday afternoon, students collect orders via Google form, organize the orders, and make sure they have collected the right amount of money. Then on Fridays, they deliver to offices and classrooms.

