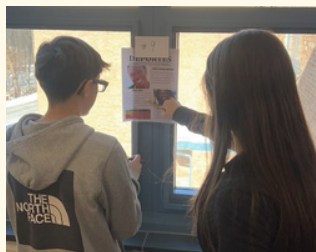


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

It was a busy week before Winter Break!

Columbus hosted their first Celebration of Learning of the year last night. Fifth grade families were welcomed into classrooms for hands-on work in math, ELA, social studies, and science. Students and parents played Kahoot, did science experiments, played an index card trick, and shared their artistic interpretations of the Portrait of a Learner. Our 3rd grade student council spent recess this week making decorations for the Mount Pleasant Recreation Department's Valentine's Day Senior luncheon.

Our Hawthorne artists, who have been studying Chris Uphues, closed out the unit with special Valentine's Day projects. Second graders created pop-up cards using their folding and collage skills and 1st graders sketched hearts on paper using markers.

In Erika Rama's 7th grade Spanish class, students created a 'sports museum' and read about various professional Spanish/ Hispanic athletes. They then participated in a lively question and answer session in order to use their vocabulary.

Jake Zaino, one of the seniors in our Career Research Academy, started his internship this month. Jake has had the opportunity to work at a high rise apartment building in White Plains running wire and installing junction boxes for the past several weeks. This component, demonstrating the high level of proficiency that students must reach over the two years of study, is a hallmark of the CRA program. Tonight, both girls and boys basketball will celebrate senior night. Congratulations to our players and families! Have a great Winter Break!

Noticing the Good

On Thursday, we hosted the first ever Mt. Pleasant CSD Hearts for Heroes event. The initiative gave students across all grade levels the opportunity to create personalized Valentine's Day messages for local heroes including police officers, firefighters, emergency medical workers, healthcare professionals, and veterans.

The day began at Hawthorne where heroes gathered in the cafeteria for meaningful interactions with students, engaging in conversations and answering questions. The next stop was Columbus where the heroes were treated to a whole-building walk-through, with students lining the hallways and cheering as the heroes passed by. The final stop was WHS, where members of the Student Council and Service Club and representatives from WMS presented their handcrafted cards to the heroes. Thank you Craig Scatola and Luke Oliveri for organizing and to all who participated!

The Week Ahead

2/17 - Presidents Day

2/17-2/21 - NO SCHOOL,
WINTER RECESS

2/26 - Board of Education Meeting
7:30 pm



In Awe of the Paw - Wildcat Athletes!

It was a huge week for Westlake athletes!

Senior ice hockey star Kat Lonergan and the Northern Avalanche won the Section 1 Championships. Cheer took 7th place at Nationals which was held in Disney!

Wrestling phenoms Marcarlo and Vincenzo Mannello took home Section 1 titles in their respective weight classes and Vincenzo was named "Champion of Champions" for the Section!

