

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

The last week of February was a busy one!

Jessica Kelly and Traci Azad's class mastered the February STEM Challenge: What can you build with a paper plate? Check out Amelia's beautiful castle. She followed each step to perfection including creating a Google slide show and writing a paragraph to describe what she created. The description had to include what materials she used, how she felt about what she made, and a reflection on the entire process. We are already looking forward to the March creations!

Sarah Mackin's Life Skills Class in conjunction with the Autism Speaks Club organized a coffee cart for teachers. Students take orders via email and then work with cafeteria staff to make classroom deliveries.

We are so proud of these collaborations!

Westlake Players are busy rehearsing lines and building sets for the Spring Musical "Les Miserables" which will be on March 29, 30, 31, April 4 and 5. We are excited for another memorable show! It's Championship Season and Westlake is in it: Wrestling phenoms Vincenzo and Marcarlo Mannello are in Albany today competing at States; Cheer will be at Sectionals in Mahopac tomorrow; Girls Basketball will be at the County Center for the Section 1 - Class A Semifinals against Ardsley tomorrow at 3:30 pm. Doors open at 2 and it's a BLACKOUT. Although the team lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Albertus on Tuesday night, there was one more accolade for the Varsity Boys Basketball team. Coach Chad Charney was named a Lower Hudson Basketball Coaches Association Conference Coach of the Year. Finally, ALL our Winter teams achieved Scholar Athlete status. Congratulations!

Noticing the Good

The first Monday back after winter recess marked a milestone at Hawthorne as students celebrated the 100th day of school!

Kindergartners wore handmade 100 hats, practiced counting skills with colorful, sweet treats and shared the posters they had made at home. First graders decorated shirts with exactly 100 objects. Second graders arrived dressed as centenarians, complete with canes and white-powdered hair and wrote "when I am 100" stories demonstrating both humor and imagination. Throughout the day, every classroom buzzed with "100" themed activities from fitness challenges to art projects. Math specialist Anna Nazaruk brought back the popular "100 Paws Wall" where classes took turns filling in all numbers from 1 to 100.

Even school guinea pig Maui joined the celebration. What a wonderful way to celebrate 100 days of growing and learning together!



The Week Ahead

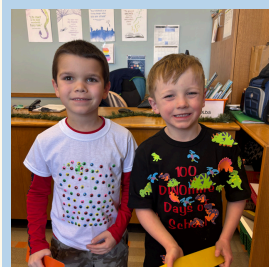
Kindergarten Registration by Appointment (every day)

3/3 - WHS PTA Meeting 7 pm, MTPEF Meeting 7 pm

3/4 - WAC Meeting 7:30 pm

3/5 - WMS PTA Meeting 7 pm

3/7 - WMS/WHS 3rd Quarter Midpoint



In Awe of the Paw - Thank you Bill Keogh!

Westlake Middle School counselor Bill Keogh crossed his career's finish line this week, surrounded by the community he devoted himself to for so many years. Students and faculty lined his walk of fame, their smiles and cheers a testament to the countless lives he touched with his wisdom, compassion, and unwavering support. As Mr. Keogh steps into retirement, he leaves behind not just a job well done, but a legacy of kindness that will continue to inspire the Westlake family for generations to come.

