

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

At the Board of Education meeting this week, we welcomed Richard Sharpe and Robert Roelle to the Mount Pleasant family. The assistant principal at WHS and director of technology are vital members of the leadership team, and I am grateful to all the staff and community members that worked closely with me on the hiring process.

Today marks the end of the second trimester at Hawthorne and Columbus. Students have been busy completing STEM projects that tied together concepts they have been working on for the past few months. At Columbus, third graders studied what makes the states unique including geography, weather, and which books or movies were set in them. They then created presentations to share with classmates. Kindergarteners learned about architects and explored many famous structures from around the world including the Pyramids, the Eiffel Tower, and The Great Wall. They then recreated these structures using building materials from the STEM room.

Today is World Down Syndrome Day, celebrated on the 21st day of the third month to symbolize the replication of the twenty-first chromosome. At Hawthorne students and staff wore mismatched socks to celebrate diversity and acceptance.

It is budget season, so the district office has been super busy, but we still managed to have some fun this week. We gathered for a St. Patrick's Day celebration complete with an Irish soda bread bake-off and I am pleased to share that Stefanie Flynn, our District Treasurer, and I tied in the blind taste test! Lots more to come on the budget next week. Please save the date for the annual vote: May 20th!

Noticing the Good

Last weekend, 20 WHS Science Research Students (the most in the history of our program!) participated in the Regeneron-Westchester Science and Engineering Fair (WESEF). This "Super Bowl" of regional science fairs hosts more than 750 students from over 40 Westchester and Putnam County high schools, showcasing their graduate-level science research projects in a competitive poster venue.

At the WESEF Awards Ceremony last night, Westlake bought home 12 awards including Junior Giana Marchese (first picture below) who won a Grand Prize (top 20 overall) for her project "Investigating the Effects of Berberine and a Nanoparticle Delivery System on Epstein-Barr Virus Replication and Infectivity: A Potential Therapeutic Approach." Next Giana will compete at the world's largest high school STEM competition, the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) against more than 1,700 regional science fair winners from over 60 countries in Columbus, Ohio in May. Congratulations Giana and all our winners and to Science Research Teacher Lawrence McIntyre!

The Week Ahead

3/24 - Modified Spring Sports Start, Varsity and JV Meet the Coaches night 6 PM

3/25 - Coffee & Conversation with Dr. G, 7 PM

3/27 - CES 4th Grade Celebration of Learning, 6:30 PM

3/28, 29 - WHS Spring Musical 8 PM

3/30 - Senior Citizen Luncheon 12 PM, WHS Spring Musical 1 PM

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Les Misérables

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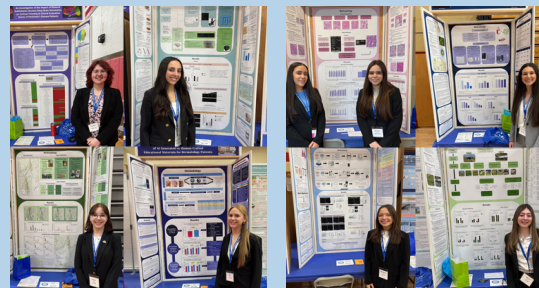
2025

FRI MARCH 28 8PM
SAT MARCH 29 8PM
SUN MARCH 30 1PM
FRI APRIL 4 8PM
SAT APRIL 5 8PM

TICKETS:
\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION
\$10 STUDENTS & SENIORS



WESTLAKEPLAYERS



In Awe of the Paw - Westlake Flag Football

The varsity and JV spring athletic season kicked off on Monday. Did you know that this year Westlake added our first ever girls flag football team? The sport is gaining popularity across Section One and this new team will give our female athletes looking to try a new sport the opportunity to do so. We loved seeing all our spring sports teams practicing this week. Next week the season for our modified athletes starts.

Here's to a great Spring 2025 Season, Wildcats!

