

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

This week, Westlake's Science National Honor Society hosted the 2025 induction ceremony featuring keynote speaker Azeem Azhar, a 2018 WHS graduate now in Pace University's Physician Assistant program, who encouraged inductees to "develop discipline, choose growth over comfort, and stay humble." Ten new members shared their future plans and favorite science facts, and recited the traditional pledge to represent academic goals, participate in community service, and encourage scientific knowledge. Senior members received their chords to be worn at graduation.

WMS and CES students earned the 2025 Physical Education Student Leadership Award for exemplary behavior, positive character traits, and leadership qualities. They will be honored at Arlington High School on May 3. Congratulations 5th graders: Gija, Leo, Olivia, Charlotte, Richie, and Michael and 8th graders: Nate, Ryan, Gavin, Vincenzo, Frank, Nicolas, Grace, Riley, Adamaris, Abigail, Julia, and Stella.

Career Research Academy held its annual Mock Job Interview Day where students presented resume, practiced interview skills, and received valuable feedback from Highway Superintendent Rich Benkwitt, CEO of Ward Carpenter Engineers/Surveying Steve Willard, Mount Pleasant Building Inspector Sal Pennelle and former Highway Superintendent and Thornwood Fire Commissioner Jim Maxwell. Thank you to these community members for sharing their time and feedback!

Last night, families and students packed the gym for Columbus' 4th Grade Celebration of Learning. Thank you to the teachers for helping us celebrate learning!

Noticing the Good

The entire Mount Pleasant CSD community is invited to be part of the creative journey at this year's Visual Arts Festival themed "Process." Opening on April 1st from 6:30-8 PM in the Westlake Library, the exhibition showcases stunning artwork from students in grades 2, 5, and 6-12. What makes this show truly special is its focus not just on finished pieces, but on the entire creative journey. Visitors will gain insight into the experimentation, problem-solving, and personal expression that transform blank canvases into meaningful art.

The festival celebrates the authentic connection between artist and audience by revealing the behind-the-scenes magic of creation. As exemplified by Lilliana Mirabella's captivating digital poster design, "Process," demonstrates how the journey of making art is just as significant as the final product. This exhibition offers a rare opportunity to witness the growth, exploration, and creative development that unfolds when young artists pursue their vision – making the Mt. Pleasant Visual Arts Festival a must-see event this spring. We will see you there!

The Week Ahead

3/28, 29 - WHS Spring Musical 8 PM

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

3/31 - BOE Special Meeting 6 PM

4/1 - Visual Arts Festival Opening Night,
Westlake Library 6:30 PM

4/2 - WMS PTA Mtg & MTPEF Mtg 7 PM

4/3 - HES and CES 11:15 Dismissal

4/4, 5 - WHS Spring Musical 8 PM

THE WESTLAKE PLAYERS PRESENT

Les Misérables

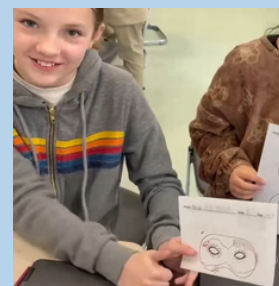


Tickets
still
available!



MT. PLEASANT PROCESS VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL 2025

GRADES 6-12/ INCLUDING 2ND AND 5TH GRADE
OPENING RECEPTION
APRIL 1, 2025 FROM 6:30-8 PM
WESTLAKE CAMPUS LIBRARY



In Awe of the Paw - Patriotic Essay Winner

Columbus 3rd grader Benjamin P.'s essay won the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1038 essay contest. Students were asked to write about "what does America the beautiful mean to me regarding veterans and our military." His essay has now been submitted for entry at the state level! Ben's teacher, Francesca Turturro helped facilitate the entry. She shared that the essay was not only very well written, but also touching because it included a story about Ben's grandfather.

Congratulations and good luck Ben!

