

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Congratulations to our 2025 WHS Math Honor Society Inductees: Isabella Celentano, Isabelle Chacko, Bridget Doherty, Adriana Escobedo, Alexandra Ferrari, Tina Jiang, Riya Joji, Danielle Michilli, Elizabeth Molina, Erlene Prasad, Elizabeth Singh, Pimmada Thueyoo, and Alison Tsoi. This week's ceremony welcomed 13 new members and also recognized our 11 graduating seniors.

In the spirit of March Madness, Carrie Mayer and Theresa Alberti's class completed their CES 2025 Book Bracket Challenge. Students selected their favorite books, narrowing 32 titles down to 16 through Google Forms voting. They then predicted winners for each round—Sweet 16, Elite 8, Final Four—ultimately choosing East and West Champions and a final Book Champion. "Just a Second" by Steve Jenkins from their nonfiction unit emerged victorious. Congratulations to student winners Haley Vivian, and Pino, as well as staff winner Kristin Finno.

Columbus celebrated Kindness Week with a variety of engaging activities, including creating a school-wide kindness chain made from student-written kindness strips and collaborative hallway posters designed by 4th and 5th graders. The Student Council also launched an ambitious 50-State Penpal Campaign, connecting students with peers across the country while learning about different communities. The week was further enhanced by a special assembly, coordinated by Connie Cotrone, featuring Chris Poulos performing bike stunts while promoting kindness. A successful Columbus Corner fundraiser that donated all profits to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Gia Gentile, honoring her legacy of kindness raise over \$900. Thank you to the Elementary PTA for supporting these efforts!

Noticing the Good

Our Second Annual K-12 Pops Concert lit up the Whearty Theater last night as 279 students performed under the direction of our seven talented music teachers. The evening featured vocal and instrumental segments, with each group performing two pieces before joining for collaborative finales. WHS' finest Brady Fitzgerald and Gabe McCabe were the Masters of Ceremonies!

The vocal performances began with Hawthorne Second Grade Singers' "Count on Me," followed by Columbus Troubadours' "Sunroof," WMS Meistersingers' "Big Yellow Taxi," and WHS Blenders' "I Won't Give Up." Instrumentally, Columbus Honor Band played "Happy," WMS Wind Ensemble performed a '60s Rock Mix, and WHS Wind Ensemble delivered "The Lion King Medley" with outstanding soloists.

The concert culminated in two special collaborations: all vocal groups performed Luther Vandross' "Everybody Rejoice," arranged by Mr. Appel with instrumental accompaniment from Mr. Alaniello and Mr. Hahn. For the grand finale, all instrumental musicians united for "Defying Gravity," sending families home humming this memorable tune. Bravo, Wildcats!



The Week Ahead

4/13 – 4/21 – SPRING RECESS, NO SCHOOL

4/22 – Senior Experience Begins, Modified Meet the Coaches 6 pm, WHS Aud. BOE Meeting 7:30 pm

4/24 – WHS Spring Concert 8 pm

4/25 – WMS Faculty Fundraiser



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ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SOLD

In Memory of

PETER BALIC

WESTLAKE • PLEASANTVILLE • BYRAM HILLS • RYE

GAMES AT 9:30AM AND 12:00PM | SATURDAY, APRIL 26

In Awe of the Paw – Assistant Principals Week

It's National Assistant Principals Week!

Please join us in expressing heartfelt appreciation for Erica Denman, Terri Outhouse, and Dan Brady who make meaningful connections with students and staff alike while ensuring everything runs smoothly and contributing invaluable to academic excellence and student success.

