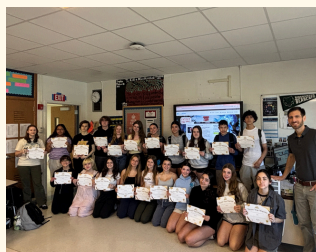


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

On Tuesday night, the Board of Education appointed Hawthorne's new principal, Anthony Carolini. He received a warm welcome including some Wildcat swag and photos with current Hawthorne Principal Anne Stern. Mr. Carolini officially starts with the district on July 2.

There is exciting news from Chris D'Ippolito's creative writing class! All 23 students who submitted their 100-word "Fright Club" stories to the Young Writers organization will be published in the "Fright Club - Gruesome Sagas" anthology. This remarkable achievement will enhance these young writers' college resumes while celebrating their creative talents.

It's time to celebrate our Spring Senior Athletes! First up was Flag Football! Congratulations to Jaiselle Medina (pictured here with her family and coach) and Layla Ackerman (who is injured and not playing at the moment but was still celebrated!) on being part of this inaugural season of Westlake's newest sport.

The 62nd volume of "The Pendulum," Westlake High School's yearbook, was officially submitted today! A huge thank you to the entire yearbook staff for their hard work, creativity, and dedication in capturing the memories and traditions of WHS. And special thanks goes out to yearbook advisor Lauren Morris for overseeing this monstrous task!

Finally, kudos to our talented WHS musicians and directors Emily Denler and Ulysses Torres on last night's fabulous Spring Concert. Many of our Wildcats will be performing at Music in the Park at Six Flags tomorrow. Please join us in wishing them luck and good weather!


Noticing the Good

Our Career Research Academy students received exclusive access to the NYC DEP Water Infrastructure Project site this week. This \$2.5 billion project will span 10 years, creating a 2-mile tunnel with 30-foot diameter reinforced concrete pipe that will carry and treat NYC's (and Mount Pleasant's!) drinking water to the UV Plant at the Grasslands Campus.

"What these students experienced is truly once-in-a-lifetime," said Nick DiPaolo, K-12 School Counseling Coordinator. "They witnessed firsthand how skilled trades come together on one of the largest infrastructure projects on the East Coast. These are the real-world connections that inspire career paths and show our students the incredible opportunities available in construction, engineering, and environmental science."

The project will dig 350 feet deep using a \$40 million Tunnel Boring Machine manufactured through collaboration between the USA, Canada, and Japan. Students had an insider's glimpse into the coordination between skilled trade workers from all the involved industries working together to make this massive project successful. Special thanks to the NYC DEP for giving our students this rare access to a normally restricted site!

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The Week Ahead

4/29 - NYS ELA Exam 6-8, HES 2nd Grade Celebration of Learning 6:30 pm

4/30 - NYS ELA Exam 6-8

5/1 - NYS 5th Grade Science Exam, HES 1st Grade Celebration of Learning 6:30 pm

5/2 - HES Kindergarten Vocal Performances (see email from HES for times)

In Awe of the Paw - Hawthorne Entrepreneurs

Young botanists in Jill Pirrotta's class have mastered plant propagation while developing entrepreneurial skills, growing spider plants they'll sell to benefit Autism Speaks and the Global Down Syndrome Foundation.

Through this hands-on project, students have applied real-world math skills like pricing and making change, transforming classroom learning into a meaningful business venture that supports charitable causes.

