

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

End-of-year festivities are in full swing! Monday, June 9 kicked off with Kindness Day honoring what would have been Gia Gentile's 15th birthday. WMS and WHS students embraced the #LiveLikeGia challenge, wearing purple and spreading kindness throughout the day while placing kindness rocks in our new front garden. The same day featured the cherished Senior Walk tradition, with the Class of 2025 donning caps and gowns to retrace their steps through the district. Elementary students created welcoming signs as seniors bid farewell to beloved teachers and administrators. Monday concluded with the Senior Awards Ceremony, where over \$70,000 in scholarships and awards were presented by local community organizations, colleges, universities, alumni, and staff groups. This ceremony held special significance as Principal Schenker's last!

Tuesday brought the annual Varsity Awards Night, celebrating individual achievements including All-League, All-Section, All-State, and All-American recipients, alongside scholar-athletes, coach award winners, and program MVPs. Students and staff also surprised Principal Schenker with a heartfelt send-off celebration – be sure to check our social media for student-made signs and event videos. Throughout the week, Senior Experience presentations showcased our graduates' capstone projects, representing an important Mount Pleasant rite of passage. Dr. G was pleased to attend his intern, Maura Spruck's in the auditorium!

Yesterday, the prom provided the perfect finale, with the entire Class of 2025 celebrating together in style. Visit our social media for pre-prom photos and special dancing moments captured by Mr. Schenker. Thanks for another great week, Wildcats!

Noticing the Good

For 25 years, the Mount Pleasant schools' duckling program has captivated students as they learn about the complete lifecycle — from rotating eggs in incubators to watching the magical hatching process unfold. Students take turns bringing the ducklings home overnight to ensure they stay warm and fed around the clock, fostering responsibility and care.

What began at one school has now expanded to include Hawthorne, Columbus, and WMS, bringing this hands-on learning experience to more students throughout the district.

This meaningful project is done in collaboration with local farmers, creating authentic community connections. The program has also established a beloved tradition where one of the ducklings visits Dr. G in his office, and this year continued that special custom. We're proud to say that our ducks are just about ready to be going to their new homes after being well cared for by our students.



The Week Ahead

6/16 - Westlake Day

6/17 - WHS Regents; WMS 11:15 Dismissal

6/18 - WHS Regents; WMS 11:15 Dismissal

6/19 - Juneteenth, SCHOOLS CLOSED

6/20 - WHS Regents; HES/CES Field Day; WMS 11:15 Dismissal

WMS VARSITY FOOTBALL HEAD COACH JOHN CASTELLANO AND THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL MINI CAMP

MONDAY & TUESDAY
JULY 28TH - JULY 29TH
5:30 - 7 PM @ WHS
*RAIN DATE: JULY 30TH

\$50 / PLAYER
OPEN TO MT PLEASANT STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 3-6

FOLLOW THE QR CODE ABOVE TO REGISTER. PLEASE BE SURE TO PRINT AND SIGN THE WAIVER & BRING IT WITH YOU ON THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP. PLAYERS MUST BRING A MOUTH GUARD AND CLEATS.

<https://2025-boys-football-mini-camp.cheddarup.com>

<https://2025-girls-flag-football-mini-camp.cheddarup.com>

BACK TO BASICS
WMS VARSITY FOOTBALL HEAD COACH JOHN CASTELLANO AND THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

FOOTBALL CAMP
BLOCKING | TACKLING | BALL HANDLING
QUARTERBACK, RECEIVER & RUNNING BACK SKILLS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
JULY 28TH - AUGUST 1ST
5:30 - 7 PM @ WHS

THIS ANNUAL CAMP PREPARES THE MPW AGE GROUP FOR THEIR UPCOMING SEASON, WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS ADVANCED OR A NEW PLAYER. THIS CAMP WILL IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY WILL BE LEAD BY THE WHS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM AND WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY WILL BE RUN BY THE MPW COACHES.

5 DAY CAMP
\$100 / PLAYER
OPEN TO MT PLEASANT STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 3-6

FOLLOW THE QR CODE ABOVE TO REGISTER. PLEASE BE SURE TO PRINT AND SIGN THE WAIVER & BRING IT WITH YOU ON THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP. PLAYERS MUST BRING A MOUTH GUARD WITH A HELMET STRAP, CLEATS AND CUP. THEY WILL RECEIVE HELMETS AND PADS PRIOR TO THE CLINIC.

In Awe of the Paw - Celebrating Retirees

At the BOE Meeting on Wednesday we recognized 14 Wildcats who have made a lasting impact on our school community.

Combined they represent 327 years of service to Mt. Pleasant!

Congratulations Ken Amann, Nellie Coffinas, Mike Cunzio, Theresa DiLeo, John DiNapoli, Blair Hoffman, Linda Luzon, Keith Schenker, Anne Stern, Michele Caterino, Dung Huynh, Bill Keogh, Chris Moreno, and Adam Yaeger.

