

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

As we begin another exciting school year, I want to highlight the incredible efforts that have made this successful launch possible. The Board of Education recently completed their annual facilities walk-through and were impressed by the excellent condition of all four buildings, which are ready to welcome our students back. We're also excited about upcoming improvements at Hawthorne and Westlake High School that will begin within the next few months.

This year, we welcomed 37 new employees to the Wildcat family. All new hires participated in a comprehensive orientation coordinated by Dr. Peter Rufa, our Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. It included a Portrait of a Learner Scavenger Hunt, district introductions, a series of meetings, and ended with a bus tour to familiarize them with our schools and neighborhoods.

Thank you to all our teachers and staff who made the convocation so meaningful. We were glad to be able to coordinate photos of our kindergarten and third-grade teams, who have the unique privilege of welcoming students into their new buildings for the first time. Their dedication to creating warm, inviting environments sets the tone for these important transitions.

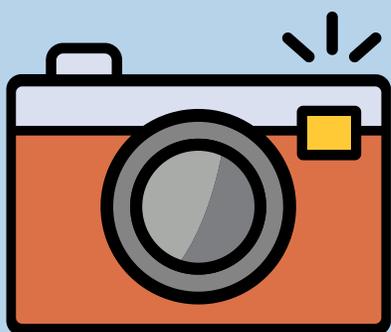
Finally, I want to acknowledge our district office, special education, and athletics staff who worked tirelessly throughout the summer preparing for the new school year. These teams celebrated their hard work and the start of school at a Happy New Year barbecue the Thursday before Labor Day — a wonderful way to come together as we embark on another successful year. I can not wait to see you on Tuesday, Wildcats!

Noticing the Good

Throughout the summer, and especially in recent weeks, many people have worked tirelessly to ensure a successful start to the school year. Our technology department has prepared classroom equipment and maintained our Chromebook inventory. The custodial and grounds teams have thoroughly cleaned every building and prepared indoor and outdoor athletic spaces for fall athletics. Our food service staff spent extra time this summer implementing the new free breakfast and lunch program for all students. Finally, student leaders at both the middle school and high school have been working to create a smooth transition for incoming students. We appreciate all of these dedicated Wildcats!

First Day Photos

Share your first day photos! Email them to mslippen@mtplcsd.org to be part of the first day collage!



The Week Ahead

- 9/1 - Labor Day Schools Closed
- 9/2 - Schools Open for Students, Kindergarten at 9 am
- 9/3 - WHS Meet the Coaches
- 9/4 - HES Back to School Night (see email from Mr. Carolini for details)
- 9/5 - Last Day To Order Spirit Day T-shirts, visit www.wildcatsspiritday.org



In Awe of the Paw - Football Preview

Seniors Nick DiNapoli and Anthony Nigrelli were named to the Lohud high school football Section One watchlist.

They will now be considered for the Lohud Super 11 Team, a preseason list aimed at recognizing the top, returning players this fall in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland. Also in Lohud, coaches and players *both* predict that the Wildcats will be post-season contenders...we agree!

