

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

It was an exciting week across the Mount Pleasant schools! Last weekend, our High School Autism Speaks Club made a difference by volunteering at the Autism Speaks Walk in White Plains. Students helped with setup, manned tables, and assisted with cleanup — earning thanks from event organizers for their dedication and school spirit.

Our fifth graders explored authors' craft and purpose, learning how word choice, voice, and hyperbole make stories unique, and reflecting on why authors write and the messages they convey. In art class, third graders created vibrant sunflower pastels, experimenting with warm and cool colors, layering over white to add depth and dimension.

We celebrated Board of Education Appreciation at Wednesday night's meeting. Students from across the district prepared gifts and performances to honor our dedicated board members. The evening included a performance by the Blendors, accompanied by WHS chorus teacher Emily Denler and special thank you gifts coordinated by Hawthorne's Melissa Mancini and Christin Aboulenein, Columbus's Jaclyn Gabriele, Wendy Guagenti, Christine Galbo, and Maureen Valvano, and WHS FACS teacher Hailee Steinberg.

We also formally recognized our National Merit Commended students Isabelle Chacko, Tycho Force, and Nareh Hovsepyan.

We love Halloween in Westlake, and today kicked off the fun with the Pumpkin Patch at HES. Tonight, there's Trunk or Treat, and tomorrow, the Haunting at WMS. Looking forward to the creative costumes on display across the district next week!

Noticing the Good

Homecoming 2025 was definitely another unforgettable night in Wildcat Country! Seniors were celebrated, teams were fired up, and the stands were packed with purple. By halftime, the Wildcats were up 20-12, and the annual Running of the Field brought out our Mount Pleasant youth athletes for one of the night's favorite traditions. A spectacular fireworks display, courtesy of the Westlake Athletic Club, lit up the sky before the Wildcats came roaring back to finish strong. Final score: Westlake 44 – HenHud 18.

Visit our social media for pics and videos.



The Week Ahead

10/18 - WMS Trunk or Treat 4 pm

10/19 - The Haunting at WMS 5:30 pm

10/27 - AMP Meeting
SEE FLYER

10/31 - HES Halloween Parade

Looking ahead...Friday, November 7 -
10 Annual Take a Vet to School Day!




AMP
ARTS IN MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOLS
GRADES K-12

WE ARE TOTALLY AMPED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT ARTS IN MOUNT PLEASANT BOOSTER CLUB!

A meeting will be held on Monday Oct 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Cafeteria, Westlake High School.

If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, we'd love to see you there!

Please feel free to reach out to us at AMPWildcats@gmail.com.

LET'S GET AMPED!

Please visit our website @ <https://ampwildcats.org>

In Awe of the Paw – AP Capstone Scholars

Eight Westlake students have earned the prestigious AP Capstone Diploma, recognizing excellence in AP Seminar, AP Research, and four additional AP courses. Congratulations to seniors Alayna Avezzano and Keira Borello (pictured with Dr. Michael Laterza and WHP AP Richard Sharpe) and to 2025 graduates Alexa DiSalvo, Adriana Escobedo, Tina Jiang, Iris Kang, Ashley Peña, and Christa Pomilla on this outstanding achievement.

“Our AP Capstone Diploma recipients exemplify the very best of intellectual curiosity and scholarship, tackling real-world issues with creativity, rigor, and purpose,” said Dr. Michael Laterza, AP Capstone Advisor. “Their passion for inquiry elevates our entire school community.”

