

# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note from Dr. G

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### Superintendent's Corner

October has been filled with creativity, collaboration, and hands-on learning across the district! At WHS, students in Ms. Pizzolla's pre-calculus class embraced the Portrait of a Learner focus on Collaboration. Working in small groups, they matched piecewise function graphs to equations and characteristics — discussing strategies, testing ideas, and learning from one another. Assistant Principal Richard Sharpe shared how students strengthened their reasoning skills through teamwork. Sarah Mackin's life skills class also brought Halloween spirit to WHS with a festive pumpkin fundraiser, inviting students and staff to paint pumpkins and purchase handmade cards — a fun and creative way to get ready for the big day!

At Hawthorne, Ms. Pirrotta's class explored pumpkins from the inside out — designing a class pumpkin, describing its parts, and counting seeds as part of a math activity. Nearly 200 Hawthorne students also joined the annual Pumpkin Book Character Challenge, turning pumpkins into beloved storybook characters. Thank you to art teacher Melissa Mancini for helping make this joyful literacy tradition possible!

At WMS, Ms. Zeitchick's Communication Lab students used executive functioning skills to plan and host a Halloween celebration, managing every detail with enthusiasm. Peer Leaders, guided by Ms. Zeitchick, Ms. Ianone, and Ms. Rotanelli, raised \$185 for the Gia Scholarship Fund through the sale of handmade lanyards — demonstrating teamwork, creativity, and compassion. Across the district, Wildcats continue to learn by doing — showcasing collaboration, leadership, and pride!

### Noticing the Good

Halloween in Mount Pleasant is a huge celebration across all our schools — for students and staff alike! Enjoy these festive photos from UPK through WHS, and be sure to visit our social media pages for more fun Halloween pictures and videos.



### The Week Ahead

11/3 - WMS/WHS 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends, WHS Underclass Retakes, WHS PTA Mtg 7 pm, MTPEF Mtg 7 pm

11/4 - ELECTION DAY, Fall Institute Half Day for Students, Elem PTA Mtg 7 pm, WAC Mtg 7 pm

11/5 - WMS PTA Mtg 7 pm

11/7 - WMS/WHS 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards, CES Bring a Vet to School Day

**TURKEY TROT**  
Sunday, November 16  
Westlake High School  
(Rain or Shine)

9:30am General Registration  
10am 5k Run or Walk  
11:15am 100m Dash (UPK4)  
11:25am 1/2 Mile Run (K - 2nd Grade)  
11:40am 1 Mile Run (3rd - 5th Grade)  
10 - 12pm Outdoor Kids Fun and Fitness Activities (UPK4 - 5th Grade)

Fun Run Only \$25  
Individual Trotter \$35  
Family \$80 (Parents/Legal Guardians & Their Children under 18)  
\*Register by 10/29 to guarantee a shirt.

Pre-Race T-Shirt Pick Up is on 11/15 at WHS from 9-11am

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### In Awe of the Paw - Excellence in Italian

Congrats to Westlake High School student Julia Menichino! Julia was recognized by the Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations (WCIAO) for her excellence in the Italian language at a ceremony held at Eastchester High School. She received a certificate and a scholarship check from Ace Endico. Julia was accompanied by her Italian teacher, Ms. Francesca Bellomusto, who nominated her for this honor. What a wonderful achievement — bravissima, Julia!

