

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

The Westlake Athletic Department has been awarded the 2025 Section 1 Community Service Award for its outstanding work on Spirit Day — the first time the honor has gone to an entire department! Special thanks to Lori Ferrera for organizing this inspiring event each year.

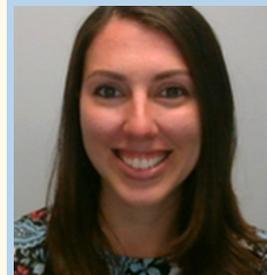
Congratulations to our nine Area All-State participants - Lucas, Ashley, Tycho, Brady, Jeff, Connor, Giuliana, Susanna, and Regina - on their success at the NYSSMA concert. Students were accepted into these honor choirs based on their NYSSMA scores from the spring and had the opportunity to perform with some of the best musicians in Westchester.

Students, staff, and community members gathered to honor our nation's heroes during the district's 10th annual "Take a Vet to School Day." Coordinated by CES teacher Christine Galbo and the CES Student Council, the event welcomed dozens of veterans — many of them family members of our students — for a morning of gratitude and learning. The day began with breakfast in the cafeteria, followed by classroom visits where veterans shared stories, answered questions, and reflected on their service. The program concluded with a school-wide assembly featuring performances by the band and chorus, a flag salute by the Boy Scouts, and a Penny Wars donation of more than \$2,000. This year's funds will support ninth grader Mikaela Gerring's Girl Scout Gold Award project — the construction of a veterans memorial at CES. Operation Recognition, which awards high school diplomas to veterans who left school to serve, honored Pietro DiPaolo this year. Once again, "The White Table" served as a solemn tribute to those missing or fallen in service.

Each year, this event offers a meaningful reminder of the importance of honoring our veterans.

Noticing the Good

This was National School Psychology Week! It is a week to highlight the critical work our school psychologists do to help all students thrive. School psychologists work to ensure that mental health support is accessible within the school setting. They also work to address mental health concerns before they arise. Please join us in recognizing and thanking our school psychologists, Jillian Garcia, Kristina Schepperly, Missy Westfall, Ilana Cohen, Maureen Sullivan, Gilian Goldman, and Danielle Guerrero, for their commitment to and support of our students every day!



THE WESTLAKE PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Adapted for the stage by James W. Rodgers. Based on the film by Frank Capra. It's a Wonderful Life is based on the story The Greatest Gift by Philip Van Doren Stern.

FRI NOV 21 @ 8 PM | SAT NOV 22 @ 8 PM
SUN NOV 23 @ 1 PM

SUN NOV 23 @ 12pm
FREE LUNCHEON FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
with Purchase of Ticket

TICKETS:
\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION
\$10 STUDENTS & SENIORS

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The Week Ahead

11/10 - Early Dismissal Emergency Drills

- Westlake: 2 PM
- CES: 2:40 PM
- HES: 2:45 PM

11/11 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL

11/12 - WMS Picture Re-Takes, BOE Work Session 7:30 PM

11/13 - WMS 2 Hr Delay (Parent Conferences), HES/CES 11:15 AM Dismissal (Conferences)

11/14 - BLUE OUT!, Turkey Bingo

In Awe of the Paw – Con Ed Scholar Athlete!

Senior Captain Nick DiNapoli is this week's Con Edison Athlete of the Week!

He rushed for 225 yards and 4 touchdowns in just three quarters to lead Westlake to a 34–14 quarterfinal win over Byram Hills. Following a Week 1 loss, Nick selflessly moved from running back to quarterback — sparking 7 straight wins and helping outscore opponents 268–106. With over 1,300 rushing yards, 23 touchdowns, and a 93 average in full AP coursework, Nick exemplifies what it means to be a true Wildcat — a standout athlete, scholar, and leader who inspires teammates on the field and in the community.

