



THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Our football team's outstanding season wrapped up in the Section One Class B Championship against a strong Sleepy Hollow squad. As winter sports begin, I'll soon share a full fall recap, but I'm proud to report that all of our teams earned scholar-athlete status. Our Wildcats continue to shine on and off the field. At this week's Board of Education meeting, we proudly celebrated our Wildcats to Watch — Aidan McNamara, Ella Quin, Francesca Sama, and Chloe McKeon — for exemplifying leadership, character, and the core qualities of the Mount Pleasant Portrait of a Learner.

This week, Project Adventure classes created their Full Value Contracts. Students selected a group symbol and identified "in" concepts like motivation, teamwork, trust, and community, and "out" concepts such as cheating, bullying, and lack of effort.

The Wags to Whiskers Club at WMS created posters featuring animals available for adoption through the Westchester SPCA. Students wrote brief descriptions of each pet's personality to support responsible adoption and help these animals find loving homes.

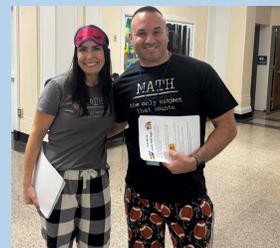
Thanksgiving is next week, and seasonal activities are happening across the district! Hawthorne students completed their annual Holiday Food Drive, assembling nut-free snack packs and cheerful cards for Feeding Westchester. With contributions from every grade, students worked together to support local families ahead of Thanksgiving. Today, our third graders held their annual Thanksgiving Feast, one of Westlake's most cherished traditions. I enjoyed serving meals with Principal Kevin Hanlon and his team, and more celebrations are planned next week.

I'll be at Westlake Players' It's A Wonderful Life opening night and hope to see many of you!

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Our Family Math Night brought parents and children together for an evening of fun, hands-on learning! Families explored a variety of engaging math games — some familiar from the Hawthorne math program and others brand-new challenges to try.

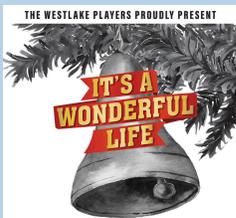
Stations included tips for success, encouraging families to skip activities that felt too tough, seek out challenge signs for extra fun, and reset each station for the next group. Teachers were available throughout the event to answer questions and support families as they played and learned together. A huge thank-you to everyone who joined us for Pajama Family Night, to principal Anthony Carolini for his support, and to our district math specialist, Anna Nazaruk, for her hard work and thoughtful coordination of this beloved annual event.



Break a Leg Wildcats!

The Week Ahead

- 11/21 - WHS Drama 8 PM
- 11/22 - WHS Drama 8 PM
- 11/23 - WHS Drama 1 PM, Senior Citizen Luncheon 12 PM
- 11/26 - Half Day
- 11/27 - Thanksgiving
- 11/28 - Schools Closed



In Awe of the Paw - 25 years!

At Thursday's Board of Education meeting, we honored a remarkable group of staff members celebrating 25 years of service in the Mount Pleasant School District. Congratulations to Robert Bendlin, Virginia Campbell, Alysia Catucci, Stacey Hametz, Deborah Kurlander, Erminia Lizaraburu, Allison Treacy, Anthony Cupani, Denise Danzis, and Jennifer Baltich on this incredible milestone. Thank you for your many years of exceptional service!

