

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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NATIONAL GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

Superintendent's Corner

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Newsies, Jr. on four sold-out performances last weekend. Special thanks to Toni and Mike Williams and the entire production team for supporting students at every step of the process and for providing meaningful opportunities for them to participate in live theater.

At Hawthorne, students enjoyed hands-on learning tied to seasonal traditions. Maui the guinea pig took center stage during a Groundhog Day celebration in Jill-Marie Pirrotta's class, where students explored shadows and participated in themed math and literacy activities. On World Read Aloud Day, Dr. G, read *One* by Kathryn Otoshi to Carrie Mayer and Theresa Alberti's 4th graders, sparking thoughtful conversations about empathy, inclusion, and being an upstander.

Honor Society induction season is underway at Westlake High School. This week, 13 students were inducted into both La Società Onoraria Italica, which recognizes academic excellence in Italian and a commitment to cultural understanding, and the National English Honor Society, which celebrates scholarship, leadership, and a passion for language. Thank you to advisors Francesca Bellomusto and Chris D'Ippolito, along with the executive boards, for hosting meaningful ceremonies.

Finally, we proudly recognized more than 150 female student-athletes on National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Their strength, talent, and determination continue to fill us with #wildcatpride in every season.

Noticing the Good

The 4th band recital at Columbus was a joyful celebration of student growth and musicianship. Nearly 150 students performed for a standing-room-only audience, showcasing their instruments through section features and full-band selections, including an interactive finale. A special thank you to CES Band Director Austin Alianiello for his dedication to preparing students for a successful performance. As has become tradition, the program featured student artwork, with cover art by Adam A. and back design by Daphne M. Visit our social media channels for additional photos and a video from the performance.

On Friday morning, Hawthorne first graders delighted families with a winter and Valentine's Day-themed concert. Dressed in festive red and pink, students performed a variety of seasonal songs, including the Hawthorne School Song, written and arranged by music teacher John Hahn. Several students also took on speaking roles, confidently announcing selections and demonstrating their growing performance skills. More photos and video highlights can be found on our social media platforms.



NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK
School Counselors Amplify Student Success

Thank You, SCHOOL COUNSELORS

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Thank you Connie Cotrone, Tania Greco, Carmella Liscio, Tim O'Dwyer, Colette Magnan, Lauren Cody, and Nick DiPaolo!

The Week Ahead

2/10 - Elem PTA Meeting 7 PM

2/11 - BOE Work Session 7:30 PM

2/12 - **Hearts for Heroes**, WHS Class of 2028 Scheduling Begins, CES 5th Grade Celebration of Learning 6 PM, WHS Talent Show 7 PM



In Awe of the Paw – Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Westlake High School is proud to announce the Class of 2026 Valedictorian, Christina Rodrigues, and Salutatorian, Isabelle Chacko. These exceptional students exemplify academic excellence, dedication, and commitment to learning. We look forward to celebrating this milestone and sharing more about Christina and Isabelle in the weeks ahead.

