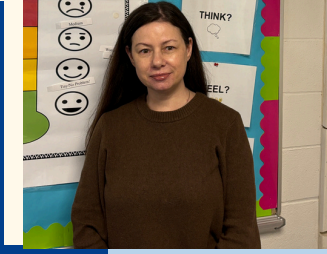


# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note from Dr. G

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### Superintendent's Corner

Congratulations to our Boys Basketball team on competing in the Section 1 Final Four at the Westchester County Center — a tremendous accomplishment and a testament to their hard work all season long. Also at the County Center last weekend, our Girls Basketball team was honored with the Section 1 Team Sportsmanship Award, recognizing the character, integrity, and class they displayed throughout the season. We are incredibly proud of the way they represent Westlake.

Columbus continued the Read Across America celebration on Tuesday as students brought their independent reading books and found cozy spots throughout the building to read together. Aligned with this month's Portrait of a Learner trait, Communicator, the moment sent a clear message throughout our halls that reading is a priority at Columbus. In preparation for Kindness Week, which we will celebrate across the district next week, our Kindergarteners used model magic and paint to create beautiful designs, encouraging each other to "be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

It is School Social Work Appreciation Week! Please join us in recognizing Kelly Iodice for her dedication to supporting our students. Her work with the Westlake Community ensures our students receive the care, guidance, and support they need to thrive. Looking ahead, the Westlake Players and the art department are busy preparing for two spring favorites - the WHS Musical and the district-wide art show, and new this year, Career Week is March 16-20! Stay tuned next week for lots of updates on all three!

### Noticing the Good

Today, our 4th graders stepped back in time at their annual Colonial Day, an immersive learning experience that brought their Colonial America social studies unit to life.

Throughout the day, students rotated through hands-on stations led by teachers and volunteers, experiencing the daily life, skills, and traditions of the colonial era. Activities included candle-making, tinsmithing, colonial dance, music, toys and games, stenciling, cooking, textiles, and learning about the Dame School, giving students a deeper understanding of how people lived and worked during this period of American history.

Dressed in simple colonial attire, students - and teachers - fully embraced the experience as they explored these historical crafts and traditions. The event combined creativity, collaboration, and historical inquiry, transforming the school day into a living history lesson.

Colonial Day continues to be a favorite tradition at Columbus, helping students connect classroom learning with meaningful, memorable experiences.

**7th Annual Multicultural Celebration**  
 Celebrating our schools' cultural diversity  
**Saturday, March 14, 2026, 1-3 PM**  
 Columbus Elementary School

Featuring:  
 Cultural displays  
 Food samples  
 Raffles  
 Fashion Show  
 Dancing  
 Music

Interested in sharing your culture?  
 Register Here!  
<https://www.mountpleasantnysps.org/packet/22496>

Take your kids for a visit around the world! Students can stamp their passports and enter for a prize!  
 \*Only MTPCSD students qualify to win raffle tickets.

Create a Cultural booth with your kids  
 Share your heritage and learn about the cultural diversity in our community!

Questions? [multicultural.mtplcsd@gmail.com](mailto:multicultural.mtplcsd@gmail.com)  
 Display fee-fall boards available upon request  
 Hosted by MTPCSD Elementary PTA Multicultural Committee

### The Week Ahead

3/9 - Class of 2030 Scheduling Begins

3/10 - Elem PTA Meeting 7 pm

3/11 - BOE Work Session (Budget Overview/Instructional Budget) 7:30 pm

3/12 - Social Studies Honor Society Induction

3/13 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Performance at CES

3/13, 14 - WHS Musical 8 pm

3/15 - Senior Citizen Luncheon 12 pm, WHS Musical 1 pm



### In Awe of the Paw – Westlake's First Ever State Champion!

Marcarlo Mannello is the 2026 NYSPHSAA Division I State Champion. An 8th grader, he is the youngest wrestler in history to earn the title and the first ever in Westlake! He finished the season with a perfect 40–0 record, and he did not surrender a single takedown, back point, or reversal, and 37 of his 40 victories came with bonus points.

