

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Across the district, from our littlest Wildcats to some of WHS's most impressive academic achievers, this week's events highlighted student achievement, creativity, and community connection. Please visit our social media for many more pictures of everything!

At WHS, students were inducted into both the Science National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. The Science ceremony featured keynote speaker and Westlake alumnus Peter Psaltakis, who encouraged students to embrace curiosity, persistence, and confidence in their place within the scientific community. Congratulations to Science National Honor Society inductees: Marlena Balic, Jake Moschetta, Nathaniel Nolan, Yash Parikh, Isabella Pastilha, Logan Piñeiro, Gabriella Segarra, Jonathan Thomas, Bethany Tsoi, Milla Uzovich, and Oliver Wu.

The Tri-M Music Honor Society induction celebrated students' dedication to musicianship, scholarship, and service. Congratulations to inductees: Maya Abbatantuono, William Borello, Jason Chiera, Daniel Dec, Lucas Finkel, Brady Fitzgerald, Tycho Force, Duncan Force, Connor Higham, Liliana Marricco, Joshua Masiello, Ashley McKiernan, Michael McKiernan, Justin Miceli, Aanya Mishra, Isabella Munnick, Ryan Newell, Susanna Palumbo, Cecilia Park, Regina Sica, Jeffrey Sliss, Connor Smith, Ella Vulaj, and Oliver Wu.

At Hawthorne Elementary, families were welcomed into classrooms for Celebration of Learning events. First graders hosted a creative "Book Tasting," while kindergarten and second grade families visited classrooms to view student work and meet with teachers. Events also included video slideshows, math games, and scavenger hunts.

These moments reflect the strength of our school community — where academic excellence, the arts, and meaningful family engagement come together to support our students.

Noticing the Good

Following last week's overview of Westlake's success at the 2026 Regeneron Westchester Science & Engineering Fair (WESEF), we are pleased to share additional details on our student award winners. This year's competition included a record 827 students from 43 schools across Westchester and Putnam.

Westlake students earned these recognitions:

- Logan Piñeiro – 1st place in Neuroscience
- Tycho Force – 2nd place in Animal Sciences and ISEF Finalist
- Nareh Hovsepyan – 2nd in Computer Science
- Nathaniel Nolan – 4th in Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Christina Rodrigues – 4th in Neuroscience
- Keira Borello – Environmental Perspiration Award
- Gabe Pardo – Teatown Young Environmentalist Award
- Yash Parikh – Society for In Vitro Biology Award
- Elizabeth Singh – Innovations in Biological Sciences Research Award
- Oliver Wu – Rising Scholars Award

The Westlake Science Research Program also earned the Best WESEF Forms and Paperwork Award. Congratulations again to all!

Visual Arts Festival Opening Night



The Week Ahead

Monday, March 30 -

Monday, April 6:

Schools Closed for Spring Recess



In Awe of the Paw - BOCES Honors

Two of our students were among just 18 medalists at the SkillsUSA Area IV Regional Competition and will advance to the state competition in Syracuse in April. Junior CRA student Peter Miele medaled in Electrical Construction, wiring a three-way GFCI outlet with precision. Senior Alyssa Zeolla medaled in Cosmetology. Congratulations to both students, and best of luck at states!

