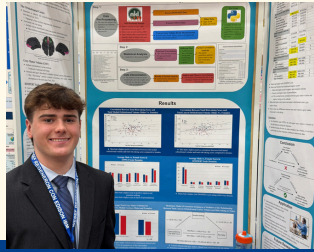


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Spring is in full swing across the district, and this week brought no shortage of moments worth celebrating.

I had the pleasure of accompanying Tycho Force to a reception at Regeneron this week, celebrating the Top 20 WESEF finalists headed to ISEF 2026 in Phoenix. Tycho participated in a poster session where he had the opportunity to share his innovative work. We cannot wait to cheer him on at the international level!

In other science research news, senior Andrew Szeszko has just been published in the peer-reviewed journal *NeuroReport*. It is a thrill to see our students contribute original research to the scientific community.

Our Life Skills Program students visited the Westchester County Diverse Abilities Job and Resource Fair at the County Center, where they met employers, explored internship opportunities, and participated in interviews.

At Hawthorne, students are getting ready for Earth Day through a month-long problem-based learning initiative. This week's activities included learning where their garbage goes, drawing earthworms in art, and making their own paper from pulp.

Congratulations to senior captain Maeve Walsh, who scored her 200th career lacrosse goal this week -- only the second Wildcat in history to reach that milestone. What an achievement, Maeve!

Noticing the Good

The WHS Spring Concert lit up the Whearty Theater last night, showcasing the remarkable talent of our high school music program under the direction of Emily Denler and Ulysses Torres, with accompaniment from Benjamin Appel.

The evening featured performances by the WHS Jazz Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Blendors, and Chorus. The Jazz Band set the tone with three swinging selections including "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" and "Groovin' Hard," featuring solos from JT Nichols, Matthew Montuschi, Keira Borello, Jason Kraus, and Brady Fitzgerald. The Wind Ensemble tackled a challenging and impressive program that included Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol* and Saint-Saens' *Danse Bacchanale*, with standout solos from Jason Kraus, Jason Chiera, Isabelle Chacko, Lyla Snyder, Serena Shim, and Ethan Rinaldi.

The Blendors and Chorus brought the evening to a beautiful close with a varied choral program, including solos from Ella Bram. Thank you to everyone behind the scenes who helped make the night a success. Bravo to all of our performers!



The Week Ahead

4/21 - NYS ELA Exam (3-5), WMS 6th Grade Spring Concert 7 PM, BOE Meeting (Budget Adoption, SWBOCES Vote) 7:30 PM

4/22 - NYS ELA Exam (3-5), Kindergarten Orientation, HES Gym (New Families 3:30 PM, UPK Families 6 PM)

4/23 - WMS 7th and 8th Grade Spring Concert 7 PM

4/24 - WMS Faculty Fundraiser 6:30 PM

Columbus Elementary's PE department was named WHUD's "Office of the Day," complete with a free lunch delivery! Principal Kevin Hanlon broke the news to a very excited staff, and yes, Mr. Mayer really does love his WHUD. Congratulations to the whole PE team!



In Awe of the Paw - Lohud Player of the Week

Congratulations to sophomore Juliana DiMarino, named Lohud Player of the Week after a remarkable stretch of play for Westlake's undefeated flag football team. Over three games against Irvington, Nyack, and Ardsley, Juliana rushed for 289 yards and five touchdowns, threw for 262 yards and seven more touchdowns, and added eight flag pulls and a pick-six on defense. We are so proud of Juliana and of this entire team.

