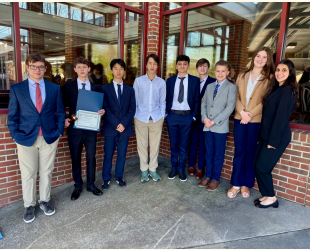


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

It was another exceptional week. Nine Westlake Model UN delegates attended HGSMUNC III, the program's 4th conference of the year. JT Nichols earned Best Delegate, and Oliver Wu received a Verbal Commendation. Congratulations to all the delegates! Sofia Poccia and Hailey Pena represented WHS at the 7th annual TEDx EF Academy event, delivering six-minute talks on Communication and Self-love alongside international peers. We look forward to seeing these presentations on TEDx YouTube. At WMS, the Wags & Whiskers Club welcomed a guest from Wagging Tails Dog Rescue and heard firsthand about rescue and fostering. It was a meaningful reminder that compassion and community involvement can begin at any age.

The Westlake Players brought home Gold across all ten of their ESAG nominations for their production of *It's a Wonderful Life*. This result reflects the extraordinary talent and dedication of our cast, crew, and directors. At HES, second graders performed their original Earth Day reader's theater script for kindergartners, capping a weeklong cross-grade celebration of environmental stewardship.

Finally, we were treated to two WMS concerts this week. Please visit our social media pages for photos, details, and highlights from all of these stories. Now, only our 5th Grade Concert on May 19 is left before the highly anticipated renovations to the Whearty Theatre begin at the start of Memorial Day recess.

What a week to be a Wildcat!

Noticing the Good

On Tuesday, we recognized this month's Wildcats to Watch for exemplifying kindness, leadership, perseverance, and our Portrait of a Learner qualities.

At HES, 1st grader Adelina Lighty was chosen for her empathy and natural instinct to support others. Whether offering encouraging words, writing cards for classmates, or staying inside at recess to keep an injured friend company, her kindness makes HES a better place. CES 5th grader Bianca Sprague was recognized for her perseverance, self-awareness, and leadership. Through determination and a "never give up" mindset, Bianca advocates for herself while guiding and reassuring those around her.

Her teachers call her an MVP! At WMS, 8th grader Kieran Fitzpatrick was honored for his commitment to service and community. As Student Council President and dedicated Peer Leader, Kieran brings enthusiasm, empathy, and integrity to everything he takes on, making him an exceptional role model.

At WHS, Ella Vanhulle was recognized for the quiet, genuine kindness she brings to every classroom. From welcoming new students to supporting peers through challenges, her empathy and warmth reflect our Portrait of a Learner every day.

Nominated by their principals and celebrated each month at the BOE meeting, Wildcats to Watch remind us of the incredible young people who make our schools such special places every day.



The Week Ahead

4/27 - NYS ELA Exam (6-8)

4/28 - NYS ELA Exam (6-8),
HES Literacy Night 6 PM

4/29 - NYS Grade 5 Science Exam

5/1 - HES Kindergarten Vocal
Performance 8:45 AM and 9:30 AM



In Awe of the Paw – ConEd Athlete!

GianMarco DelDuca is the Con Edison Athlete of the Week. A four-year varsity runner and three-sport captain, GianMarco recently swept first place in the 110m and 400m hurdles at the Wildcat Invitational, setting a new school record in the 400m hurdles and earning the second-fastest time in New York State this season. He holds seven Westlake school records, more than any individual athlete in school history, and has qualified for the 2026 Nike National Championships. Congratulations GianMarco!

