

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Last week, our 8th graders were in Washington, D.C., and by all accounts, it was an extraordinary trip. They toured the Capitol while both houses of Congress were in session, visited the Washington Monument, and the White House. They caught a glimpse of the Vice Presidential motorcade on Constitution Avenue and visited Arlington Cemetery and the Pentagon. The city was buzzing because of the King's visit. Columbus 3rd teacher Kristen Talusan celebrated May the 4th the way only she can, transforming her classroom into a galaxy far, far away with Star Wars-themed activities all day long. The highlight? Princess Leia and Darth Vader made a surprise appearance, with Principal Hanlon behind the Darth Vader mask. The Force is strong at Columbus. At Hawthorne, art teacher Melissa Mancini had every class create a handmade book for their teacher, complete with a personalized picture and a note from every student. It was a beautiful way to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. Our kindergarteners visited Muscoot Farm in Katonah for a day of hands-on learning, animal encounters, and a hayride through the fields. It was a perfect way to spend a spring day. Finally, we were pleased to welcome a Journal News journalist to campus this morning to learn about our Career Research Academy, where students are currently constructing a fully functional kitchen, complete with electrical systems and plumbing, under permit from the Mount Pleasant Town Building Inspector. We look forward to the coverage!

Noticing the Good

The 4th Annual National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony filled the Whearty Theater with pride as 71 first-year inductees joined returning second and third year members. Principal Munglioli reminded the honorees that NJHS membership is not simply received; it is earned. Advisor Mrs. Jatva described the newest members as tutors, volunteers, athletes, and contributors to the community, emphasizing that this night is not a finish line but rather a catalyst for their futures. During the candlelighting ceremony, the five pillars of NJHS — scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship — were honored not as mere boxes to check, but as essential values to embrace in life. Mr. Munglioli concluded the ceremony by encouraging each student to reflect on the one person who helped make this moment possible and to ensure that individual knows the impact they have had. Congratulations to all our new and returning members!

The WHS Principal's Advisory Council is hosting the first ever Multicultural Celebration on May 20. We look forward to this to becoming an annual event!



The Week Ahead

WHS AP Exams
Incoming Kindergarten Screenings
(Wed, Thurs, Fri, by appointment)

5/11 - WMS Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation 7 PM

5/12 - NYS Science Exam (8), Elem PTA Meeting 7 PM

5/13 - BOE Meeting 7:30 PM (Tenure Celebrations)



In Awe of the Paw - Lohud Player of the Week

Congratulations to Westlake junior Marlena Balic, who earned Lohud Player of the Week honors after receiving an overwhelming 67% of the overall votes cast! Thank you to everyone in our community who voted and showed up for Marlena. Over four games last week, she went 8-for-13 with five doubles, seven RBI, 10 stolen bases, six walks, and eight runs scored.

