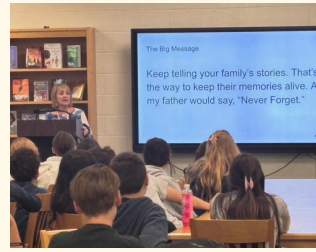


# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note from Dr. G

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### Superintendent's Corner

What a week to be a Wildcat. Senior Tycho Force represented our district at Regeneron ISEF 2026 in Phoenix, one of the world's most prestigious science competitions, alongside more than 1,700 young scientists from across the globe. We are proud of Tycho and grateful to Science Research Teacher Lawrence McIntyre for his guidance.

On the lacrosse field, senior Maeve Walsh made history this week, becoming Westlake Girls Lacrosse's all-time leading scorer, a fitting tribute to an outstanding athletic career.

Our 8th grade ELA students brought their study of *Night* by Elie Wiesel to life when two special guests shared personal family stories connected to the Holocaust. We are grateful to these families for their generosity and courage, and to teachers Carolyn Blanchard and Ashley Heis for creating such a meaningful experience.

In the art room, Photo Design 1 students completed an impressive analog photography journey, shooting on 35mm film, developing negatives, and producing darkroom prints by hand. Thank you, Lauren Morris, for helping these students master their dark room skills.

At the May Board of Education meeting, we celebrated our Wildcats to Watch: Kassidy at HES, Cat at CES, Ryan Balidemaj at WMS, and Chase Olshan at WHS, four students who exemplify the very best of our Portrait of a Learner. Read all about them on our social media.

And, the eggs have hatched at Hawthorne, Columbus, and WMS! Stay tuned for updates!

**Please make a plan to vote!**

**Polls are open from 7 AM to 9 PM on Tuesday, May 19!**

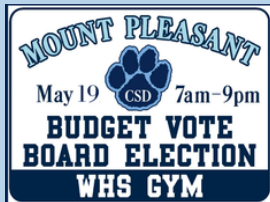
### Noticing the Good

On Wednesday night, the Westlake Library was filled with pride and celebration as 10 educators achieved tenure, surrounded by the family, friends, and colleagues who have cheered them on every step of the way. Each was introduced by their building administrators and welcomed by the Board of Education with unanimous support, a room full of people who believe in them and the work they do every day for our children.

Please join us in congratulating: Sarah Mackin, Sean Allen, Erika Rama, Lenore Rotanelli, Suzanne Salogub, Theresa Aliberti, Christina DeBellis, Elizabeth Morris, Wendolyn Raso, and Stephanie Georgiodakis. These ten educators walk into their classrooms every day and make our district better — for our students, for our families, and for each other. We are lucky to have them, and we cannot wait to see everything they will accomplish in the years ahead.

**Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat.**

## TUESDAY!



### Kid Vote!

HES and CES students, cast your vote from 3:30 pm to 8 pm outside the WHS Gym



Story Time with Dr. G for Incoming Kindergarten Families 5:30 pm in the Westlake Library



## The Week Ahead

*Incoming Kindergarten Screening by Appointment*

5/18 - WHS Underclassman Awards

5/19 - Annual Budget Vote, WHS Gym from 7 am to 9 pm; Story Time with Dr. G, 5:30 pm; Kid Vote, After School; CES 4 Grade Spring Concert at WHS (see email from CES)

5/21, 22, 25 - NO SCHOOL  
MEMORIAL DAY RECESS



## In Awe of the Paw - WMS Musicians!

Congratulations to our Meistersingers, 7th & 8th Grade Band, and soloist Veronica Valente on 1st place Superior ratings at Music in the Parks! And a special shoutout to the Westlake Winds for their beautiful performance of *Zeal* at Wednesday's Board of Education meeting.

