

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

The Whearty Theatre hosted two milestone events this week, each made a little more meaningful knowing they were among the last before construction begins. On Monday night, the theatre filled with proud families for Westlake's annual Underclassmen Awards Ceremony.

Principal Dan Brady reminded students that the evening was about something more than academic achievement — it was about the student who keeps showing up, asks for help, and perseveres. Awards were presented across academic subjects, guidance, and student council, and Book Awards from Harvard-Ratcliffe, RIT, Saint Michael's College, and WPI.

Congratulations to all!

Tuesday night brought the Columbus Fourth Grade Spring Concert, and the Whearty Theatre came alive with the sounds of our young musicians and chorus. A special highlight was the program cover art, designed by Lily Zemba and Aria Callan, chosen from among many beautiful student submissions. We also want to recognize WHS interns Brady Fitzgerald and Ashley McKiernan, whose support helped make the evening run beautifully.

WMS hosted author Veera Hiranandani spent an inspiring day with sixth graders, sharing her creative process and leading a writers' workshop centered on personal memory and storytelling. Thank you, Library Media Specialist Lenore Rotanelli, for coordinating! The ducks have arrived at Columbus! Mrs. Carmody's fifth graders welcomed a third grade class this week and taught them all about the duck life cycle, from egg to duckling.

And last night, Dr. G welcomed the WHS Class of 2039 for story time, reading *The Night Before Kindergarten* to our future Wildcats. Thanks to the generous Elementary PTA, every child went home with their own copy. We cannot wait to see them in September!

Noticing the Good

WHS's first-ever Multicultural Celebration was today. Throughout the afternoon, students and staff had the opportunity to experience the rich diversity of our school community through food, art, music, games, traditions, and cultural displays thoughtfully prepared by members of our school family. The energy in the building was infectious, and the celebration served as a powerful reminder that our differences are something to be embraced and that learning from one another makes us stronger.

Thank you to Principal Mr. Brady and Assistant Principal Mr. Sharpe for their leadership and dedication in bringing this event from concept to reality. Thank you as well to the Principal's Advisory students whose vision and commitment helped shape the day, to the committee of teachers who handled every logistical detail, and to our PTA for their generous and continued support.



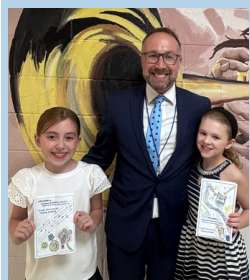
The Week Ahead

Incoming Kindergarten Screening by Appointment

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

5/27 - CES Jazz Ensemble 6:30 PM
CES Cafeteria

5/28 - CES 3rd Grade Celebration of Learning 6 PM



In Awe of the Paw - The Metros

Westlake's production of *Something Rotten!* turned heads at this year's Metro Awards nominations, earning 8 nods across all categories. The Metros celebrate outstanding high school musical theater the region each spring. Congratulations to the entire cast, crew, and director Emily Denler! We cannot wait to cheer them on at the June 15 ceremony!

