

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Now that the calendar has turned to June, every day brings another celebration, another milestone, another group of students and staff who have earned a moment in the spotlight. This week was no exception.

Westlake's theater club capped its year with its signature event: dinner and a show in NYC. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee gave Emily Denler her off-Broadway debut when she was pulled onstage to compete as an audience speller.

Columbus' Student Council wrapped up the year with a celebration for fifth grade officers before heading out for popsicles and playground time.

GianMarco DelDuca, Jozsef Varadi, and Nicholas DiNapoli were honored at the 75th Annual Con Edison Scholastic Sports Awards Program in New Rochelle, joining honorees from across the region after earning Athlete of the Week recognition during the season.

Seven Westlake seniors signed on to compete at the collegiate level: Kolby Moody (American University, Cheerleading), Luan Celaj (Bentley University, Football), Jillian Lyden (Pace University, Cheerleading), Marcus Jackette (Pace University, Basketball), Ava Lynch (Western Connecticut State, Soccer), Hailey McCloskey (Western Connecticut State, Lacrosse), and Ethan Orrego (Purchase College, Soccer).

The Columbus 5th Grade Spring Concert packed the gym for the Troubadours, Honor Band, and Fifth Grade Band. Head to our social media for more photos and videos. Thank you to Mr. A and Mr. E for a wonderful evening of music.

Noticing the Good

The 2026 Science Research Symposium brought together Westlake students, families, and science research peers from across Westchester for an evening of celebration at the Westlake Library. Keynote speaker Heather Konecny, a process development specialist at Regeneron and mentor to senior Isabelle Chacko, encouraged students to stay curious and open to unexpected paths.

Lawrence McIntyre, who calls the symposium his favorite night of the year, celebrated each class individually — praising the sophomores heading into competition this weekend, recognizing the juniors' growing dedication, and saving special words for the graduating seniors. "Science research students will save us all," he said. "Remember when things get tough that you have already overcome big challenges. Pay your mentors back by paying it forward."

The seniors continued the tradition of closing the evening by presenting Mr. McIntyre with a thank you gift. This year, it was a photo collage and handmade tiles for the program's new space.

Headed to States!

After defeating Rhinebeck 26-20 in the Regional Final, Flag Football is headed to Cortland tonight to face Shoreham-Wading River in the Class C Semifinals. Kickoff is TOMORROW at 11:30 AM. Let's go, Wildcats!



The Week Ahead

6/8 - Senior Walk, Senior Experience Presentations, Senior Awards

6/9 - WHS ELA Regents

6/10 - Board of Education Meeting (Retirement Celebration) 7:30 pm

6/11 - WHS Prom

6/12 - HES Field Day and Picnic

In Awe of the Paw – Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Isabelle Chacko and Christina Rodrigues were honored at this year's Carroll F. Johnson Scholastic Achievement Dinner alongside their superintendent, principal, and Board of Education president. Isabelle heads to the CUNY School of Medicine's Sophie Davis Program in Biomedical Education; Christina to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

