

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

The 2026 Somers Science Research Fair was the largest ever, with 874 students from 38 schools. Ryan Newell and Gabriel Pardo each took 1st Place in Environmental Science, and Samuel Kang and Sofia Poccia each earned 2nd Place in Medicine and Health. Well done to all four and to teacher Lawrence McIntyre.

The Senior Walk took the Class of 2026 through Hawthorne, Columbus, and WMS for smiles, tears, hugs, and selfies before ending in the WHS main lobby, where it all began.

The Senior Awards Ceremony at EF Academy celebrated dozens of awards and scholarships across academics, arts, athletics, and community service, closing with recognition of Valedictorian Christina Rodrigues and Salutatorian Isabelle Chacko. Dominic Clements had a packed day as Superintendent for the Day, attending meetings, visiting classrooms, and conducting principal check-ins across the district; canceling homework for 4th grade at CES; handing out passes at WMS; signing UPK contracts; and delivering a Board report that evening. Thank you, Mount Pleasant Education Foundation.

Wednesday's Board meeting doubled as a retirement celebration. First, the Columbus Troubadors sang, and then we honored seven retirees with my signature haikus before Mr. Hall turned the tables with one for me! Tom Hall, Mandy Goldstone, Rosanna Siagris, Kevin O'Connor, Patty Sullivan, Michael Pezzuti, and Susan Pezzuti represent over 160 years of service. Ex officio board members Megan Alexander and Bridget Doherty were also honored with County proclamations and other gifts. It was another great week!

Noticing the Good

Congratulations to our June Wildcats to Watch!

At Hawthorne, Evie Sangregorio is the kind of student who makes everyone around her feel seen and valued. She greets friends with a smile and a compliment, takes on every new challenge with enthusiasm, and is a caring and collaborative classmate. She even brings class guinea pig Maui home on weekends.

At Columbus, Hayden Miles is a rare student who leads with both excellence and kindness. She never takes shortcuts, lifts her classmates when they need encouragement, and recently shared her beautiful artwork in the Columbus Connections newsletter. Hayden doesn't just attend Columbus — she makes it a better place for everyone.

At WMS, Grace McNamara approaches learning with maturity, curiosity, and genuine courage. She seeks out challenges, takes risks in the classroom, and consistently elevates collaborative learning with her thoughtful insights and positive energy. Her spirit inspires everyone around her to do the same.

At WHS, Desmond Hernandez is a leader in every sense of the word. Whether he's engaging deeply in classroom discussions, being a model teammate on the baseball field, or singing confidently as the sole tenor in chorus, Desi brings humility, heart, and quiet strength to everything he does. We are so proud of each of them!

My Big News! For Next Year



Earlier this week, I announced my retirement at the end of the 2026-27 school year. I am looking forward to spending my last year as superintendent continuing to build on what we have already accomplished together and celebrating with all of you - next year!

The Week Ahead

6/15 - Varsity Awards 7 pm

6/16 - Westlake Day

6/17 - WMS 11:15 am Dismissal, WHS Regents Finals

6/18 - WMS 11:15 am Dismissal, WHS Regents Finals

6/19 - Juneteenth - NO SCHOOL



In Awe of the Paw - States!

Last Friday, GianMarco DelDuca won the Section 1 Championship in the 400 m hurdles, and tomorrow he will represent Westlake at States. Way to go, GianMarco!

Please join us in giving a final shout-out to our Flag Football team, who ended their historic season with a heartbreaking loss in the State Semifinal last weekend.

Congratulations to JuJu DiMarino, Julianna Nigrelli, and Ella Savino for their post-season recognitions by the league and section.

