

# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note from Dr. G

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WHS PTA



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## Superintendent's Corner

As we kick off another school year, I want to thank all the organizations that work to make Mount Pleasant the incredible place that it is:

- Our PTAs are the backbone of our school community, powering countless experiences for students and staff throughout the year. From welcome-back gatherings and district-wide events to classroom enrichment and staff celebrations, PTA members make it happen behind the scenes. In just the first weeks of school, they've already helped smooth our transition back with events like the Third Grade Ice Cream Social, Hawthorne Meet & Greet, and the WMS Bagels & Locks breakfast, giving our community a welcoming start to the year. PLUS, they keep Wildcat spiritwear stocked so our pride can be worn year-round!
- Westlake Athletic Club (WAC) for all they do to support our student-athletes, in competition and beyond.
- Mount Pleasant Education Foundation, which enriches education by raising funds each year for programs and teacher grants that go beyond the traditional school budget.
- AMP (Arts in Mount Pleasant), a booster club championing our K-12 students in theater, band, chorus, and fine arts.

Visit their websites to learn more about these organizations, and please join the PTAs and AMP! Every bit of involvement helps strengthen our community.

It's going to be a great year, Wildcats!

## Noticing the Good

Mount Pleasant Central School District is proud to celebrate our Westlake High School students who earned AP Scholar Awards this year. Ninety-one students were recognized for outstanding performance on the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Exams, and 13 students earned the AP Capstone Diploma, an impressive achievement.

The AP Program lets students take college-level courses and exams, opening the door to college credit and advanced placement. Colleges view these distinctions as a signal of readiness for rigorous coursework, and they reflect well on the strength of Westlake's academic experience. These honors place our students among the top 18% of nearly 1.8 million students worldwide who took AP Exams this year.

Here's how the awards break down:

- AP Scholar with Distinction: 41 students (Average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams and scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams)
- AP Scholar with Honor: 16 students (Average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams and scores of 3 or higher on four or more exams)
- AP Scholar: 34 students (Scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams)
- AP Capstone Diploma: 13 students (Scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, plus four additional AP Exams)

We're so proud of these students for their hard work and dedication, and grateful to the teachers and families who supported them along the way.

Be sure to visit our websites for a complete list of award winners! [www.mtplcsd.org](http://www.mtplcsd.org)



## The Week Ahead

9/7 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

9/8 - UPK Back to School Night 5:30 pm;  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade WooHoo Welcome 7 pm; WAC Meeting 7 pm

9/9 - HES Back to School K-5:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup>-6:45 pm, 1<sup>st</sup>-7:30 pm, Encore - 6-7:30 pm;  
WMS PTA Mtg 7 pm; BOE Work Session 7:30 pm

9/10 - CES Back to School 6 pm

Our annual pre-opening facilities tour brought Board members and district leadership through all four buildings this week, previewing summer improvements including a reimaged WHS lobby and cafeteria, HES kindergarten classrooms and library (pictured below), and safety and furniture updates at CES and WMS, with some work continuing through the year.



## In Awe of the Paw - First Day By the Numbers

On Thursday, September 3rd, we welcomed back 2,039 students — including 107 Universal Pre-K students — along with 31 new faculty and staff members.

Families are still sending in photos, so keep an eye out for our Back to School Photos and First Day Slideshow on Facebook and Instagram early next week! Welcome back, Wildcats!

