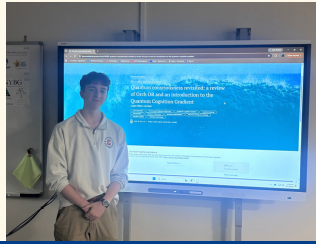


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

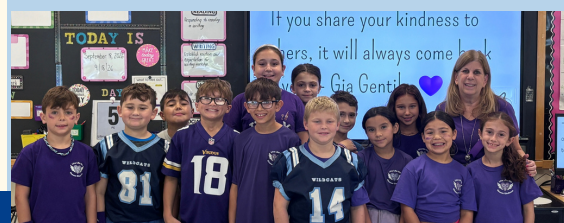
Thank you to the hundreds of families who shared over 250 First Day photos with us this year. We're off to a great start, and it's going to be a great year. The video is posted on our website in the News section and on our social media.

This summer, WHS senior Logan Piñeiro had his review paper on biophysics and orchestrated objective reduction accepted for publication in the Journal for High School Science, work he completed as part of Mr. McIntyre's Westlake Science Research class. It's a great way to kick off the new school year and a reminder of the ambitious, independent research our students are pursuing.

Students and teachers are settling into their beautiful new spaces at Hawthorne. Melissa Mancini's classes are embarking on their annual study of "The Dot," a beloved book that encourages young artists to make their mark and builds confidence in students who don't yet see themselves as creative. Christina Aboulenin's STEM classes have moved from the old multipurpose room, now the library, into a brand-new lab and exploration space complete with stations for experiments and the very popular Lego wall. Check out more photos on social media of this beautiful new classroom. Finally, in the Westlake Library, Lenore Rotanelli hosted her first Book Tasting event of the year with Ms. Garson and Ms. Torrieri's 6th graders. The goal: students skim new books by reading the back cover, the inside flap, and a few pages, spending about three minutes at each table before moving on, then check out at least one book that catches their interest.

Noticing the Good

Purple filled the District Office and all our schools today in support of our now annual Purple Out Kindness Game. At HES, students played Kindness Tag in phys ed, where kindness hearts could unfreeze you. At CES, students read books and wrote reactions to quotes about kindness. The celebration continues tonight at the football game.



Purple out!

Let's paint Westlake purple on **Friday, September 18** in honor of Gia Gentile. Support the Purple Out Football Game by wearing your purple Gia gear!

Remember to Always **LIVE LIKE GIA**



The Week Ahead Spirit Week

9/19 - K Ice Cream Social 1 pm HES; WHS Homecoming Dance 7:30 pm

9/21 - Yom Kippur: School Closed

9/22 - Elem PTA Meeting 7 pm

9/23 - BOE Meeting 7:30 pm Library

9/24 - WHS Back to School Night

9/26 - MTPEF UPK4 Meet-Up, HOMECOMING

In Awe of the Paw - National Merit Commended

Westlake High School senior Yash Parikh has been named a National Merit Commended Student!

Yash joins a group representing the top 3% of high school juniors nationwide. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers out of roughly 1.3 million students who took the PSAT/NMSQT.

The honor reflects outstanding academic promise and places these students among the nation's strongest performers.

