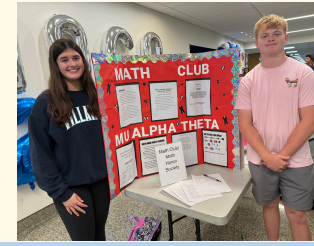


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Please join us in welcoming Christopher Wellington as Mount Pleasant's new Director of Facilities. Chris began his career in school facilities as a cleaner at Columbus Elementary and returns to the district after years of growing responsibility across the region, most recently as Head Custodial Supervisor at Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES, where he led a staff of 27 across 20 buildings. He began on September 28, succeeding Eric Strack, who retired after more than 10 years with the district. Please join us in wishing Eric a wonderful retirement! Hawthorne kindergarteners are discovering how a good book can spark great work. In Ms. Mancini's art class, students read *Harold and the Purple Crayon* and talked about how detail brings a picture to life, then sketched in pencil before adding finishing touches with purple crayons. In Ms. Aboulenin's STEM class, which ties early-year challenges to literature, students read *That's Not My Name!* and built their names with Keva planks, Legos, Zoob builders, and cubes, trying a second tool once they succeeded with the first. The WHS lobby was buzzing at the annual Club and Activity Fair, where students explored nearly 50 clubs and activities, from Science Olympiad, Model UN and Business Club to Fashion, Photography, Chess and Service Club. This year's lineup also includes several new additions: ASL Club, Club America, Computer Science Club, Dance Club, Kindness Club, the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and the Westlake WilCAST Podcast. Thank you to Lauren Cody and Nick DiPaolo of the Guidance and Counseling Office for organizing the event. Students can join clubs throughout the year.

Noticing the Good

The Pop Shop at Westlake Middle School just celebrated its first 100 sales! Run by students in Ms. Campbell's class, the shop keeps the WMS community stocked with soft drinks while giving students real job experience right here at school. Each order is a chance to greet a customer, listen carefully, handle the transaction, and follow through, building the communication skills, confidence, and independence that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

Running a business takes teamwork, too. Students share responsibility for taking orders, keeping the shelves stocked, and making sure every customer leaves happy, and they take real pride in a job well done. Just as important, the Pop Shop has become a place where students connect with peers and staff across the building, making it a familiar and valued part of daily life at WMS. The Pop Shop team in Room 204 sent along a note of their own: "Thanks, Westlake Middle School, for helping us to sell our first 100 drinks at the Pop Shop. WE THANK YOU. Aaron, Jackson, and Ray. PS We are fully stocked and hope to help you soon." Thank you to every WMS student and staff member who has supported the Pop Shop so far. Here's to the next 100!



The Week Ahead

- 10/5 -
WHS PTA Meeting, 7pm; MTPEF Meeting, 7 pm; BOE Special Meeting, 7 pm
- 10/6 -
WMS/WHS 1st Quarter Midpoint; WAC Meeting, 7 pm
- 10/7 -
WMS Picture Day; WMS PTA Meeting, 7 pm
- 10/9 -
Hawthorne Fire Prevention Day, WMS 8th Grade Photo

Columbus's 11th Annual Take-a-Vet to School Day is Friday, November 6, from 8:15 to 10:45 a.m.! Registration is open now, so please spread the word to every Veteran you know. To register or learn more, contact Christine Galbo at cgambo@mtplcsd.org.

In Awe of the Paw - Our Principals

October is National Principals Month, and we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the amazing principals who lead our schools. Please join us in thanking Dr. Brady, Mr. Mungioli, Mr. Hanlon, and Mr. Carolini for their dedication, passion, and commitment to shaping our students' educational experiences and fostering positive school cultures.

