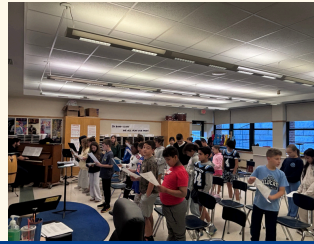
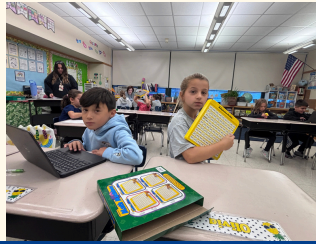


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

Volume 6 Issue 6



Superintendent's Corner

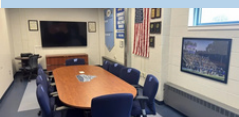
Yesterday, our new teachers met with Dr. Rufa to discuss how we can support their transition into the Mount Pleasant school community. The group reviewed the teacher observation process, including expectations, procedures, and opportunities for professional growth and feedback, and had time to ask questions, share experiences, and reflect on their first several weeks of the school year. We remain committed to making sure every new teacher feels welcomed, supported, and confident as they grow as members of our faculty.

Columbus classrooms were full of energy this week. Ms. Talusan's class practiced multiplication at math stations, rotating through timed small-group work with their teacher, skill-building on IXL, and fact practice with XtraMath, flash cards, pop-its, and Twisty Math. Mr. Enoch's chorus students are already preparing for the holiday concerts by practicing "Feliz Navidad" in Spanish. 5th graders in Ms. Dela Penna's art class are studying graffiti art, using pencils and markers to design their names in that bold, colorful style. We can't wait to see them in the hallways!

October is Italian Culture and Heritage Month, and there was no better way to honor the Italian community here in Mount Pleasant than with a celebration right before Columbus Day. This morning, all 5th grade students in Italian sections 1 and 2 gathered in the cafeteria during Encore to celebrate their heritage and enjoy a special Italian treat from Hawthorne's il Caffè di Napoli. Gina Ruggiero's students will enjoy a similar Spanish celebration this spring.

New look, same Wildcat Pride!

A year-long effort to reimagine Westlake Athletics is complete, with new scoreboards, banners and padding in the gym, a central awards display, fresh branding throughout the Athletic Wing and a modernized team conference room. Huge thanks to Athletic Director Dave Kantowitz for leading the way.



The Week Ahead

10/12 - Columbus Day - No School

10/13 - Elem PTA Meeting 7 PM

10/14 - HES Book Fair, BOE Work Session 7:30 PM

10/15- WHS Underclassman Photos, HES Book Fair Family Night 5:00-7:30 PM

10/16- WHS Underclassman Photos

Noticing the Good

Thank you to our Mount Pleasant and Valhalla Fire Companies for helping us recognize National Fire Prevention Week. Celebrated every October, this week raises awareness of the importance of fire safety. Our Columbus and Hawthorne students were delighted to ask questions and explore the trucks and tools and learn how to stop, drop, and roll!



In Awe of the Paw - Reunions!

Westlake High School welcomed back familiar faces this afternoon as members of the Classes of 1976 and 1996 (and some others!) return to tour their alma mater with Dr. Brady. The visit kicks off reunion weekend, including the Class of 1976's 50th Reunion celebration Saturday evening at Pleasantville Manor. Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat!

