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A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

What a Homecoming! Thank you to everyone who made the day so special. Huge congratulations to our senior football players and cheerleaders. Our pep band gave its inaugural performance and was fantastic, bringing great energy to the stands all game long. The Wildcats capped it all off with a 48-14 win over Nanuet!

This week kicked off with a visit to our CRA class from Neil Desormeaux, Admissions and Recruitment Director at Lincoln Tech. He talked with students about careers in the skilled trades, the professional skills employers look for, and the fastest-growing job fields.

Sinister Street took over Westlake High School as the Art Club and Photo Club teamed up for this year's Halloween chalk art festival. Students brought their favorite villains to life on the pavement, and the artwork was wonderfully creepy.

At Wednesday's Board of Education meeting, the Columbus Troubadours opened the evening with the Star-Spangled Banner in honor of BOE Appreciation. It is a tough song for any singer, and our Troubadours, under the direction of Dan Enoch, sang it beautifully.

Hawthorne's pumpkin patch was a huge hit, and the smiles on our students' faces said it all. Thank you to the Hawthorne PTA for making this fall favorite happen!

Finally, the results of our annual financial audit are in, and the District received an unqualified, or "clean," opinion, the highest level a district can receive. Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent of Business Margaret Modugno and the entire Business Office on this outstanding result.





The Week Ahead

10/24 - The Haunting at WMS

10/25 - MTPEF Monster Mash Turkey Dash

10/26 - AMP Meeting 7 PM

10/30 - HES Halloween Parade, UPK Character Parade, WHS Winter Family ID Registration Closes



Noticing the Good

This month's Wildcats to Watch are four students who lead with kindness, character, and a whole lot of heart.

At HES, second grader Stella Renna lights up her classroom with positive energy, cheers on classmates, and makes sure no one is left out. Her resilience, empathy, and genuine joy make her a standout Wildcat in every sense.

At CES, fifth grader Arya Aquije is the kind of student who notices when someone needs a friend — and steps up without being asked. Her warmth, compassion, and commitment to making others feel like they belong make her a true Portrait of a Learner.

At WMS, 6th grader Katelyn Lavelle impresses every teacher she works with — in ELA, Science, Spanish, and PE — with her hard work, infectious positivity, and natural ability to ensure every voice in the room is heard. She embodies what it means to be a well-rounded Wildcat.

At WHS, teachers across every subject recognize senior JT Horan for his integrity, work ethic, and quiet leadership. As captain and quarterback, he led Westlake to a 34-0 win over Panas. JT is equally impressive in the classroom, the hallways, and the band room. As one teacher put it, he is the kind of student who often goes unnoticed because he simply does the right thing — and that says everything.

Nominated by their principals and celebrated at this month's Board of Education meeting, these four students remind us every day why it is so great to be a Wildcat. Congratulations to all!

In Awe of the Paw – Champions of Change

Career Research Academy was named a NYSSBA Champion of Change by the New York State School Boards Association. CRA was described as a program that creates "a positive district culture others may admire and emulate."

Thank you to the Board of Education and community for valuing the trades. Congratulations to program coordinator Nicholas DiPaolo, Counselor Tim O'Dwyer, and teachers Jen Avella, Brian McClintock, Vinny Iovane, Kalani Callahan, and all of our CRA students!



