THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Halloween brought out the best in Mount Pleasant this week, as students and teachers got into the spirit with creativity and plenty of fun. At Hawthorne, a team of Minions joined Gru, and Alice and her Wonderland friends hosted a tea party. Our kindergarten teachers dressed as wizards alongside a classroom full of superheroes, cowboys, and witches. At Westlake High School, Shrek, Donkey, and Lord Farquaad made an appearance, and a hard-hat construction crew kept the fun going. Across the district, we spotted the Toy Story gang, the Average Joe's dodgeball team, and even a few Among Us crewmates.

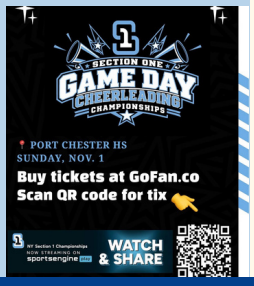
The Hawthorne library is full of familiar faces this week. Students turned pumpkins into their favorite book characters, from Elephant and Piggie to beloved series favorites. Thank you to Ms. Diaz for organizing this fun tradition, and to our families for helping bring these characters to life at home.

See lots more Halloween pictures on our social media pages!

It is a big weekend for Wildcat athletics, with three teams in postseason play. Varsity volleyball travels to Hastings tonight for Round 2 of the Class B playoffs, and our football team hosts Sleepy Hollow tonight at 6 p.m. in the Section 1 quarterfinals. On Sunday, our cheerleaders compete in the Section One Game Day Cheerleading Championships at Port Chester High School. Come out and show your Wildcat pride!







The Week Ahead

11/2 - WHS PTA Meeting 7 PM, MTPEF Meeting 7 PM

11/3- *FALL INSTITUTE - Half-Day Students*, WAC Meeting 7 PM

11/4 - WMS PTA Meeting 7 PM, BOE Work Session 7:30 PM

11/5 - HES/CES Picture Retakes

11/6 - CES Take a Vet to School Day, WMS/WHS 1st Quarter Ends

Noticing the Good

Westlake musicians have been making their mark on some of the county's biggest stages this fall.

This past weekend, WHS students performed at the Westchester County School Music Association (WCSMA) Area All-State Festival. Earning a spot takes months of preparation and a demanding audition against talented peers from across Westchester. Ethan Rinaldi, Regina Sica, Connor Smith, Jeffrey Sliss, Ella Bram, Justin Miceli, and Angela Boctor represented Westlake in the Mixed Choir, Treble Choir, and Concert Band, making music at a level that stretched them alongside some of the strongest young musicians in the county.

Earlier in the month, on Saturday, October 10, students from WHS and WMS joined an elite ensemble of top instrumentalists for the Northern Westchester Honor Band Concert at North Salem High School. Earning a seat in Honor Band is a true achievement, and our Wildcats brought talent, focus, and plenty of heart to the stage.

Thank you to our music teachers for guiding these students, and to our families for supporting them every step of the way. We are so proud of these musicians for representing Mount Pleasant so well!







In Awe of the Paw – WMS Stars

Speech Therapist Rose Zeitchick wants to recognize two groups of students who make Westlake Middle School shine. Her 7th grade Lunch Bunch, who recently celebrated a member's birthday, spends lunches together and always welcomes other students to the table. The Communication Lab, grades 7 and 8, planned and hosted two Halloween parties for peers and teachers, handling everything from food and decorations to games and dance performances. Thank you, students, for your kindness and real-world executive functioning skills!



