THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

We've reached report card and parent-teacher conference season, an important milestone in the school year. Congratulations, Wildcats, for all your hard work!

Yash Parikh received the Student Leadership Award at the OCA Westchester & Hudson Valley 46th Annual Gala on November 8. He was one of 17 students from across Westchester honored before about 200 guests, including state and county leaders.

On the latest episode of the WildCAST, hosts Milla and Marlena take on a clash of administrators, Dr. Brady vs. Mr. Sharpe, capped off with Family Feud. Watch at https://youtu.be/bktqHXbJY84 and follow @wildcast.whspodcast on Instagram

Every Columbus 3rd grader now has a dictionary to keep, thanks to Mid-Westchester Elks and the Dictionary Project. Thank you to the Elks for this annual gift to our students!

The Wags & Whiskers Club sold homemade organic dog treats during parent-teacher conferences, with all proceeds going to Wagging Tails Dog Rescue, a local organization run by a Westlake parent. Thank you to everyone who bought treats and to advisor Mrs. Catucci.

Career Research Academy toured the 450,000-square-foot addition under construction at White Plains Hospital. Suffolk Construction hosted the visit after a Westlake alum who works there read a Lohud article about the program. Students saw a safety demo, sat in on a design meeting, walked the site, and learned how the trades work together. This program and our students in it continue to highlight Mount Pleasant as a leader in the region.

Good luck to our Football Team tomorrow at the Sectional Championship against Pelham!



The Week Ahead

11/16 - First Day of HS Winter Sports, Elem PTA Meeting 7 PM

11/17 - CES/HES/UPK Parent/Teacher Conferences 11:15 Dismissal

11/18 - BOE Meeting 7:30 PM. ***Regular dismissal for all students; please disregard the printed calendar***

11/19 - HES Family Math Night 6:30 PM

11/20 - 3rd Grade Thanksgiving Feast, WHS Drama at EF Academy

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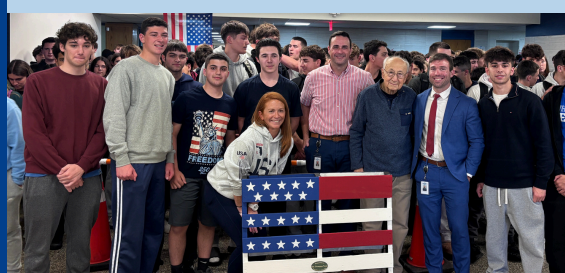
Noticing the Good

The celebration of our Veterans continued after last Friday's Take a Vet to School Day. At the annual Veterans Breakfast, the WHS Service Club served guests while the WHS Blendors, Jazz Band and Columbus Elementary Troubadours performed. On Saturday, WMS Peer Leaders Gwendolyn Trezza and Sofia Fuschetto volunteered at the American Legion breakfast at the Town of Mount Pleasant Community Center. They handed out cards made by WMS students. At WMS, Ms. Rose Zeitchick and Ms. Claire Iannone led the creation of the "Westlake Honors Our Veterans" hallway display. It honors dozens of service members connected to our community.

On Tuesday, Club America, the new Westlake Pep Band and nearly the entire WHS student body surprised Crossing Guard Joe Tanzi with a "clap out." Joe also learned that he will be the first veteran honored on the new WHS Veterans Wall of Fame. He told everyone that of all the welcome home celebrations he has received as a Vietnam veteran, this was the best one ever.

Thank you to all who have served.



In Awe of the Paw – Mapping the Saw Mill River

Junior Ryan Newell recently presented his water quality research at the 15th annual Community Water Quality Testing (CWQT) celebration at Hudson River Park's Wetlab in Manhattan. A student in Mr. McIntyre's Science Research class, Ryan is mentored by Katie Lamboy Roman of Sarah Lawrence College's Center for the Urban River at Beczak. His mapping work on the Saw Mill River watershed, which runs through our own community, compares 2026 sampling results from 16 sites to see how land cover affects bacteria levels in the river. Ryan was one of only two high school students invited to present.

