THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

As Thanksgiving approaches, we have so much to be grateful for across our schools!
Career Research Academy students put in a real day's work at the new Toll Brothers 55+ community in Valhalla. Master tradespeople taught them to rough in electrical and plumbing, install windows, and apply waterproofing. CRA will return several times this year, and some students will intern there.
Mrs. Kronenberger's class celebrated finishing their opinion letter writing unit. Students received certificates and shared their writing, complimenting each other on strong hooks, convincing reasons, and catchy signatures.
Columbus third graders, families, and staff gathered for the annual Thanksgiving Feast to share a meal and reflect on gratitude, a perfect fit for this month's Portrait of a Learner trait: Reflective. Thank you to our food service and custodial teams!
Hawthorne families came out in their pajamas for Family Math Night and played math games together. Thank you to our teachers for a cozy, fun evening!
Finally, this week, our Board of Education granted tenure to Dr. Joann Vaccaro, Director of Pupil Personnel & Student Services. We will celebrate the rest of our tenure recipients in May.

It's a big weekend in Wildcat Country: Good luck to our Football Team on Saturday at noon in the Regional Championship against Port Jervis! Break a leg to the Westlake Players in David Ives' All in the Timing, Friday through Sunday at EF Academy!



The Week Ahead

11/21, 22 - WHS Drama at EF Academy

11/23 - AMP Meeting 7 PM

11/25 - Half-Day Thanksgiving Recess Begins

11/26 - Happy Thanksgiving!

11/27 - Thanksgiving Recess



Noticing the Good

Each of our November Wildcats to Watch exemplifies kindness, hard work, and character in action.
Kindergartener Kamsi Ibe from Mrs. Grafer's class is the Hawthorne Elementary honoree. Kamsi is kind, helpful, and positive, and he looks out for his friends without ever being asked. He listens well, respects his teachers, and comes to school each day with a smile that brightens the classroom.
At Columbus Elementary, Adam Avezzano was recognized as a responsible, thoughtful learner who takes his work seriously and plans ahead. He's a natural collaborator who sees every new partnership as a chance to learn and make friends. When a task gets hard, Adam asks good questions, keeps working, and encourages his classmates to stick with it alongside him.
Eighth grader Meela Gupta won the Section 1 Tennis Championship, finishing an undefeated singles season. She is the first tennis champion in Westlake history and only the second 8th grader to win the Section 1 singles title. Her teachers say she is just as impressive in the classroom: curious, self-motivated, and someone who can be counted on to do the right thing when no one is watching.
Diana Beato is the Westlake High School honoree. She has been one of the school's top engineering students for the past two years and excels in math and science, with a passion for architecture that guides her plans for the future. As Treasurer of the Spanish Honor Society and Spanish Club, she helps organize cultural celebrations, fundraisers, and donation drives. Teachers describe her as thoughtful, dependable, and wise beyond her years, and they say she's always ready to help a classmate who is struggling. Congratulations, Wildcats!

In Awe of the Paw – Celebrating 25 Years!

At Thursday's Board of Education meeting, we honored a remarkable group of staff members celebrating 25 years of service in the Mount Pleasant Central School District. Congratulations to Elena Carrea, Lisa Rush, Lorraine Colombo, Sean Mayer, Dawn Carroll, Claire Iannone, Constance Cotrone, Mark Mammola, and Maria Mittelmann on this incredible milestone. Thank you for your many years of exceptional service!



