



# THE ACORN

April 2023

## White Oak Karaoke!

On March 31st, the White Oak community gathered to experience some fabulous vocal performances by students, faculty, staff, and friends of the school.

Many thanks to Mrs. Seyler for organizing and running this entertaining event! Thanks to the judges and all of the performers for contributing your talents, and to all of the audience members for your enthusiastic support and encouragement!

## Mark Your Calendar:

Event:	Date:
Credit for Life Fair -at Westfield High	4/14
Death by Dessert! -a dinner theater event	4/28
Calendar Raffle	All of May!
Prom	5/12
White Oak Craft & Car Show	5/20
Graduation	6/5

## White Oak Prom

### "A Night at the Oscars"

May 12th, 6:30-10:00 pm

Location: Latitude Restaurant,  
W. Springfield

\$65 per person

Tickets will go on sale April 24th.



Buy your tickets today to:

## Death by Dessert

The cast and crew of "Death By Dessert" have been hard at work now for months in preparation for their performance on April 28th at 6 p.m. in the White Oak cafeteria. Tickets for this murder mystery dinner theater production will be on sale for \$20 each until April 25th. A full dinner is included with the price of your ticket! Please join us for what is sure to be an evening full of laughs, excitement, and drama! For more information, please contact Ms. Cochran [scochran@whiteoakschool.org](mailto:scochran@whiteoakschool.org).

## Social Media Safety

On March 29th, the Hampden County District Attorney's office visited White Oak to discuss dangers associated with social media apps and the laws that govern them. The DA's Youth Advisory Board, including Maddie and Ainsley P joined the panel. Ainsley did a wonderful job presenting information about the SnapChat app. The panel cautioned families to watch out for certain emojis on their children's social media apps, which some individuals are now using to acquire illegal drugs. We thank the panel for sharing this important information, also enclosed in this Acorn.

## Calendar Raffle

Students will be selling tickets to our **May calendar raffle** until April 25th. Be sure to buy your tickets! Tickets are \$10 each and everyone has the chance to win multiple times. The proceeds will fund end-of-the-year activities for the students. Students must turn in all raffle ticket stubs and money collected by Monday, April 25th. Winners will be notified by email or phone! For more information, please contact Ms. Rymasz: [mrymasz@whiteoakschool.org](mailto:mrymasz@whiteoakschool.org)

# THE DRAMA CLUB IS DOING



DEATH BY  
DESSERT

IS COMING  
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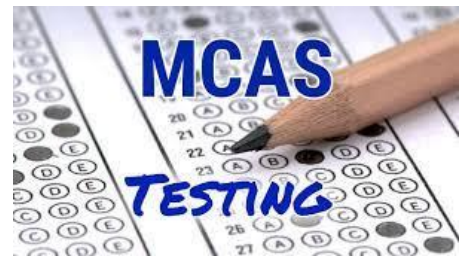
*Movie Review:*

## **Puss In Boots: The Last Wish**

*By Charlie Rizas*

“Puss In Boots The Last Wish” is the sort of film that everyone should see. This film tells the story of a cat named Puss who has lost 8 of his 9 lives. Puss is played by Antonio Banderas. This animated adventure/comedy is directed by Joel Crawford, Chris Miller and Raman Hui. The story focuses on Puss’s attempts to get back his lives by being dangerous and crazy. For example, Puss jumps off a cliff and does not land on his feet. Then at a bar he meets someone named Death played by Wagner Moura. Death is going after Puss In Boots. Throughout the movie we see Death Tormenting Puss while Puss is trying to get the last wish so that he can get his lives back. But that is not the only threat. There are some other fairytale characters like Jack Horner played by John Mulaney, and Goldilocks played by Florence Pugh, and the three bears! Mama Bear is played by Olivia Colman, Papa Bear is played by Ray Winstone and Baby bear is played by Samson Kayo. They are all going for the last wish as well and are wishing for different things so it makes it a chase to see who can get to the wish first.

This is an exciting movie. You’ll never know what is going to happen next! The script is amazing. It has awesome, funny lines like, “all that I need are the boots.” The plot is incredible. It makes me feel like I am reading a comic book. The soundtrack is perfect because it has amazing action music. My favorite song is, “The fight with Death” which plays during the final battle. The acting is excellent because Death is just terrifying. I really enjoyed every second he was on screen. This film is masterfully done because some of the effects feel like I am watching a stop motion film. I enjoy the back to back awesome fights. ‘Puss in Boots The Last Wish’ is a highly entertaining film. I rate it 5 out of 5 stars!



By Ms. Michalski

Because we span so many grade levels, White Oak devotes many days to MCAS testing throughout the spring. While testing days can feel disruptive to students as teachers are shuffled to cover teaching and testing needs, it’s necessary for us to ensure that our testing students receive all the accommodations that they require. It’s common for students who are testing to feel a little anxious; the best advice for this is to get a good night’s sleep before the test, eat a healthy breakfast, and then breathe and use the strategies they’ve practiced during their test.



## **Golden Moments**

Visits from therapy dog Merlot, really brighten our days! Here, Merlot shares one a “Golden” smile with Mary F.





# White Oak School Craft and Car Show Saturday, May 20, 2023 10am-3pm

Rain date May 21st

**533 North Road  
Westfield, MA**

Free for Visitors!  
Vendor Registration \$40  
High School and Younger  
Registration \$20  
Table rental \$10 - limited  
supply



North Elm Butcher Block  
Food Truck

DJ Joanne Daley from  
River Valley Productions  
Raffle Prizes  
50/50 Raffle

Car show prizes available  
to those who register cars

Send Your Registration and  
Questions to:

**Carshow@whiteoakschool.org**

**Craftshow@whiteoakschool.org**







## Gardening Club

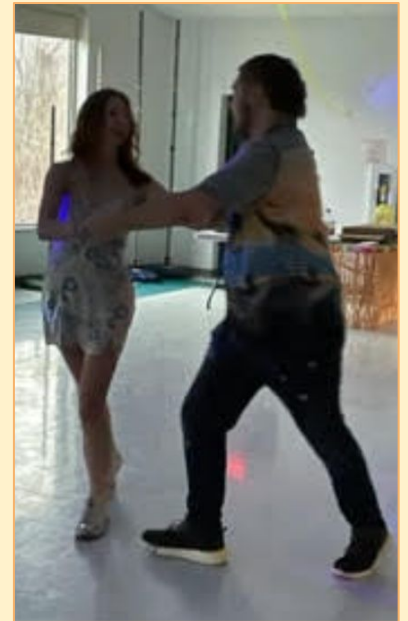
Spring has sprung and our students have been hard at work on the White Oak garden! They have planted Impatiens, Sunflowers, Cucumbers, Onions, Forget-Me-Nots, Oregano, Beets, Snap peas, Green beans, Tomatoes, and Watermelons!

If the last 2 years are any indication, we'll soon be treated to some gorgeous flowers and fresh vegetables that Mr. Micks and his Culinary Crew can get creative with! If you have any questions, are interested in helping out or donating garden supplies, please email Ms. Ramsden at [kramsdn@whiteoakschool.org](mailto:kramsdn@whiteoakschool.org)



## Hawaiian Luau Dance

White Oak kicked off April with a fun and fabulous Hawaiian Luau Dance. Students in grades 7-12, staff, and friends gathered to celebrate the arrival of Spring in style. The Luau Dance was hosted by the Student Council under the direction of Mr. Riley and Mr. Rodak. Ms. Daley lent her DJing expertise to make the night extra-special for everyone!







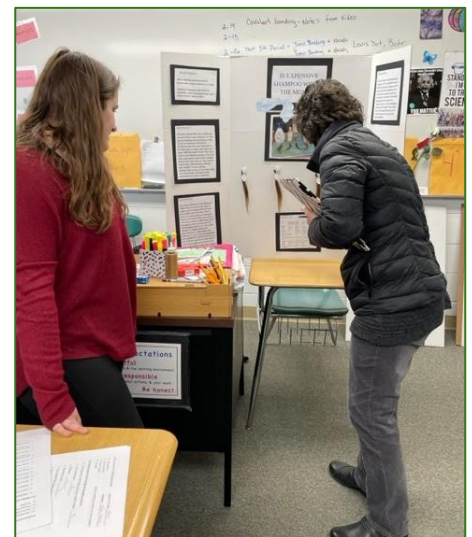
## Swinging into Spring!

Many of our students, faculty, and staff jumped at the chance to learn some Swing dance moves on April 3rd. Mr. LeBorgne demonstrated basic swing moves and then assisted students and staff as they tried them out! We are very grateful to Mr. LeBorgne for sharing his time and expertise with us – and for introducing us to the fun and exciting world of Ballroom Dance! Many students tried out their new moves at the Luau Dance!



## Science Fair

Mrs. Fuda's Chemistry classes shared their interesting and informative science projects with the school community last month. The project format required them to pick a topic to explore, conduct scientific research, formulate a research question and design an experiment to test their hypotheses. They organized and displayed their results on tri-fold boards and shared what they learned with visiting teachers and students. The students chose a variety of really cool topics and did a great job sharing their science information. Stay tuned for an even bigger Science Fair to be presented by Mrs. Fuda's students in May.



# White Oak Calendar Raffle

MAY 2023

\$10.00  
Donation

WHITE OAK SCHOOL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Dunkin' Donuts \$25		Visa \$25		Big Y \$50	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Amazon \$25		Starbucks \$25		Two Rivers Burrito \$50	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Barnes & Noble \$25		Small Oven Bakery \$25		Go Eat (4 Different Restaurants) \$50	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Cheers To You! (7 Restaurants/Stores) \$25		Amazon \$25		Target \$50	
28	29	30	31			
	Small Oven Bakery \$25		Big Y \$25			

Calendar receipts will be due April 25, 2023.  
Each calendar will be sold for a \$10.00 donation, checks made out to: White Oak School.  
A name will be drawn for each day listed of the month of May. Your name will go back into the drawing (you can win more than once). Winners will receive the prize for the day that their name is drawn on.  
Proceeds will be divided among the classes for end-of-the-year activities.

White Oak School  
School Wide Fundraiser Calendar Raffle

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Purchased From \_\_\_\_\_

## APRIL 2023

Fruit & Milk are served with all meals.  
Alternate Meals: Assorted sandwiches.  
All breads and rolls served are whole grain.  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## White Oak School Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Tuna Melt Potato Salad  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	4 Pesto Pasta Garlic Bread  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	5 'The Daley Special' Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	6 Philly Cheesesteaks French Fries  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
10 Pancakes Sausage Home Fries  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	11 Macaroni & Cheese  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	12 Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	13 Stuffed Manicotti  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	14 Pizza *Chef's Choice*  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk
	SPRING BREAK		SPRING BREAK	
24 Pasta Alfredo Garlic Bread  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	25 Hot Dogs Tater Tots  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	26 Beef Quesadillas  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	27 Mozzarella Sticks  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	28 Pesto Pizza  Veggies, Fruit, & Milk





# EMOJI DRUG CODE | DECODED

## COMMON EMOJI CODES

### FAKE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

#### PERCOCET & OXYCODONE



#### XANAX



#### ADDERALL



### DEALER SIGNALS

#### DEALER ADVERTISING



#### HIGH POTENCY



#### UNIVERSAL FOR DRUGS



#### LARGE BATCH



### OTHER DRUGS

#### METH



#### HEROIN



#### COCAINE



#### MDMA & MOLLIES



#### MUSHROOMS



#### COUGH SYRUP



#### MARIJUANA



This reference guide is intended to give parents, caregivers, educators, and other influencers a better sense of how emojis are being used in conjunction with illegal drugs. Fake prescription pills, commonly laced with deadly fentanyl and methamphetamine, are often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms – making them available to anyone with a smartphone.

**#ONEPILLCANKILL**

dea.gov/onepill

*Disclaimer: These emojis reflect common examples found in DEA investigations. This list is not all-inclusive, and the images above are a representative sample.*

