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Thank you to our HSA at CO!

A special “Thank you” is extended to our HSA at CO. Due to their financial support, the students at CO are enjoying a new and improved play area on the blacktop. Various images and games were painted on the blacktop for the students to utilize during recess and Physical Education class. A special “Thank You” is also extended to Mr. Schultz for working closely with the HSA in the development of this project.



Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

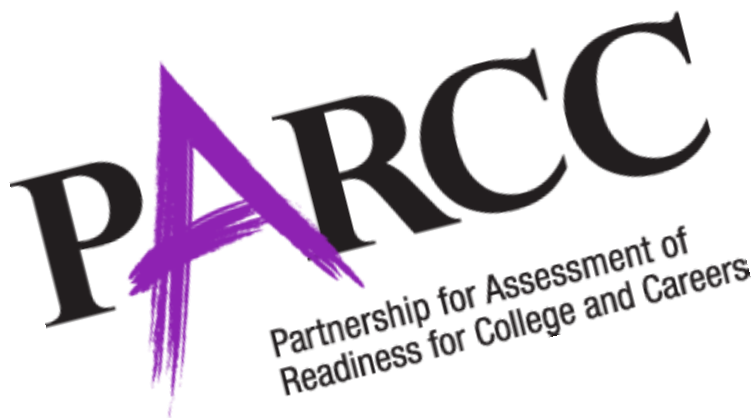
In June 2010, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) adopted the Common Core Standards (CCSS). The standards were developed to provide a well-defined outline to prepare our children for college and the workforce. They clearly define the knowledge and skills children should obtain throughout their K-12 education in order to graduate from high school prepared to succeed in entry-level careers, college, and workforce training programs.

In the spring of 2010, the NJDOE joined the Partnership for Assessment of readiness for College and Career (PARCC), which is a consortium of 23 states and Washington DC who are working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in language arts and math that are aligned to the Common Core Standards. The first time administration of these new assessments took place this school year.

The PARCC assessment will provide educators, and parents with the tools needed to identify whether students are on track for postsecondary success and, more importantly, where gaps may exist and how they can be addressed well before students enter college or the workforce.

Parents, please keep in mind that these new assessments will be scored differently than the NJASK. Therefore, it is not possible to directly compare the new scores with the old ones. The new assessment is designed to measure knowledge and skills in a much more rigorous manner. The National PTA has provided a great guide booklet for parents entitled "Parent's Guide to Student Success", <http://pta.org/files/Common%20Core%20State%20Standards%20Resources/2013%20Guide%20Bundle%5F082213.pdf>. In it, parents can gain an overview of what their child will learn by the end of each grade, K-12.

We will continue to provide you with updates regarding the transition to the PARCC Assessments as they become available.



News from the Board of Education

Final Days of School

The last day of school and Graduation have been scheduled for June 18th. Please note that both June 16th, 17th and 18th are all single session days for the students.



2014-2015 Budget Hearing

The Woodland Park Board of Education held their annual “Budget Hearing” on Monday, May 4th. We are pleased to announce that the budget for the 2015-2016 school year has been approved. Please review this budget as posted on our school district website.



Introducing the 2015 WP Teachers and Support Staff of the Year!

The following individuals will be honored at June 8th BOE Meeting.
Please join us!

Ms. Susan DeCorte – Special Education Teacher at CO

Ms. Barbara Wells – School Nurse at CO

Ms. Krystal Capo – Elementary Teacher at BG

Ms. Anita Spinelli – Speech Teacher at BG

Ms. Rosemary Ficarra – Language Arts Teacher at Memorial School

Ms. Denise Trent – Instructional Aide at Memorial School

School Happenings

Charles Olbon School

May 6 – Grade 1 Choir Concert

May 12 – Grade 2 visit to BG

May 14 – HSA Meeting at CO

May 22 – Kindergarten
Orientation

May 25 – No School

May 28 – Student Art Show

May 29 – Field Day

Beatrice Gilmore School

May 1 & 4 – PARCC Testing

May 12 – Grade 2 visit to BG

May 15 – 4th MP Progress Reports

May 15 – 4th Grade Wax Museum

May 19 – 4th Grade visit to
Memorial School

May 20 – Spring Concert

May 25 – No School

May 27 - NJASK Science – grade
4 only

Memorial School

May 5-12 – PARCC Testing

May 11 – “Tour of the Town”

May 20-22 – Grade 8 trip to Washington DC

May 25 – No School

May 26 – Youth Month Dinner

May 27 – Spring Concert

May 27 – NJASK Science - Grade 8 only

May 29 – Field Day