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Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter



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Welcome to the Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter, which will be sent out weekly when school is in session. This will serve as a glimpse of some of the wonderful things going on in our schools, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

Your Partner in Education,
Michele R. Pillari, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

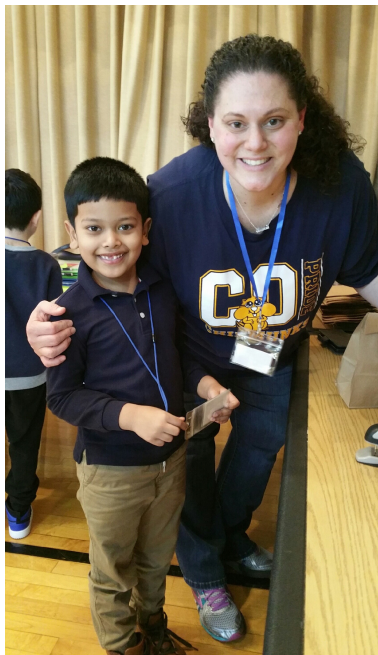
Important dates

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. - District Spelling Bee at Charles Olbon School

Friday, Jan. 31 - Memorial School second marking period grades will be on the Parent Portal

Monday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m. - Board of Education meeting at Memorial School

Shopping For Supplies



The Charles Olbon Home & School Association has been running its school store for students for many years. It runs monthly until May during the school year. Held on Fridays during lunch period, HSA volunteers set up and run the shop, which features school supplies, accessories and small trinkets. Students can put their math skills to work, adding up the prices of their selections to ensure they have enough funds to purchase them.



Students learn about volunteer efforts to help keep NJ bay waters clean

Memorial Middle School fifth grade science classes and the Animal Club were treated to an educational program by ReClam the Bay, a non-profit, all-volunteer group that oversees the birth, growing, and replanting of clams and oysters in the bay areas of New Jersey. Volunteer Deb Licato-Meiman presented the programs to the students.

For the science classes, students worked on finding volume to chart the growth of baby clams. This skill was reinforced as they have been practicing the concept in math this week as well.

After school, the Animal Club members got an in-depth look at the life cycles of clams, scallops and oysters, and their contribution to keeping the waters clean. They learned that the creatures live in brackish water, which is half fresh and half salt waters. The clams, scallops and oysters filter and keep the water clean. They can each filter some 20 to 50 gallons of water a day. With the growing coastal communities creating problems that are harmful to marine life. Nature's solution is the creatures that ReClam the Bay is releasing into the waters, as they filter the water and stabilize the shorelines. The more clams and oysters that live in the bays, the cleaner the water will be and more marine life that can thrive there.

Mrs. Licato-Meiman stressed to the students that they can be environmental stewards at the shore and at home. They can pick up litter when at the beach. At home, they can use reusable bags for produce, fruit and school lunches to reduce disposable waste.

Club advisor Mrs. Donato scheduled the program after seeing Re-Clam the Bay at a street fair down the shore.

"It is an environmental phenomenon as to how these animals filter our waters," she noted.

Since forming in 2005, ReClam the Bay has grown over 15 million clams and 5 million oysters and planted these shellfish in Barnegat Bay Watershed. Find out more at www.reclamthebay.org.



'Dream Mats' program concludes

Last year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Alfred H. Baumann Library, in partnership with Mayor Keith Kazmark, Passaic County Senior Services, Passaic Valley High School and the Woodland Park School District, launched a community service project to provide persons experiencing homelessness with "Dream Mats."

"Dream Mats" are portable sleeping mats crocheted using plarn - yarn made from recyclable plastic bags. The bags are cut into strips, looped together, and then crocheted into an approximate 3 by 6 foot mat with a carrying handle.

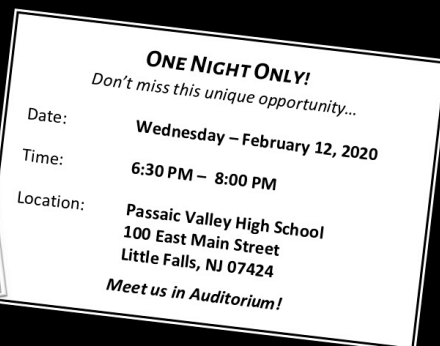
Through the project, time was volunteered by members of the library yarn club, junior ambassadors and teen volunteers, the local school district, Passaic Valley and residents of Siena Village to make 40 mats.

"This was over 400 volunteer hours of crocheting and over 30,000 plastic bags which won't create harm to our environment," Mayor Kazmark said. The mats are being distributed this week to our homeless population.



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Your child is worth it. We're fighting for them.
Join us! Register Now!

This presentation is formatted for adults. For information about Tim's other Assemblies, visit www.TimothyShoemaker.com



BG's Kids Heart Challenge kicks off

Beatrice Gilmore School kicked off its annual Kids Heart Challenge last Friday, Jan. 17. Heart disease is the number one killer of all Americans, but 80% of it may be preventable through lifestyle changes.

This event raises money in the fight against cardiovascular disease and stroke. In the last five years, Beatrice Gilmore School has raised over \$10,000.

This year the students were challenged to: Be Ready, Move More, Be Kind, Help Others, and Add Color.

Mr. Pomante will be using his physical education classes this month to challenge the kids in jump rope. He will pick a classroom champion in each homeroom.

The event will culminate on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 with a jump-off among the teachers and staff. The class champions will also jump off to close out the event.