



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 and with our students, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

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

## Important dates to note

Monday, April 15, 7 p.m. - Board of Education regular meeting at Borough Hall

Thursday, April 18 - One Session Day

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday - District closed

Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26 -  
Spring Break - District closed

## Memorial School Principal Charles Silverstein set to retire

The Board of Education on Monday evening accepted the resignation of Memorial School Principal Charles Silverstein. In accepting the resignation, Board President MaryAnn Perro said that Silverstein would be greatly missed. "We wish him all the best in his retirement."

"After a wonderful 24 years as a part of the Woodland Park School District, I have decided to retire," he wrote in a letter sent to parents and guardians. "I want to thank the entire Woodland Park community for the appreciation, caring and love that I have always felt as principal of Memorial School. I will truly miss the wonderful students, great parents, and excellent staff as well as the supportive community members."

"Mr. Silverstein will surely be missed," said Superintendent Dr. Michele Pillari. "He has had such a positive impact on so many students, families and staff here in Woodland Park and we will be forever grateful. I wish him a lot of love, peace, happiness and joy as he enters the next chapter of his life."

Beatrice Gilmore Principal Sharon Tomback worked with Silverstein for five years as vice principal at Memorial School and said that his legacy is "not one that can be captured in a quick quote. Rather, it can be seen first-hand in the lives of the countless individuals he has touched. Mr. Silverstein has a heart of gold and an unwavering passion for doing right by children. He will be deeply missed."

While Silverstein notes it will be very strange not to come to Memorial School every day, he is looking forward to spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. While he plans to enjoy fishing, gardening and traveling, he foresees working part time at some point with special needs children.

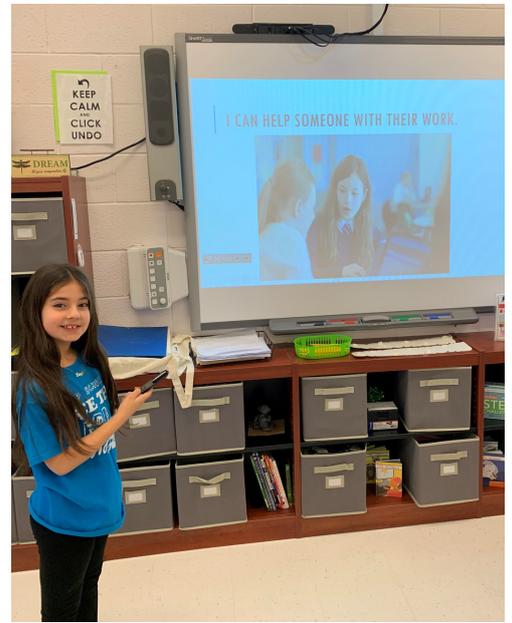
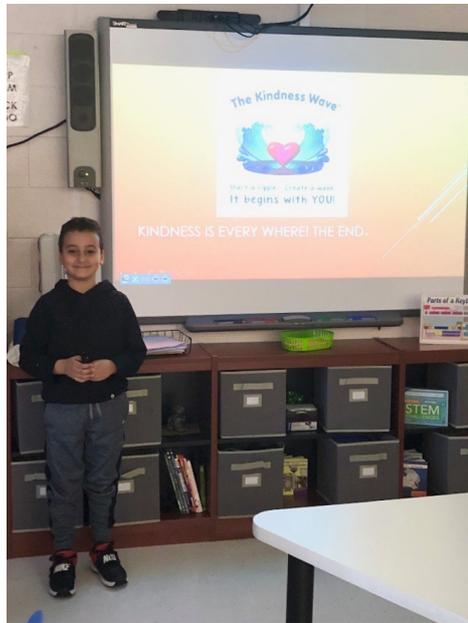
"Hopefully, I have had a positive impact throughout the years. It has been my good fortune to have made close friends and most importantly, been a part of Woodland Park's overall landscape," he said.

Although he is a Paramus resident, Woodland Park is like home and the Memorial community has become family. "I have no regrets," he said. "Not one."

Prior to his 24 years at Memorial School, Silverstein worked as an assistant principal for eight years in East Orange and 12 years as a teacher in Paterson.

# Kindness Creations

Students in second grade at Charles Olbon School have created PowerPoint presentations to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness. They are so proud of their projects and enjoyed presenting them in class!



# March Madness Winner

The winner of the 2019 March Book Madness at Memorial School is "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry. Language arts teacher Miss Moore compiled a list of books most commonly checked-out by middle school students. Over the course of the month, students voted weekly for their favorites.



# Lending a Helping Hand

Several local Cub Scouts from Pack 31 and Daisy Scouts lent a hand at the Borough's Morris Canal walkway clean up day last Saturday. Over 30 bags of garbage and debris were collected.



## Fourth grade students are participating in Keep A Clear Mind program

All fourth grade students at Beatrice Gilmore School are participating in the Keep A Clear Mind program, which is a parent-child, take-home drug education program sponsored by the WP Municipal Alliance Against Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.



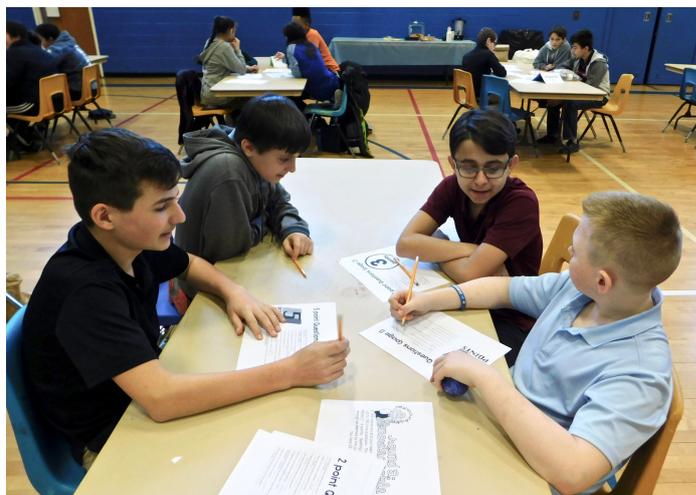
Students are given an activity book each week for four weeks along with incentives to complete the books. Students take the activity books home and do the program with their parents. This involves reading material, answering questions and completing a few fun activities. They receive a student incentive (bumper sticker, bracelet, keychain, bookmark, etc.) for showing their teacher that their parents have signed, indicating they have worked with them to complete the activity book.

Newsletters will also continue to be sent home for a few weeks after the four booklets with the intention of providing parents additional information and prompt them to continue the conversation with their children about making good health decisions and saying “no” to alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs.

For more information on this program, visit [www.keepaclearmind.com](http://www.keepaclearmind.com).

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## Academic Triathlon



Memorial Middle School hosted an academic triathlon last week for 7th grade students from schools in the Passaic County Gifted & Talented Consortium. One of the two Memorial School teams placed second in the event, which had students competing in three different rounds: theoretical, knowledgeable, and practical.

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## Memorial School Students of the Month for April have been named

Memorial School has named the Students of the Month for April.

5th grade: Kayla Valor, Nicolas Chalet, Mia Salce Nunez, Amy Moya and Aryanna Dela Cruz

6th grade: Nour Rahhal, Leilah Ostalaza, Calvin Cherian, Ciara Lee Velasequez and Yusef Rafee

7th grade: Patrick Ryan, Danica O'Brien, Sabrinna Pesev, Leonardo Maldonado, and Maria Spirova

8th grade: Thaira Rijo, Daniel Cavero, Maria Flores, Kaitlyn Clark and Tony Ali

# Artistic Acting



Students in Miss Webb's and Mr. Rizzo's third grade classes at Beatrice Gilmore have been participating in the Young Audiences program throughout March. The students read related passages and used various art forms to demonstrate their comprehension of those passages. Most recently, they worked in groups to choose one scene to act out in a "tableaux vivant." With guidance from Ms. Flynn from Young Audiences, the class added dialogue into each tableaux.

## MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL HSA

Fundraiser night at:



**HOULIHAN'S**  
RESTAURANT • BAR  
645 Route 46, Fairfield, NJ 07004  
(973) 808-1300

**Date: Tuesday, April 16, 5pm-9pm**

\*\*\*\* **Must Present Flyer** \*\*\*\*

Please RSVP by 4/13 to:  
dassaf@verizon.net

\*\*A portion of the proceeds goes to benefit Memorial Middle School HSA. \*\*

No coupons, discounts, or Early Bird Menu may be applied to Fundraiser Events.  
Not valid for delivery service orders (UberEats, DoorDash, Etc.).  
Valid for dine in or pick up.

*Flyer may not be distributed in or around Houlihan's property.*

Houlihan's Office Use Area:  
Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager on duty's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Houlihan's Staff Member / Manager must staple Micros Receipt to the flyer and file for reconciliation.



### Clothing & Shoe Drive Fundraiser



Memorial Middle School

HSA Clothing Drive

**When:** Sunday April 14th 2019 from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

**Where:** West Paterson Boys and Girls Club

**Contact:** Donna Assaf 201-341-0067



Help our organization raise funds by cleaning out your closets, attics, garages, and basements.

Please place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags. Every bag counts. Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again.

The more our collection weighs the more we raise.

Thank you for your support!



#### What We Accept:

All Plastic Bags that are of all colors, Paper & Brand Name bags "Kohls, JC Penny, Macy's etc.," of all sizes received directly from the home. **Please DO NOT Re-bag.**  
Adult & Children Clothing, Shoes, Handbags, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats, Rain Gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Sheets, Pillowcases, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Purses, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, Jerseys, Backpacks and New Diapers. .

#### Please, We Do Not Accept:

Thrft Store Goods, Books, Games, Furniture, Flea Market, Yard Sales or Sorted merchandise that has been picked through or Separated which the better goods have been taken out.  
Curtains, Pillows, Stuffed Animals, Bric-A-Brac or Toys.