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The Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter is sent out weekly when school is in session. It serves 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

Store Designers



Shown are some second grade students from Mrs. D'Amico's and Ms. Natale's classes at Charles Olbon School. The entire second grade has been busy learning about goods and services. One of their choice activities was to design a commercial or a store that provides a service or sells goods.

A message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In light of recent events, we as an educational community understand that there are continued added pressures for all of our students and families during this time of concerns over public health, racial inequality and general uncertainness.

Please know that while we are not physically together in the school buildings during these difficult times, we are still here to comfort and support one another.

The Woodland Park Board of Education is committed to providing support and/or counseling to our families in need.

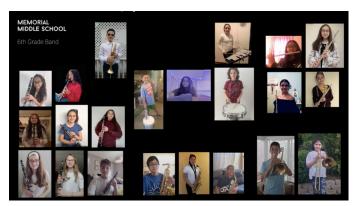
As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone in our school community and we will be there to help in any way we can.

Dr. Pillari









Annual Memorial School band and chorus concert goes virtual

On Wednesday evening, the Memorial Middle School band and chorus held its annual spring concert, only this year, it was virtual for the first time ever.

Starting after spring break, the band and chorus students sent in recordings of themselves playing or singing their music selections, as well as still photos, to music director Mr. Schaefer. The band students also attended weekly virtual lessons where they learned new concepts and new pieces. Some of the selections in the concert were learned entirely after school closed down.

Mr. Schaefer took the hundreds of audio and video files sent in and put them together to form the virtual concert. It brought them together as if you were there watching them perform at school. The theme was "Together Through Music," with the goal of bringing the Woodland Park and Memorial community together. Mr. Schaefer hoped the concert would give a sense of normalcy and familiarity in the unsettling times we're living through.

The concert featured two selections from the Memorial jazz band, three from the 5th grade band, three from the 6th grade band, one from the 5th and 6th grade chorus, one from the 7th and 8th grade chorus, and three from the 7th and 8th grade symphonic band. View the concert video on YouTube <u>here</u>.

Colorful Creations

Kindergarten student Angelina and her brother Sebastian, who is in third grade, paint monochromatic ice cream cones as part of art class with Mrs. Toole. The students mixed paints to create shades and tints.



Keeping Teachers Healthy







Guidance counselor Mrs. Farraye is running weekly "Self Care Bingo" games for staff members to provide them with some fun while practicing some much needed self care. The bingo board had items such as take a bubble bath, sleep late, read a book, take a nap, call a friend and more. Shown are last week's winners getting their prize.

Wellness Week Challenge









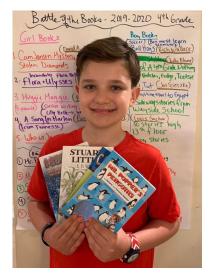




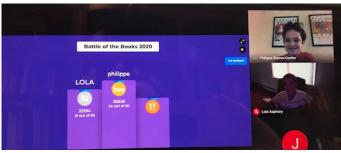


This week, the three school nurses sponsored the Wellness Week Challenge. Students were asked to do the activity and take a photo to send in. Each photo is an entry to a random lottery where one student from each grade will win a prize. The week featured: Mask on Monday, Twinning Tuesday, Wash Your Hands Wednesday, Thoughtfulness Thursday, and Free Friday.

Battle of the Books







Two students battled it out on May 28 in the Annual Fourth Grade Battle of the Books. It was back and forth for a while between Lola and Philippe, with Philippe taking the win. Congratulations to both students! Mrs. Seavy, Ms. Moore and Mr. Krakower facilitated the event and provided resources to all who had signed up throughout the time at home. Student teams had participated virtually in this school-wide enrichment event.

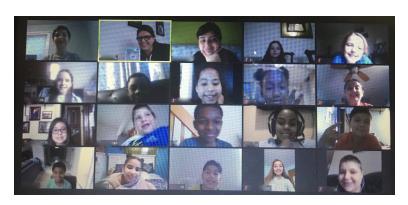
Blooming Buds





Students in Mrs. Munro's kindergarten class did a science experiment where they learned how the properties of water help flowers bloom in the spring. Students made a colorful paper flower, placed it in water, and watched it unfold, appearing to move and bloom in front of their eyes!

Math Wizards





Ms. Altomare's fourth grade class meets daily for a Zoom class meeting. The students enjoy time together and ask questions about assignments. Some stay after the meeting for extra help. They earned a certificate for answering 100,000 IXL questions. IXL is a website (mainly for math) that the class has been using since September 2019. Ms. Altomare is very proud of her student's accomplishments.