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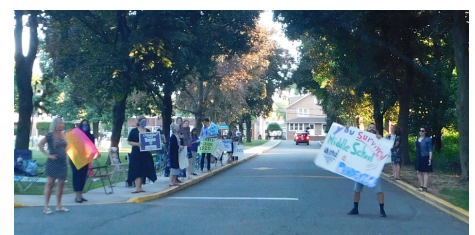


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The Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter is sent out weekly when school is in session. It serves as a glimpse of some of the wonderful things going on in our schools, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

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

Congratulations Class of 2020!



Last night's Memorial School Class of 2020 graduation was a historic event for the school and the Borough. In 1958, the first 8th grade graduation was held in the school gym. Each year, students graduated in the gym until the event was moved to Passaic Valley High School. Graduation ceremonies were always held indoors. Last night, the Class of 2020 made history by being the first class to graduate outside at PVHS. The unique drive-by outdoor graduation was organized and supported by both the School District, Board of Education and Borough of Woodland Park. Congratulations and best of luck to all our graduates as they begin their journey in high school!

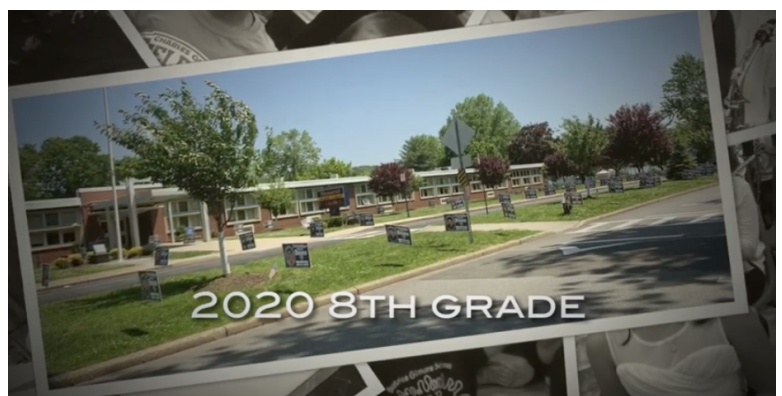
Second Grade Clap-out



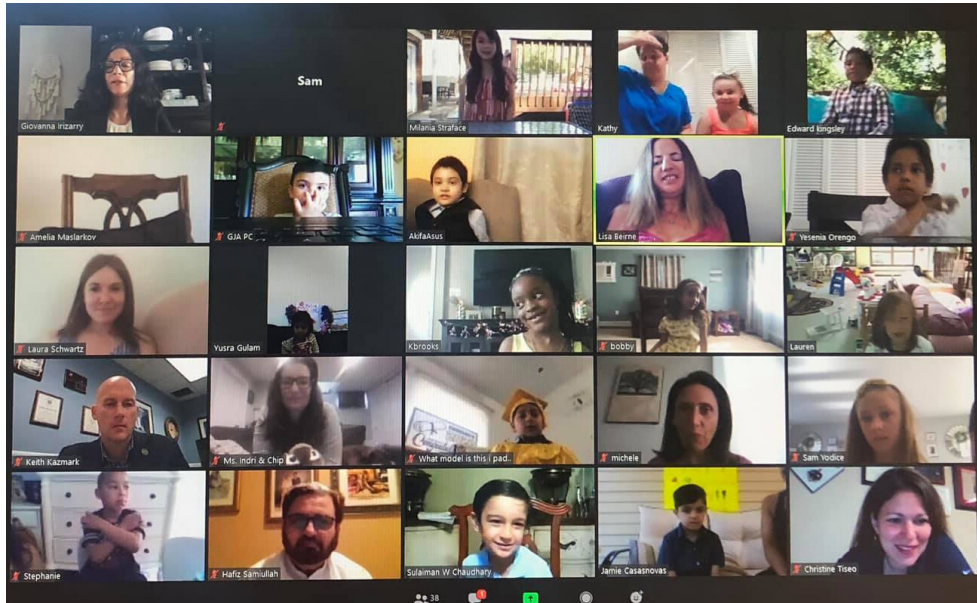
The Charles Olbon School second grade class was given a special send-off yesterday morning. Instead of the traditional clap-out, the students enjoyed a drive-by clap-out from their teachers and school staff. They were even greeted by Beatrice Gilmore Principal Mrs. Tomback and mascot Buddy the Bear!

A Look Back

The Memorial Middle School HSA 8th Grade Committee created a video for the Class of 2020 in honor of their graduation. Parents put together the slideshow with pictures of the students through their years in school. View the video [here](#).



Moving On Up



Charles Olbon School pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes held virtual moving up ceremonies for students earlier this week.

American Legion Post #238 salutes Americanism essay contest winners

The Woodland Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit #238 has announced the winners for the 2020 Americanism essay contest. Due to the pandemic, there was not an in-person awards ceremony this year. The following students are the winners at the unit level:

- Third grade: Anthony Matthewson. Honorable mentions: Ayah Madani and Sebastian Gomez
- Fourth grade: Lena Preziosi. Honorable mention: Fouad Sada
- Fifth grade: Sofia Perillo. Honorable mention: Hailey Diaz
- Sixth grade: no winner. Honorable mention: Gianna Ricci
- Seventh grade: Harry Cusack. Honorable mention: Robert Papienuk
- Eighth grade: no winner

Winning essays advanced to compete with others from throughout Passaic County. Passaic County winners:

- Grades 3 and 4: Lena Preziosi
- Grades 5 and 5: Sofia Perillo
- Grades 7 and 7: Harry Cusack

All county winners have moved on for consideration on the New Jersey State Level.

Summer Wishes



Alicia Salazar, a student in Mrs. Woessner's K/1 class at Charles Olbon School, created a poster to wish all her teachers a great summer!

Signing the Flag Salute

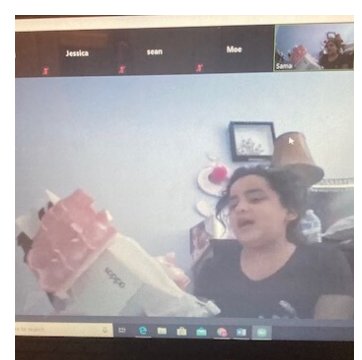
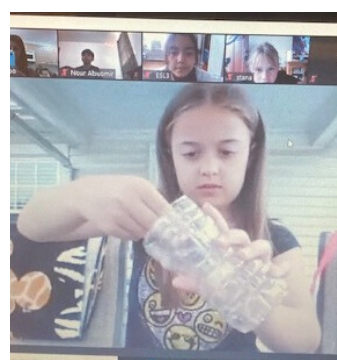
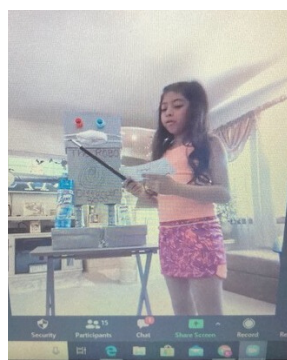
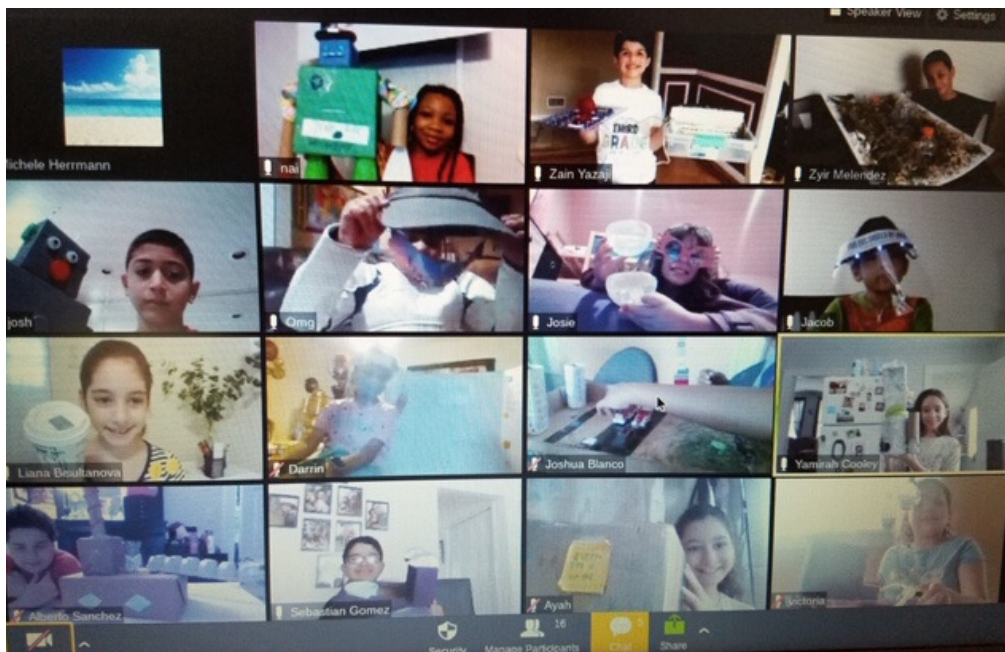
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



Students in Mrs. D'Amico's second grade class at Charles Olbon School worked hard to learn and practice doing the the Pledge of Allegiance in sign language. Every day though their virtual morning meetings they continued to practice this. They are so proud and Mrs. D'Amico wanted to put together a collage of the signs.

Young Inventors

All the third grade classes at Beatrice Gilmore School closed the school year with a special project. They all became inventors to solve a world problem and create a prototype out of recycled materials of their idea.



Virtual counseling corner an additional resource for students

Charles Olbon School Counselor Ms. Indri recently created virtual counseling rooms for the students and posted them on her webpage.

Over the last few weeks of school, she was thinking of the students and missing them. She created the pages as a means to have more contact in the final weeks and supply families with something they can use at home, even during the summer.



Each room has clickable objects related to different ways of dealing with stress and relaxation. Some children may recognize aspects of her actual counseling office and calm down corner. Additionally, there is a mailbox in each room that children can click to send Ms. Indri a message. They can also see if they can find Chip in each room. She plans to keep the rooms updated and accessible even when we return to school as an added resource and method of correspondence. As always, counselors are here for students and parents and they should not hesitate to reach out.



Summer Reads

District shared librarian Ms. Moore, ELA Supervisor Mrs. Castrovinci, teachers, and Alfred Baumann Library staff members created a video about summer reading opportunities and ideas for the students. View the video [here](#).

First Grade Memories

Charles Olbon School first graders shared their first grade memories in a special year-end project.

