

Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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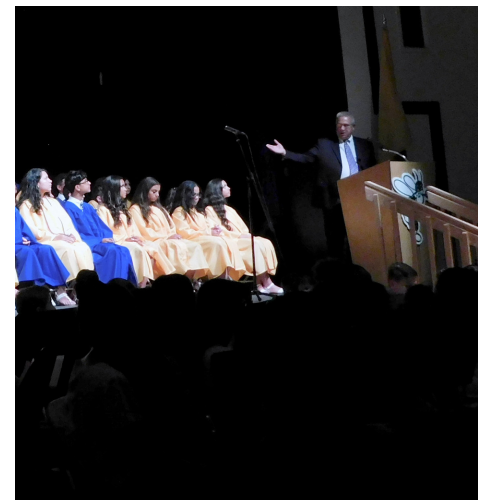


Welcome to the Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter, which will be sent out weekly when school is in session. This will serve as a glimpse of some of the wonderful things going on in our schools and with our students, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

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



Congrats To The Class of 2019



Commencement was held on Tuesday evening at Passaic Valley Regional High School for the Memorial School Class of 2019. Principal Charles Silverstein oversaw his final graduation, as he will retire after serving the school for 24 years, telling students to never forget the three most important things in their life:

God, family and school. The 111 graduates sang a number of songs relating to "the next chapter" accompanied by the Memorial School graduation band, under the direction of Mr. Schaefer. An empty chair sat on stage with a white rose in honor of Josephine Palman, who passed away on June 5 after a 16-month battle with cancer. Mr. Silverstein presented her diploma to her parents, who were in attendance.

Memorial School Student Council conducts annual Passaic River clean up

The annual Passaic River clean up, organized by the Memorial School Student Council, was held on June 13. Participants were chosen by interest and teacher recommendation. Students walked from the school to the Passaic River in the area of McBride Avenue and Browertown Road and policed the area and the river bank for litter and debris.



They were guided by Fran Bonaccorso, assistant superintendent of Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, past president of the NJ Water Environment Association North Section, and Tom Greci, past state president of the NJ Water Environment Water Association. While on the outing the students and guides discussed environmental issues such as hydrologic cycles, pests to be aware of, and local plants. They also did water sampling and testing. The New Jersey Water Environment Association is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the water environment.



Student Council funds new bottle filling station

The Memorial School Student Council has wrapped up a very busy and successful year. The 2018-2019 Student Council, under advisors Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Kelly, consisted of Amanda Rausch, Arianna Aliotta, Danica O'Brien, Ava Mania, Scott Nayda and Sohuh Shah.

This year, the Student Council ran a food drive at Thanksgiving for families in need, collected for St. Jude's Hospital, organized a Spirit Week, ran a district-wide drive for Autism Awareness, and also obtained funding for and oversaw the installation of a water bottle filling fountain outside the Memorial School gym, which allows the students to cut down on usage of plastic by filling reusable bottles with filtered water.



Fall sports are now registering

Fall sports registration is going on now at the West Paterson Boys & Girls Club. To register, visit wpgbc.org. Registration ends on July 8.

Cheerleading and football is open to all children who will be entering kindergarten through 8th grade this fall. This is a combined program with Totowa.

Soccer is open to all children who will be entering pre-K through 8th grade this fall.

Beatrice Gilmore's Got Talent

Beatrice Gilmore held the "Red Carpet Ready Talent Show" under the direction of Miss D'Astolfo and Miss Webb on Monday. Over 50 students took part, showcasing a variety of talents - including singing, gymnastics, dancing, comedy, soccer tricks, yo-yo tricks and more.



Annual poetry contest winners read their poems at Library's event

The Alfred Baumann Library saluted the winners of its annual poetry contest at a reading event on June 12. The staff sends its thanks to all those that submitted poems. Winners in attendance at the event read their poems. All winning poems will be published and bound in a library book. Prizes were awarded for first, second and third place in five categories. Youth winners are:

Category A (K-2nd) – first place: Victoria Califano, "Flowers;" second place: Angelo Grillo, "I Am Poem;" third place: Alejandro Piedra, "I Am Poem"

Category B (3rd-4th grade) - first place: Isabella Capaci, Brayden McGovern, Gianna Richardson, Laila Renne, "How the Unicorn Lost Its Horn;" second place: Fouad Sada, "Anchor Charts;" third place: Adam Siewior, "Triangle (A Concrete Poem)"

Category C (5th- 6th grade) – first place: Melanie Burgers, "Beaches;" second place: Sophia Pugliese, "My Thoughts;" third place: Emma Jurkic, "A Heart of Gold"

Category D (7th-8th grade) – First place: Haley Franco, "Earth;" second place: Juliette Maldonado, "One Last Goodbye;" third place: Aurora Figueira, "With Open Arms"



Fun And Games



Beatrice Gilmore students enjoyed a fun filled Field Day on June 14 with a number of activities.

Moving Up

Beatrice Gilmore's annual Fourth Grade Moving Up and Awards Assembly was held on Tuesday. Students were promoted to Memorial Middle School and wished all the best on the next stop on their educational journey.



One Last Time

The second graders at Charles Olbon walked the halls for the last time on Wednesday, and were clapped out by the underclassmen, parents and friends prior to dismissal.

American Legion Post #238 salutes Americanism essay contest winners

The WP American Legion Auxiliary Unit #238 Americanism essay contest winners for 2019 were celebrated

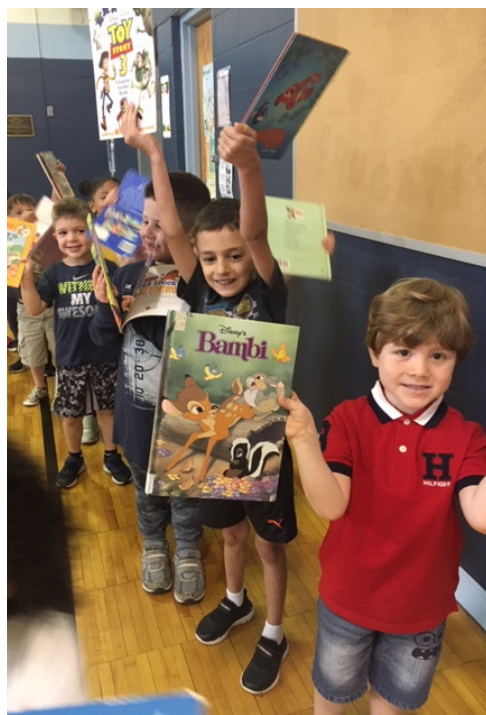
on June 14. The following students are the winners at the unit level.

- Third grade: Mayalyn Godinez. Honorable mentions: Addison Pier and Jayda Blucher
- Fifth grade: Amy Moya. Honorable mentions: Jillian Troiano, Jessica Nuestro, Nephtali Nemorin, Gracyn Roehrich, and Athena Galinda
- Sixth grade: Ronnie Costello. Honorable mention: Hala Ahmed.
- Seventh grade: Liana Thompson and Yastika Singh. Honorable mentions: Scott Nayda and Montaha Moraktan
- High school: 10th grade, Carmine Coscia (Passaic County Technical Institute)

Winning essays have advanced to compete with others from throughout Passaic County. All county winners, who will be announced shortly, will then move on for consideration on the NJ State Level.

It's A Grand Old Flag

Mrs. Healey's class at Charles Olbon learned how our flag is an important American symbol. After writing about what the flag stands for, they created their own flags to celebrate Flag Day!



Book Swap

As a follow up to Charles Olbon's Summer Reading Kick off assembly, ELA Supervisor Elba Castrovinci organized an event where students could swap books for summer reading. Each student at CO brought in gently used book they no longer wanted and each student selected two books to keep.

District partners with Library for summer reading requirements

The Woodland Park School District and the Alfred Baumann Library have partnered for a required summer reading program for all district students this year.

Charles Olbon and Beatrice Gilmore students are required to join and participate in the library's summer reading program, "A Universe of Stories." Students who complete a Universe of Stories chart will be recognized with in the fall. As an extra challenge, if 75% of the school completes a bingo row on the reading board, students will get to "Silly String" their principal, ELA Supervisor Elba Castrovinci, Library Director Linda Hoffman and Library Youth Services Associate Caitlin Cromley-Linn in the fall at a school-wide assembly. The chart, log and Bingo Board must be returned to your child's teacher by Sept. 6.

Memorial School students are required to read two books – one from a short list and one free choice book. Students will complete a written assignment for one book, to be handed in to their Language Arts teacher by Sept. 9 and is counted as a quiz grade. Memorial students are also encouraged to join the Library's summer reading program

Details and book lists are available at wpschools.org.



Summer Reading
Kick-off Concert in the Park
 The Alfred H. Baumann
 Free Public Library presents...
Grammy winning artist,
Steve Pullara
of Cool Beans Music!



Wednesday, June 26th @ 6:30 pm
at Dowling Gardens*

*If it rains the concert will be in the
 Municipal Council Chambers.

The GRAMMY® For Best Children's Album Goes To:
"All About Bullies...Big And Small"









Sponsored by the Woodland Park Municipal Alliance Against Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
 Thursday nights at dusk on Memorial Field - unless noted

All are welcome!

- July 11 - "Spider-man Into The Spider-verse"
 - July 18 - "Ralph Breaks The Internet"
 - July 25 - "Smallfoot"
 - August 1 - "Hotel Transylvania 3"
 - August 8 - "Madea Family Funeral"
 - August 15* - "Mary Poppins Returns"
- (*to be held outside the Alfred Baumann Library)

The snack stand will be open for all events!

If weather is in question - please check the "Woodland Park Municipal Alliance Against Alcoholism and Drug Abuse" page on Facebook for updates

