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Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter



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Important dates

Monday, Oct. 14 - Columbus Day - district schools closed

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2:50-3:30 p.m. - Memorial Animal Club meeting

Friday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m. - COHSA Halloween dance

Monday, Oct. 21 - BGHSA Pumpkin Patch

Friday, Oct. 25 - CO Pumpkin Patch

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

Charles Obon School students enjoy a visit from Omegaman

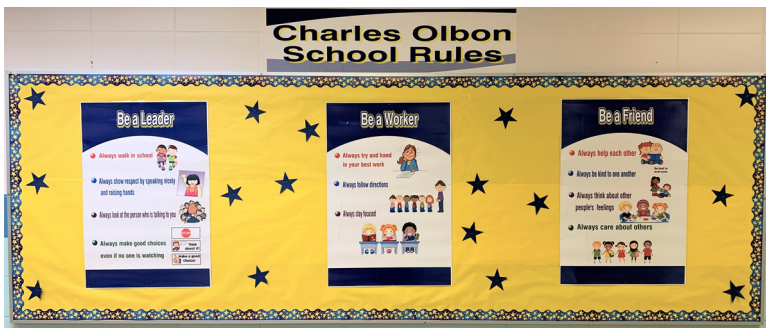
Charles Olbon School marked Week of Respect this week, aimed at educating the students about the importance of showing respect to themselves and others. To help teach the values of this important week, the students worked on activities and lessons regarding the value of respect in their classrooms and during recess.

On Monday, the students enjoyed a visit from the Omegaman & Friends assembly funded by the CO Home & School Association. The assembly ties in to October being National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. World Day of Bullying was Oct. 7 and the school community wore blue to "blue" together against bullying.

Omegaman delivered messages to the students by using strongman feats such as breaking a wooden bat over his knee, bending a piece of steel with his teeth and a ripping book called the "Book of Bad Choices" in half.

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By The Rules

Charles Olbon School recently instituted and created a display its school-wide rules. There are three of them: Be a Leader. Be a Worker. Be a Friend

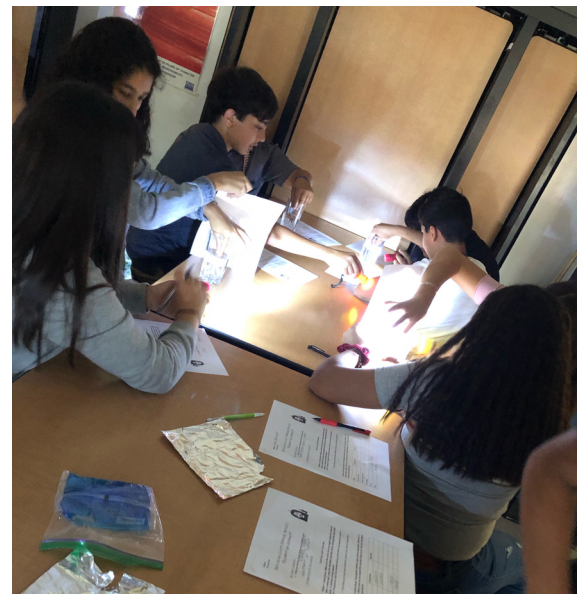
Hands On Learning



Students in Miss Capo's class at Beatrice Gilmore explore finding the area of a rectangle by making arrays with manipulatives.



Light Explorations



Students in the 7th grade STEM class at Memorial School, led by Miss Ament, explored the different properties of light in preparation to make a laser security system to protect their prized possessions. The students used flashlights and different materials to learn how light is reflected, refracted, transmitted, and absorbed.

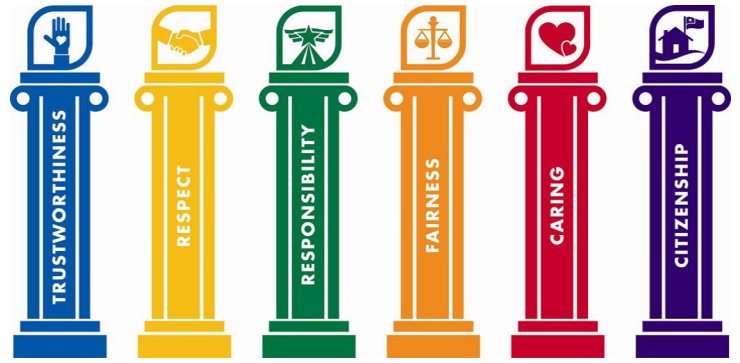
Memorial School HSA selling reusable discount cards

Memorial Middle School's Home & School Association is running a community discount card fundraiser. The reusable card is \$20 each and offers a year's worth of savings to all your local favorites such as On the Border, Dunkin Donuts, Pizza City, Park West Diner, Cyndia's, Se7te, The Fine Grind, 2Sweet, Viva La Pizza and more,

You'll be sure to save much more than \$20 from using your card. Discount cards also make great gifts! To order a card, contact Barbara at 201-406-3409 or email WPMemorialHSA@gmail.com.

Students of the month chosen as part of Character Education Program

In the fall of 2017, Memorial School implemented a Character Education Program called the "6 Pillars of Character Education." These six principles are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. They can be found in the district's Code of Conduct. Students have character education instruction each week.



In addition there is a "Students of the Month" program. Last year, one from each homeroom was chosen. This year, there will be one student per grade selected as "Student of the Month" each month. "These students are chosen because they possess the attributes of 'a student of character,'" according to Principal Lisa Barreto. "They 'represent' their grade for that month."

Photos of the students are taken and hung in the main lobby display case. They are given a certificate and will be recognized at the awards assembly at the end of the school year.

Here are the students of the month for October:

OCTOBER, GRADE 5- Xiomara Mantilla

OCTOBER, GRADE 7 - Erin Ryan

OCTOBER, GRADE 6 - Arianna Mastrangeli

OCTOBER, GRADE 8 - Sama Kitta

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As Omegaman tore the book in half he explained that the kids can erase bad choices they've made and start fresh. When he bent the steel bar, he noted how bad choices can stop someone from being on a straight path but they can keep going on a straight path by making good choices.

The lively presentation covered numerous themes. Students were encouraged to be a "dream-maker," not a "dream-breaker." They learned that they can all be heroes by following the H.E.R.O. way: Helping Everyone Respect Others. Omegaman also stressed to students that it's important they recognize and report bullying. By doing this, they are an upstander, not a bystander.

Students and staff concluded Week of Respect by wearing spirit wear or shirts in the school colors of blue and/or gold to show unity in the common goal of being respectful to everyone and making the school and community the best it can possibly be.

Visual Depiction



Students in Ms. Altomare's class at Beatrice Gilmore School visually depicting the three branches of Government; students needed to correctly identify the branch where each "leaf" belonged.