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Important dates

Monday, Oct, 21 to Friday, Oct. 25 -School Violence Awareness Week

Monday, Oct. 21 - BGHSA Pumpkin Patch

Wednesday, Oct. 23 - Memorial Unity Day, wear orange

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

BMX pro wows Beatrice Gilmore students with bike stunts

Beatrice Gilmore marked Week of Respect last week, aimed at educating the students about the importance of showing respect to themselves and others. They worked on activities and lessons regarding the value of respect in class all week

On Oct. 10, students were treated to a visit by Chris Poulos, a world champion BMX athlete and motivational speaker, by the WP Municipal Alliance Against Alcoholism & Drug Abuse. While he demonstrated a number of bike stunts, he shared important life lessons to the students in a number of areas including core values, anti-bullying and character education.

Poulos told the students that if they find something that they love, it will keep them away from the bad stuff.

"If you do good things, you're going to earn respect," he said. "If you do bad things, you are going to lose it."

He told the students about a fellow BMX champion named Adam who fell in to using drugs. One time, he used drugs and tried to do a trick off a high

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Libraries = Success program is going well at Memorial School

The Libraries = Success program is going well at Memorial Middle School. Currently, 6th grade has about 65 percent participation, fifth is at 35 percent and 7th and 8th grade are starting to bring more and more cards in, according to media specialist Miss Moore.

The "Libraries = Success" program, sponsored by the NJ State Library, is being run in Memorial School in a joint collaboration with the Alfred Baumann Library. The initiative is geared toward encouraging middle school students to sign up for a library card. The goal at Memorial is to have every student signed up for a card. It specifically targets 6th to 8th graders as they embark on the milestone of officially becoming independent learners, and also when student leisure reading starts to drop off.

A library card provides endless opportunities for students and will save them money while reaping rewards in academic achievement and lifelong learning. Whether it's providing free access to programs, in-person and virtual homework help or technology workshops, a library card is one of the most cost effective back-to-school supplies. Resources at the Library are available to anyone with a library card.

For more information about how to sign up for a library card, visit the Library in person at 7 Brophy Lane, or visit www.abwplibrary.org.

WP Boys & Girls Club plans travel basketball and baseball tryouts

The West Paterson Boys & Girls Club has joined together with the Little Falls Rec. Department and the Totowa PAL to launch travel baseball for U8 to U14. This will be a true feeder program to the Passaic Valley High School baseball program. Tryouts will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20 at Memorial Field from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and a second tryout will be held on Sunday, Nov. 3 at the Totowa PAL with college and semi-pro evaluators in attendance. Registrations will be held at the fields. Players are encouraged to attend both tryouts. Winter training will be offered. Any questions contact Robert Stigliano at stigs77@optonline.net.

The West Paterson Boys & Girls Club will hold travel basketball tryouts at Memorial Middle School on the following dates:

- 5th & 6th grade boys: Saturday, Oct. 19, 12 to 1:15 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20, 12 to 1:15 p.m.
- 7th grade boys: Saturday, Oct. 19, 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. and Sunday, Oct 20, 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.
- 8th grade boys: Saturday, Oct. 19, 3 to 4:15 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20, 3 to 4:15 p.m.
- 5th to 8th grade girls: Saturday, Oct.. 19, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All players must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, and parent/guardian must sign a permission form prior to the tryout. Players must participate in first tryout to be invited to the final tryout. Any questions, contact Kevin Price at WPBGCBasketball@gmail.com.

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perch, saying that he could "fly." He wound up paralyzed. "All it takes is one mistake," Poulos said. "Don't ever put anything in your body that doesn't belong in there."

After showing the students a trick called the boomerang, he told them that life was much like a boomerang - if you do something good, it will come back to you.

For his final trick, much to the awe of all the children, Poulos did a bike jump over two teacher volunteers - Mrs. Altomare and Mrs. Voinov.







