

Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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Important dates to note

Monday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. -
Regular Board of Education
meeting at Memorial School

Monday, Jan. 21 - District schools
will be closed in observance of
Martin Luther J. King Day

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



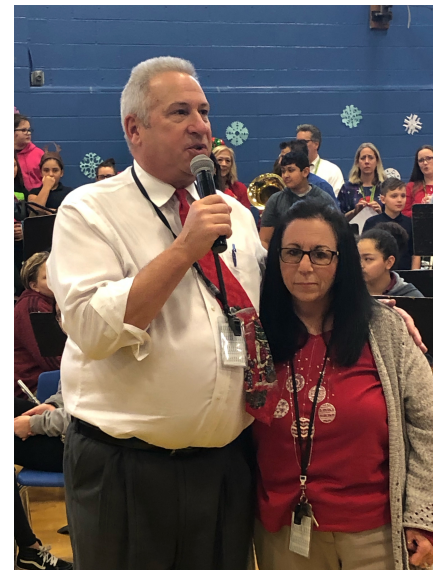
Teachers and support staff members of the year are announced

The Woodland Park School District has announced the recipients of the annual New Jersey Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2018-2019 prior to winter break. These awards are voted on each year from nominations from parents and students. The winners are as follows:

Charles Olbon School – K-2 LLD teacher Elizabeth Parker and Basic Skills instructor Susan DiFluri

Beatrice Gilmore School – Fourth grade teacher Anna Szorc and Student Support Services Learning Consultant Theresa Avella

Memorial Middle School – Fifth grade history and science teacher Steve Sans and LLD aide Sheila Lepore, who retired at the end of 2018



Winter Wonderland



Pizza City was recently transformed into a winter wonderland with artwork done by the 3rd grade students at Beatrice Gilmore, under the direction of art teacher Sherry Toole.



Eighth grade parents hear about curriculum changes at Passaic Valley

Passaic Valley Regional High School on Wednesday evening hosted an orientation for eighth grade parents, where the incoming Class of 2023 received their copy of the 2019-2020 program of studies guide course booklet and heard from facility administration about what to expect.

Joseph Benvenuti, supervisor of athletics, physical education/health and student activities coordinator, noted that the number one message he wanted parents and students to take away from the evening was to get involved.

"We don't want kids leaving after the school day," he said. "We want them to stick around. Passaic Valley has over 20 sports and over 30 clubs and we want you to take advantage. There truly is something for everybody."

Students involved in extra-curricular activities are five times more likely to have an A average, Benvenuti stressed.

Tara Torres, director of student personnel services, detailed to attendees the basic requirement for students to graduate. She also spoke about the number of changes and additions the school will now offer.

For 2019-2020, PV will offer dual enrollment courses through partnerships with a number of state universities. Students can earn college credit while at PV at a fraction of the cost for such courses as Anatomy Honors, Introduction to Law, and Forensic Science.

A new partnership with William Paterson University offers career certifications offered at the high school campus in Patient Care Technician, Criminal Justice and Computer Science (Python certification).

In addition, students can take Career Programs of Study (CTE) sequences in broadcasting and engineering. It will allow them to receive industry certifications and hands-on opportunities that will give them real world, marketable skills.

The high school has dozens of new elective courses for students starting next year as well that include Cartooning, 3D Design, Digital Imagine, Stage Acting, Culinary Arts I and II, Financial Literacy, Principles of Engineering Design, Web Design, and STEM Explorations.

PV guidance counselors will be visiting Memorial School on Jan. 23 and will be meeting with students individually to begin planning for their freshman year.