



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

Important dates to note

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

Wednesday, Jan. 23 - PVHS scheduling for Memorial 8th grade students

Young Audience Program launches at Charles Olbon

Charles Olbon launched its Young Audience Arts for Learning of New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania program in select classes last week. Beatrice Gilmore is also again participating this year.

The program brings arts experiences by professional teaching artists directly to students. By doing so, it eliminates barriers to participation and make the arts accessible to students of every background, geographic area, and ability.

Both schools have a creativity consultant working with the teachers, an "artist in residence." This year the focus is on storytelling through West African dance and drumming. The teachers have received professional development from the artist, Mrs. Candace.

Mrs. Candace and Mr. Koakou have been visiting select classes at both schools. Student are learning about different kinds of Western African drums and have learned dance sequences as well.

Throughout the program, students will learn about a new culture through the art of storytelling, dance and music. A core group of students will participate in a performance showcase at the end of the school year.



Annual Souper Bowl of Caring food drive kicks off at CO and BG

The Charles Olbon School and Beatrice Gilmore School are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring - Tackle Hunger and they are asking the community to help supply canned and dry, boxed goods to the less fortunate in the area. As the upcoming NFL Super Bowl is approaching, many of us prepare with celebrations of food and snacks. It is important during these times to think of others that do not have as much as we do.

Donations are being collected until Feb. 8 at Charles Olbon and Feb. 1 at Beatrice Gilmore and will benefit local food pantries.



Within the schools classes are competing to see who brings in the most donated cans. ShopRite is having its annual "can can" sale, so the time is perfect. The class that donates the most canned goods in each school will win a pizza party.

Students can bring in donations to school or utilize the drop and go cart in the vestibule. Members of the public are welcome to drop off donations at either school. Charles Olbon is located at 50 Lincoln Lane. Beatrice Gilmore School is located at 1075 McBride Avenue.

Student grown vegetables will soon be harvested for cafeteria use

The Tower Garden project at Memorial School, led by students in the STRIVE program, is moving along. The Tower Garden was donated to the school by Pomptonian Food Services, the district's food service provider. Students, under the direction of Miss Ament, planted seeds for bibb lettuce, rainbow chard, cucumbers, and bok choy. Vegetables grown will be consumed in the school cafeteria.

"We are waiting for more supplies to start planting tomatoes and basil," Miss Ament said. "The bibb lettuce is actually really close to being harvested. The students who grew the plants have actually had little nibbles to eat of their plants and were extremely excited to do so."

The Tower Garden is a vertical, aeroponic growing system, which enables the growing of up to 20 vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers in less than three square feet at a time. It can grow plants up to three times faster than conventional gardening methods. And many vegetables can be harvest ready in as little as three weeks after transplanting.



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Last year, select CO classes worked on learning mandala mindfulness, an art form where the students work within a grid to create something all their own. CO classes also did an element on theater as well created a student made garden. Last year at BG, third graders learned about acting skills. They created tableaux, where they use their bodies to make a still picture, without talking, to capture and communicate the meaning of a concept. The work the third graders did also tied in math, where students acted out word problem, language arts and social studies.

Geography Bee Champs



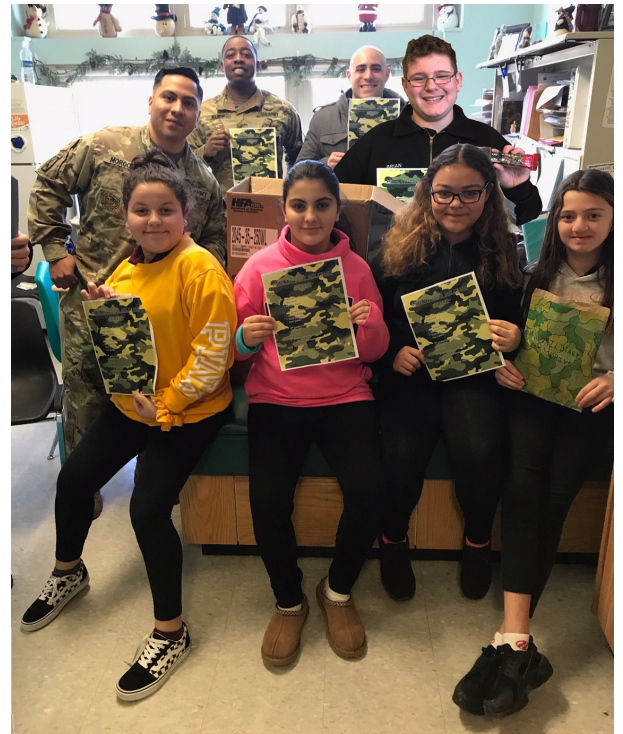
Congratulations the winners of Memorial Schools's first Geography Bee. After competing in the preliminary round and narrowing down the field to 10 students the following students placed:

3rd place: Daniella Mencia

2nd place: Michael Preziosi

1st place and school champion: Yastika Singh
Yastika will move on to the next round of the competition and compete in the state qualifying round.

Helping Our Military



The Health Club at Memorial School concluded its annual collection drive for the military. Hand delivered to troops were boxes of items such as Chap stick, playing cards, crossword puzzle books, foot powder, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, candy and gum.

Once Upon a Time
at the library!

Winter Reading Program
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2nd Annual
Soup and Chili Cook Off

Friday, February 1, 2019
American Legion, 410 Mt. Pleasant Ave
Doors open at 6pm

All are Welcome to enter the contest and to attend. 8Y/08, 50/50, D3!
Children 8 and under are FREE! Taste unlimited Soups and Chili!

Prizes will be given to the winners. Tickets will be sold for \$10 per person.
Pizza, hot dogs, refreshments and desserts will be available to purchase.

All proceeds benefit the Charles Olbon Kindergarten Committee.

For advance tickets contact Gina at 551 206-5740 or giespo@hotmail.com