

# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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Welcome to the Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter. We are excited to announce that this e-Newsletter 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

## Important dates to note

Monday, May 28 - Schools are closed for Memorial Day

Thursday, May 31, 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - BG spring concert

## Board of Education salutes educators, support personnel of the year

The 2018 Governor's Educators of the Year and 2018 Governor's Education Service Professionals of the Year were recognized at the May 21 Board of Education meeting.

Educators of the Year are CO first teacher JoAnn Woessner, BG fourth teacher Erin Wilson and Memorial music teacher Eric Schaefer.

The service professionals of the year are library aide Sharon Riggi from CO, special education/student support services social worker Kristy Knapp from BG and school nurse Teresa Carbonelli from Memorial.

Charles Olbon Principal Giovanna Irizarry said honoree Mrs. Woessner goes "above and beyond for her students, seeking resources inside and outside the school for them as needed," as well as for the staff, planning the monthly staff breakfast.

Mrs. Riggi, Irizarry said, is her "partner in crime in the morning - that warm smiling face the students see at the start of their day." She is a calming presence, Irizarry said, who makes sure all the students start their day off right.

Beatrice Gilmore Principal Sharon Tomback said that Mrs. Wilson is passionate and persistent and goes above and beyond for everyone. "She looks for ways to help students collectively and individually," she said.

Ms. Knapp has a unique position, Tomback said, as she really gets to know students from pre-k to 8th grade. "She's an advocate for what the child needs academically and socially," Tomback said. "She never hesitates to help any student."

Memorial School Principal Charles Silverstein said that Mr. Schaefer is a "wonderful man and role model in every sense of the word. I've never seen this man eat," he said jokingly on how busy he is. "His help with the kids is invaluable."

For 17 years, Mrs. Carbonelli has taken care of the students' health, Silverstein said. She's always there for everyone, he said, and goes above and beyond taking care of the kids.

District Superintendent Dr. Michele Pillari said that the honorees were celebrated at a recent county-wide event.

"This honor is special as they are chosen by their peers," she said. "They are selected by the other professionals they work with every day."

## **Funds approved for Memorial cafe, CO media center improvements**

The Board of Education recently approved two projects that will be completed over the summer. Charles Olbon will see a renovation to its media center and Memorial School's cafeteria will receive air conditioning and a movable partition to create class space.

The board approved a contract with Molba Construction to perform the work at Memorial School (\$215,297 base bid, \$908 Alternate #1). The contract for Charles Olbon is to Lee Distributors, under Ed-Data Cooperative, for \$89,259.

At Charles Olbon, the current media center is part of a wing constructed in 2000. The carpeting is worn out and being replaced by VCT tile. The room is being redesigned with new furniture to better accommodate today's learning environment. The space will be more mobile and fluid for more uses such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) maker spaces. Current desktop computers will be replaced by laptop carts for kindergarten and first graders. Second graders next year will each have their own laptops as part of the district's completion of the one-to-one initiative for grades 2 to 8.

At Memorial School, the cafeteria and kitchen will have air conditioning installed. Also, a movable partition will be installed that will create a new classroom space to help with overcrowding.

## **American Legion Post #238 essay contest winners are announced**

The West Paterson American Legion Auxiliary Unit #238 has announced the winners of its 2018 Americanism Essay Contest. The following students are the winners at the unit level:

Beatrice Gilmore School: third grader Xavier Diaz and fourth grader Abdul Abdallah. Honorable mentions - Aayaan Malik and Jason Snyder

Memorial School: fifth grader Daniella Mencia, sixth grader Alberto Toro, seventh grader Samantha Ramos (no winner for eighth grade). Honorable mentions - Lily Aspirany, Gabriela Acosta and Jenna Hindeleh

Additionally, at the Passaic County level, Xavier Dias is the Class I winner, Daniella Mencia is the Class II winner and Samantha Ramos is the Class III winner. All county winners' essays will move on for consideration at the NJ State level in June.

"We are very proud of all the children of Woodland Park," American Legion Unit #238 Americanism chairwoman Cathy Pagano wrote in a letter announcing the winners to Superintendent Dr. Michele Pillari. "I would like to thank you for such a great response to this year's contest."

Winners have been invited to a special program at the American Legion Post #238 where they will be recognized.

## **Teachers get funds to spend at Charles Olbon Scholastic Book Fair**

The Charles Olbon Elementary School Home & School Association held its second Scholastic Book Fair of the year this week. Students were able to come down at a designated time to shop for books.

Due to the success of its winter Book Fair, the Home & School Association was able to provide \$100 in Scholastic Dollars to each homeroom teacher to spend. Many shopped right off the shelves during the fair and others utilized the Scholastic.com catalog to pick their selections. At the conclusion of the winter fair, the Home & School Association had provided books to the media center and the special subject teachers.

During the year, sales made at the Book Fairs and through classroom flyers sent home bring in numerous books to the school. The Home & School Association receives 40 percent back in Scholastic Dollars from their Book Fair sales. When students place orders via classroom flyers, they receive points they can redeem towards books or class supplies.

Parents can shop any time at Scholastic.com and purchases will benefit the school classrooms.



## WPSNAC Parent Meet & Greet



Join us for refreshments & snacks  
Meet your SNAC Family  
Share your experiences from this school year. Tell us  
what worked well & what we can improve.

Wednesday May 30  
6:30 pm  
Alfred Baumann Public Library  
RSVP [wpsnac@gmail.com](mailto:wpsnac@gmail.com)  
by May 29

Woodland Park Special Needs Advisory Committee mission is to provide direct input on the policies, programs and practices that impact services and support for children with disabilities and their families. We would like to increase the involvement of families on policies pertaining to our special needs children. Above all we would like to create a bridge between families and the school district.

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Stay up to day on upcoming events and fundraisers throughout the year.

SNAC Board Members 2018-2019

President - Laura Spagnola-Vargas

Vice Present - Maria Billson

Secretary - Gina Marie Gerardi

Treasurer - Lisa Mistretta

## WOODLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Junior Police Academy

July 16-20, 2018

Memorial School – 15 Memorial Dr, Woodland Park

*All sessions are from 8am -3:30 pm / Lunch will be provided*

*The Junior Police Academy is a summer program designed for 11 to 14 year old youth to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of Law enforcement.*

*Cadets will be guided through a variety of hands-on experiences Ranging in all aspects of Law Enforcement.*

*Cadet shirt, shorts, hat and water bottle will be issued to each attendee. For use each day. Sneakers are required no BOOTS!!*

*Orientation will be held the week prior in the council chambers on Thursday July 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for about an hour. A parent/Guardian and the Cadet must be present for the orientation. This is mandatory.*

Academy will be open to both male and female. All applicants must be a resident of Woodland Park to participate & in Middle School. If you are graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and going into high school you meet the criteria to participate. First 30 completed applications will be accepted into the program. Pick up your applications at the dispatch desk at the Woodland Park Police Department Located @ the Municipal Building 5 Brophy Ln. Once they are fully completed you can drop them off at the same location ASAP.

For Further Info Contact Det. Dan Dugan @ (973)345-8117 or [ddugan@wpnj.us](mailto:ddugan@wpnj.us).

## Woodland Park Memorial Day

Monday, May 28, 2018

*Demonstrating our gratitude to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our way of life!*

9:30 a.m. – Firemen's Memorial Ceremony  
(McBride Ave. & Memorial Dr.)

10 a.m. – War Memorial Ceremony  
(McBride Ave. & Brophy Ln.)

11 a.m. – Memorial Day Parade Kickoff  
(McBride Ave. & Glover Ave.)



Refreshments will be served after the parade at the Boys & Girls Club

Please join us after the parade for a STREET FAIR hosted by  
W.P. Recreation from 11a.m. to 6 p.m. on McBride Avenue between  
Memorial Drive & Lackawanna Avenue

Mayor Keith Kazmark

Council President Vincent DeCesare

Councilwoman Tracy Kallert, Recreation Chair – Councilwoman Rita Pascrell

Councilman Joseph Spinelli – Councilman Gary Holloway – Councilwoman Tina Gatti



## Woodland Park PARADE & STREET FAIR



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**MONDAY, MAY 28 11am-6pm**

Hosted by the Woodland Park Recreation Dept.

The event will be held on McBride Ave.  
from Lackawanna Ave. to Memorial Drive.

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exhibitors!

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