

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.

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Important dates

Friday, Jan. 31 - Memorial School second marking period grades are on the Parent Portal

Monday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m. - Board of Education meeting at Memorial School

Tuesday, Feb. 11 to Friday, Feb. 14 will be early dismissal days, and Monday, Feb. 17 and Tuesday, Feb. 18 the district will be closed

Spelling Wizards

Memorial Middle School held its 2020 Spelling Bee on Wednesday evening at the Charles Olbon School with 30 competitors. The top three spellers were Ava Beirne, third place; Jason Turkel, second place; and Daniella Mencia, first place.





Two student teams qualify for nationals in virtual math tournament

Seven student teams, comprised of 3rd to 8th grade students, competed this week against dozens of others in the virtual NJ Perennial Math Tournament.

This virtual math challenge competition is open to all students across the state. Each participating school has one team of up to five students selected to represent each grade level. The teams competed through videoconferencing software called WebEx

Chat Room. A timed competition, students worked together quickly to answer varying levels of math equations. Students were selected to participate based on the standards-based rubric supported by the New Jersey Mathematics Learning Standards, teacher recommendations, grades, and in-district benchmark assessments.

All students received certificates of participation. They will also receive a T-shirt and dog tag.

Here were the rankings: 8th grade placed 5th 7th grade placed 3rd 6th grade team 1 placed 4th 6th grade team 2 placed 5th 5th grade placed 11th 4th grade placed 3rd 3rd grade place 4th.

Our 7th and 4th grade teams have qualified to participate in the nationals as they came in 3rd place.



















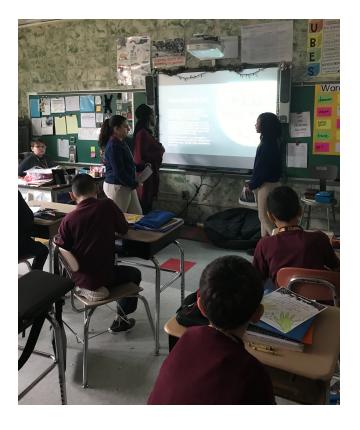
A Magical Day

The Charles Olbon Home & School
Association sponsored the Joe Fischer magic
show for the students on Jan. 24. He enlisted
Principal Dr. Irizarry for his first trick and
afterwards, she was surprised by the children
of the HSA board members with flowers and
gifts for her birthday that day. Mr. Fischer
delighted the students with silly tricks that
involved members of the audience.



Keeping Healthy

Students in the Health
Club at Memorial Middle
School this week during
period 9 visited all of the
fifth grade homerooms
to present an
educational lesson about
the flu that they created.
The students worked
hard to create the
presentation, which
provided their
classmates with flu facts
and precautionary tips.



Realtime App to view Parent Portal info is available

Parents and guardians can now monitor their child's progress from their mobile phone.

The district is pleased to announce that a Realtime app is available for download from the Apple or Android app store. Once downloaded, enter the code 5690 and you will be connected to the Woodland Park School District. Then you can enter your portal code, user name, and password to log into the Parent Portal.

No Name-Calling Week encourages teamwork, community building

Charles Olbon School last week took part in No Name-Calling Week. Guidance Counselor Miss Indri and gym teacher Mr. Volpe co-taught lessons during the students' physical education periods.

The message of no name-calling was incorporated within their practicing of soccer skills. They discussed the importance of treating one another with kindness and how name-calling hurts feelings. After the discussion, the students personally reflected on any mean names they have been called in the past. The students did jumping jacks to jump out all the bad names from P.E. and the school. A group activity also took place where the students called each other by name before passing the soccer ball to them. This is good for community building as well as making sure the person you are passing to is paying attention. At the end of the lesson, students were encouraged to call out any name-calling that they hear by telling the person to stop and/or telling an adult.

At Beatrice Gilmore School, the expectation is that every day is no name-calling day. This is reinforced throughout various ways all year, including in teacher's lessons. Therefore, there was no specific acknowledgement of the week

High School Planning



Memorial Middle School eighth graders sat with guidance specialists from Passaic Valley High School on Tuesday to go over their transcripts and class selections for their upcoming freshman year.

