



## Important dates to note

Friday, March 22 - Beatrice Gilmore report cards are available on the Parent Portal

Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m. - Pajama Storytime at Charles Olbon

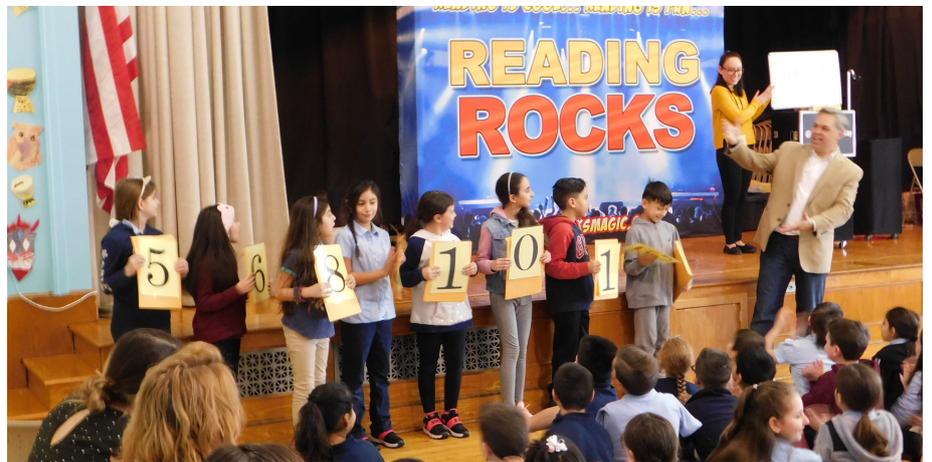
Friday, March 29, 3 p.m. - Memorial School students vs. Staff volleyball game

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

## Reading Rocks assembly combines magic, comedy and music

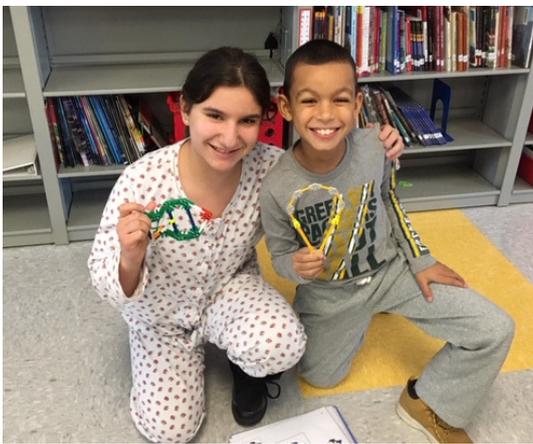
Charles Olbon and Beatrice Gilmore Schools received a visit from the Reading Rocks assembly program on March 13. The programs were funded by the Home & School Associations. Joe Holiday's Reading Rocks Magic Show is a literacy assembly that blends stage magic, comedy, music and audience participation. Each trick is tied in to a classic or popular age appropriate book title such as "Harry Potter," "Origami Yoda" and "Fairly Fairy Tales." A brief description of each book is given, followed by a magic trick incorporating the theme or characters. This brings the characters and story to life and gets the students excited about reading.





## Read All About It

Mrs. Yesenosky and Mr. Krakower have been working with Beatrice Gilmore School students who are part of the Newspaper Club during their lunch time. They have recently completed their very first edition of "Buddy's News," which is a digital newspaper the students created for their peers. In the first issue, students discuss the Souper Bowl of Caring, Jump Rope for Heart, the most popular pets in 4th grade and much more. To view the online newspaper, visit <https://www.wpschools.org/Page/3830>

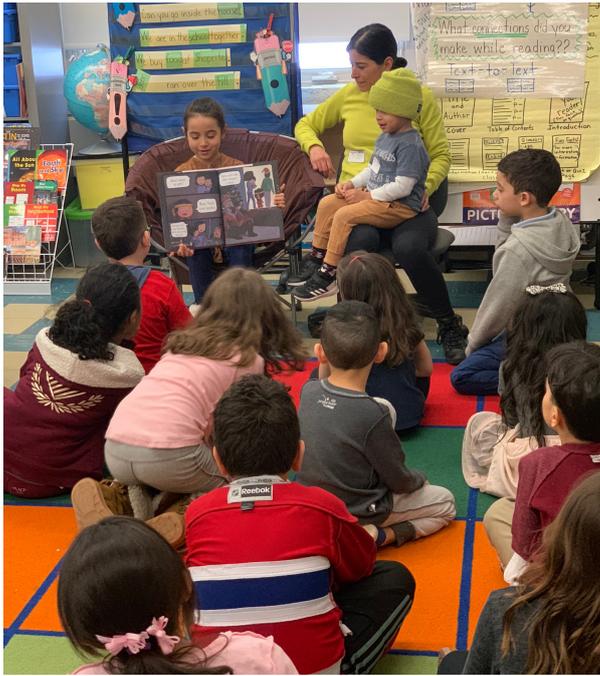


## Creative Minds

Students use Knex to create miniature figurines or objects during indoor recess at Beatrice Gilmore School. Shown are students from Mrs. Seavy and Mrs. D'Astolfo's classes, who created such things as an ice cream cone, fish, weightlifter, dune buggy, and tow truck. The projects showed great collaboration and communication!



## Special Guests



Mrs. Healey's first graders at Charles Olbon School are enjoying visits from their March Guest Readers all month long. Shown is Mrs. Quintero, CO parent and Ava Quintero reading "Ninja Claus."

# MAKE, CREATE & DISCOVER FUN!



**Build it.**  
**Craft it.**  
**Explore it.**

**DISCOVER IT WITH US**

**Saturday, March 23rd from 11am-1pm**

Alfred H. Baumann  
Free Public Library  
7 Brophy Lane  
Woodland Park, NJ 07424  
Phone: 973-345-812  
#WPreads

Spirograph  
Marshmallow  
Tower Challenge  
Brain Flakes  
Squishy Circuits  
Shaving Cream  
Tie-dye Art  
Magna-Tiles  
Virtual Reality Experience  
GIANT Legos

## Passaic Valley High School is planning its fourth annual Autism Walk

Passaic Valley Regional High School will host its fourth annual Autism Walk on Sunday, April 14. Held at the track & field, the event will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, rain or shine. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Register in advance, by April 11, for \$5. Registration after April 20 and the day of the event is \$7. Children 5 and under are free. There will be a DJ and face painting for the kids.

T-shirts are being sold for the event as well. Orders should be submitted to Amy Pellegrini in the Student Activities office at Passaic Valley by Friday, March 29. Shirts are \$12 and are available in youth small to large and adult small to XL. XXL shirts are \$14 and XXXL shirts are \$16.

Those unable to walk can make a donation to the program by mailing a check, payable to Passaic Valley High School, to Passaic Valley High School, ATTN: Amy Pellegrini, 100 East Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424. For more information, email Amy Pellegrini at [pellegrinia@pvhs.k12.nj.us](mailto:pellegrinia@pvhs.k12.nj.us).

All funds raised go directly to the Autism program at the high school and help expand the new self-contained classroom for the state-of-the-art program. Proceeds will allow students to take community based field trips to help shape their social skills and practice every day tasks. Trips would include the post office, laundromat, local food stores and more.



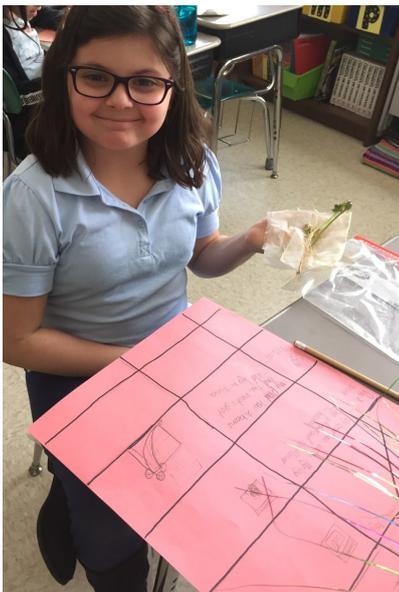
## Borough Council salutes annual Women's History Month honorees

Memorial School English teacher Rosemary Ficarra and 8th grader Josephine Palman, who is battling cancer, were among four honored by the Mayor and Council as part of Women's History Month for helping to shape and inspire the community. Additional honorees included Library Board President Mary Holloway and Living Water Church Women's Ministry Pastor Dinora LaTorre.



Mrs. Ficarra was honored as an indispensable liaison and educator. A Superintendent's Delegate to the Alfred H. Baumann Library Board since 2013, Ficarra has been an English teacher at Memorial since 2004. She has been instrumental in building and maintaining the relationship between the school and library.

Josephine Palman was honored for her bravery in her battle against Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a childhood brain cancer. The 13-year-old loved to sketch, loved music, did gymnastics and loved everything to do with nature. Her illness though has taken her abilities to do and enjoy many of these things. Before the brain tumor paralyzed her facial muscles, she was hardly ever without a smile that reflected her spirit.



## Young Scientists

Students in Ms. Capo's class at Beatrice Gilmore made claims and investigated how plants grow and change by recording written and drawn observations of pinto beans, water and paper towels over a fifteen day period.

## Leading The Way

District Superintendent Dr. Michele Pillari, Little Falls School District Superintendent Tracy Marinelli, Totowa School District Superintendent Patricia Capitelli and Passaic Valley Regional High School Superintendent Dr. JoAnn Cardillo on March 15 gave a presentation on collaborative school practices at the New Jersey Association of School Administrators' Women's Leadership Conference, held in Somerset.

