

Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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Important dates to note

Monday, April 1 - Memorial School fourth marking period begins

Tuesday, April 2, 7 p.m. - Beatrice Gilmore Home & School Association meeting

Wednesday, April 3 - Beatrice Gilmore Home & School Spring Photo fundraiser

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

Lunch And Learn



Some lucky Charles Olbon students enjoyed a pizza lunch with Safety Officers Bill and Brian. One child from each grade was selected in a fundraising raffle for the prize. Each got to bring a friend. Officers Bill and Brian chatted with the kids about what they do to help keep them and the community safe. Police Officer Michael Boudaher stopped by and swore in the students as honorary officers for the day.

Charles Olbon student teacher is finalist for state award

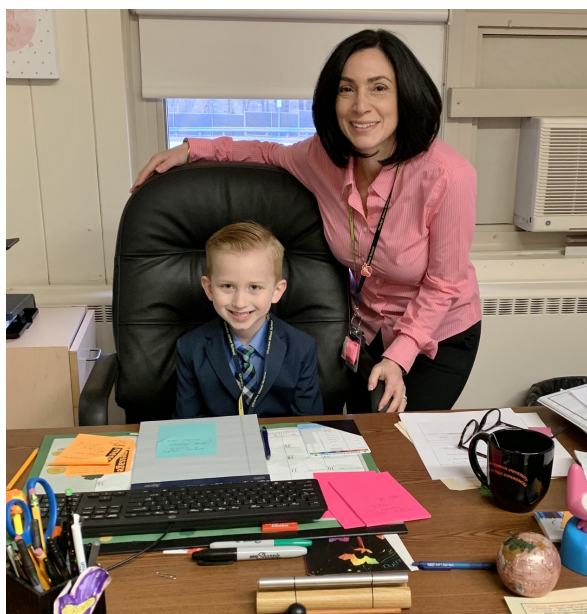
Student teacher at Charles Olbon, Kelsey Marren, was nominated to take part in the New Jersey State Commissioner of Education's Distinguished Clinical Intern Award. She is one of three students at Caldwell University selected as a finalist. She is extremely excited about it and thanked the Charles Olbon staff for the support and mentoring she received during the course of the year. Miss Marren worked with Mrs. Davidson for the first half of the year and now she is with Mrs. Parker.

District schools celebrate March's Music In Our Schools Month

March has been designated for the observance of "Music In Our Schools Month" (MIOSM) by NAFME, the National Association for Music Education. It is a time in which school districts recognize the importance of music in all children's educational experiences.

To celebrate MIOSM, Charles Olbon students sang songs and engaged in activities which support the importance of music in education. Kindergarteners drew pictures of their favorite instruments and shared them with their class. Second grade classes are having talent days during music classes. In addition, there were guest performers in the school that included our very own Ms. Avella (bass) and Mr. Grochowski (guitar), who gave instrument demonstrations. Mrs. Ryan's father Mr. Ward also stopped by with his bagpipes.

Mr. Ward also stopped by at Beatrice Gilmore, where his granddaughter Katie Ryan attends. Mr. Ward and Mrs. Ryan shared their musical talents with the students. Mr. Ward shared information about the bagpipes and how it compares to the recorders they are learning to play. He talked about his attire, as well as how the bagpipes are played to soothe the sheep. All students got to march in a mini-parade to recess.



Principal Of The Day

Kindergarten student Jaxson Coffey was the Charles Olbon Principal of the Day on March 22. He won the honor as a prize from the CO Home & School Association's kids tricky tray. He spent the day with Mrs. Irizarry, helping her with her daily tasks and managing the building. He also declared that Friday, April 5 would be a Pajama Day.



Giving Hearts

Memorial School students help sort donations of sneakers as part of the school's Kindness Challenge.

Beatrice Gilmore's Tori Hackett medals at track/field championships

Beatrice Gilmore third grader Tori Hackett arrived at the 2019 USATF Hershey Indoor Youth National Track and Field Championships hoping to improve upon her personal records against the best competition in the United States, however she ended up accomplishing much more.

Hackett ended the four day competition winning two medals in the 9-10-year-old division at the 2019 National Youth Championships.

On Friday night she placed fifth in the high jump by jumping a personal best of 3'5.25". The 8-year-old then had the shot put on Saturday where she threw 18'9" placing sixth.

Tori and her twin sister Vanessa both ran personal records in the 55 meter dash. Tori ran 8.99 seconds and Vanessa 9.43 seconds which ranked them as the seventh and 13th fastest 8-9-year-old competitors.

Tori will try competing in the triathlon at the 2019 AAU Junior Olympic Games this summer. The triathlon in track and field consist of three events; the 200m, high jump and shot put with competitors receiving a certain amount of points for their performances in each event. Competitors must have a unique mix of strength, speed and jumping ability to be successful; it's an introduction for youth who might think of competing in the decathlon or heptathlon which are Olympic events.



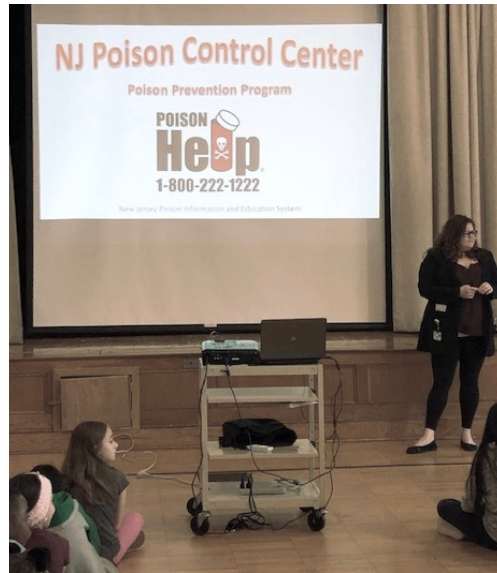
Registration deadline for Borough's Bunny Breakfast is next Friday

Deadline to register for Woodland Park's annual Bunny Breakfast is next Friday, April 5. The event will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 9 a.m. at Memorial Middle School on Memorial Drive. This event is for Woodland Park children only, in pre-K to 5th grade. Children (only) will enjoy pancakes and sausage, an egg hunt (bring a basket), pictures with the bunny and crafts.

Registration must be done online. To register, visit <https://register.capturepoint.com/woodlandparkborough>. Donations for the annual Easter basket drive will also be accepted such as baskets, chocolate bunnies, etc.

Safety First

Beatrice Gilmore students attended a poison control assembly arranged by School Nurse Ms. Roehrich. All students were given a packet to bring home. March is Poison Control Awareness Month.



BG is taking part in two local reading rewards programs

Beatrice Gilmore School is currently involved with two reading programs right now - Hit the Books with the Jersey Jackals and Red Bulls Reading Goals Program. Both provide the students great rewards for reading. Details are available BG's website.

Staying On Point

Charles Olbon administration and staff members regularly meet to work on curriculum, and the school safety/climate and culture committee, with the goal of creating a safe and rigorous learning environment for students and staff.



Pizza with a purpose

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and all beverages.

Fundraiser in support of:
Memorial Middle School HSA
Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019
11AM-10PM

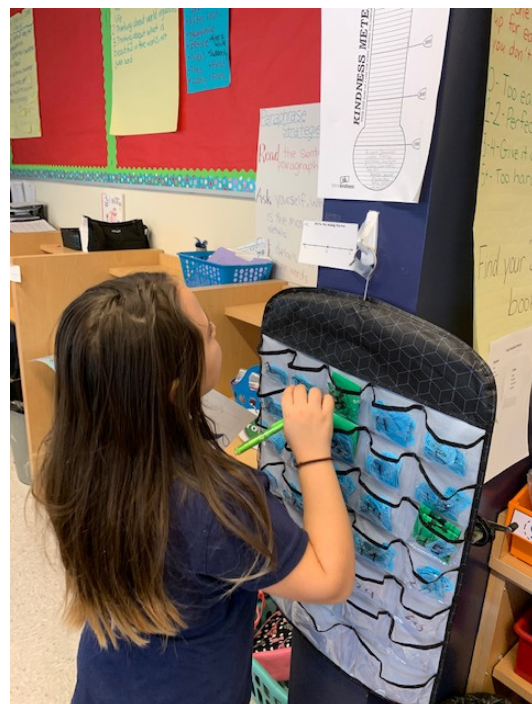
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Hands On Learning



Students in Mr. Rizzo's class at Beatrice Gilmore recently learned all about fractions by doing hands on activities.