

Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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Important dates to note

Monday, May 20, 7 p.m. - Regular Board of Education meeting at the Municipal Building

Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m. - COHSA Spring Fling Family Dance

Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m. - Memorial School spring concert

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



Memorial students learn about sharks, small pet animals from Dr. Mark Salemi

The fifth grade class at Memorial School recently received a visit from veterinarian Dr. Mark Salemi, who also serves as a local Board of Education member. Dr. Salemi is co-owner of Northside Animal Hospital in Staten Island, N.Y. After school, Dr. Salemi met with the members of the Animal Club.

Dr. Salemi's presentation this year was about sharks. He showed students megaladon teeth and a whale bone that he found diving off the coast of the Carolinas some 50 miles out and about 120 feet deep. He estimated they could be about 15 million years old. The only evidence left that megaladons ever existed are teeth.

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Furry New Friends



The Pre-K students at Charles Olbon recently enjoyed a visit from The Friendly Farmyard, based in Verona. The children had a great time meeting all the furry friends that came to visit with them. They got to pet a number of animals as well as take a pony ride if they wished to.



With Appreciation



Students from Ms. Capo's 3rd grade class wanted to show Beatrice Gilmore teachers how much they are appreciated. Thanks to their thoughtfulness and creativity, the teachers got to enjoy different kinds of candy with special notes. Teachers also received Certificates of Appreciation from the students. We are so proud of the initiative these third graders took!

Staying Ahead



Charles Olbon teachers Samantha Krasnomowitz, Lisa Healey, and Joanne LaSala, and Supervisor of Language Arts Elba Alves Castrovinci recently completed a three day Wilson Training course. They are pictured with Wilson trainer Jennifer Kempton Sansone, from Banyan School in Fairfield.

Young Artist Honored

Francesca Huelmo's artwork was selected for permanent display in William Paterson's College of Education in Wayne.

She was given a certificate by the Dean, Amy Ginsberg, at a reception for the ninth annual Professional Development Schools' Art Exhibit.

Francesca is a kindergarten student at Charles Olbon School.



Memorial announces May Students of the Month

Memorial School has announced the Students of the Month for May:

5th Grade: Jada Casanovas, Anthony Billson, Yousef Mudallal, Jayden O'Connor and Angelina Vasquez

6th Grade: Kayla Weaver, Harry Cusack, Adriana LaBoy, Ayden Mulrooney and Jacob Kruszewski

7th Grade: Nya Quirindongo, Charles Bitar, Gianna Arcuri, Paola Gutierrez and John Capalbo

8th Grade: Jesus Ramos-Gamez, Michael Preziosi, Lianna Gonzalez, Angel Perez and Vincent DiPaola

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Students learned that sharks continually produce and lose teeth. They can go through over 40,000 in a lifetime. There are also over 400 different species of sharks - ranging from 8 inches to 40 feet long.

Sharks get a bad rap, he said. In 2017, there were 5 reported shark attacks, compared to the approximately 100 million sharks that are killed by people annually. Sharks are killed for their fins, which are used to make fin soup in China. Dr. Salemi noted that sharks are an important part of the marine ecosystem, as they help maintain the balance of life in the ocean.

Dr. Salemi also brought along a number of animals to show the students and spoke in detail about each, before bringing the animals around so students could touch them. He brought a rabbit, chinchilla, two guinea pigs, bearded dragon and three tortoises.



Field Trip Fun

The Charles Olbon School first graders went to see The Magic School Bus play at Montclair State University on Wednesday.



Passaic Valley offers number of summer camps for middle schoolers

Passaic Valley Regional High School is offering a variety of summer camps and productions for local middle school students. Registration is open and more info is available at www.pvhs.k12.nj.us/foundationsummer.

PV's Summer Theater Program is holding auditions for its junior production, Shrek Jr., on Monday, May 20 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the school. The performances will be held Aug. 3 and 4.

PV's Summer Program for the Performing Arts offers music, dance, and art classes taught by PV staff and alumni. Camps run from July 1-26, Mondays through Thursdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find out more at <https://pvmdeluccia.wixsite.com/pvspa>.

Cooking Camp runs from June 27 to July 5 from 9:30 am to 12:30 p.m. Students will learn to prepare meals from scratch and learn culinary basics. Instructor Zuzana Geleta also has the students make a variety of desserts, competing against each other in friendly competitions. Register at www.pvhs.k12.nj.us/Page/168.

The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Summer Camp runs from July 1-25 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Students can look forward to exciting space camp activities. Last year, students worked on robotics and engineering. The program is an excellent way for students to explore science and express their creativity. Register at <https://sandersr3.wixsite.com/pvsteamintosummer>.

Finally, a variety of sports camps are available which are staffed by certified PV coaching staff members. The camps are a great way to introduce or try a new sport. Beginners are welcome and encouraged. Camps are offered for boys basketball, girls basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, boys soccer, track and field, and gymnastics. All camps will have a certified athletic trainer on site as well. For a schedule and fees, contact Amy Pellegrini at pellegrinia@pvhs.k12.nj.us or visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5b6tqm6>.



You are invited to join us at our first

HORNET HACKATHON

For Grades 3 - 8

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
6:00 pm–9:00 pm

Passaic Valley Regional High School
100 East Main Street
Little Falls, NJ



STEAM Events

Engineering Design Challenge

Game Programming

3D Printing

Programming with Circuit Boards

Photography/
Dark Room Tour

Acapella Group

Spring Musical Rehearsal

FREE Yoga classes

CHILDREN'S YOGA (for all ages, unless noted)
at the WP Boys & Girls Club, 8 Memorial Drive

Wednesday, May 15, 3 pm, BG and Memorial students
Wednesday, May 15, 3:45 pm, Charles Olbon students
Thursday, May 16, 6 pm
Thursday, May 23, 6 pm
Wednesday, May 29, 3 pm, BG and Memorial students
Wednesday, May 29, 3:45 pm, Charles Olbon students
Thursday, May 30, 6 pm
Wednesday, June 5, 5 pm

ADULT YOGA (for all ages):

Monday, May 20, 7 pm
Monday, June 3, 7 pm

Bring a Yoga mat,
towel or blanket

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Instructor Claudia H. Stein is an actor, singer,
dancer, teacher, and choreographer working in the tri-state area.
Claudia is a certified yoga instructor and holds a BFA in Acting from UNC Greensboro.
For more information, visit www.claudiahstein.com.