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Important dates to note

Oct. 15 to 19 -

School Violence Awareness Week

Monday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. -

Board of Education workshop meeting at BG

Wednesday, Oct. 17 - BG Picture

Make Up Day

Friday, Oct. 19 - Memorial

HSA Harvest Fest/Tricky Tray

Monday, Oct. 22 -

BG Pumpkin Patch

Tuesday, Oct. 23 -

COHSA Halloween Dance

Friday, Oct. 26 - CO Pumpkin Patch

Friday, Nov. 16 - BGHSA

Purse Bingo

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

Beatrice Gilmore student works to pay it forward

Jayden Perez, 9, who last year organized a toy drive that garnered over 1,100 toys and \$10,000 for those affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, has been working on several charitable efforts in the last few months.

Jayden and his parents returned home earlier this week from Puerto Rico, where he hand delivered \$10,000 worth of clothes from Kid Box to those in need. "With school starting, many kids are still trying to recover and some can't afford new clothes," Jayden said.

Earlier this year, Jayden was selected to serve on the 2018 kids board of directors for Kid Box, which is a clothing service that donates new clothes to children in needy families. On his behalf, Kid Box sent clothing to the charity Jayden picked, Oasis - A Haven - Women & Children in Paterson, as well as a 3-year-old girl from New York, Adelyn, who lost her father to gun violence.

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Dance crew brings messages of respect, anti-bullying and following your passion to Memorial School

On Wednesday morning, students at Memorial School got a visit from New York based dance group Jline Dance Crew as part of Week of Respect. The assembly was sponsored by the Woodland Park Municipal Alliance Against Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

The dance crew performed a 30-minute skit and dance routine led by singer and dancer JLINE and performers Carrie and Christina. The non-stop interactive showcase engaged the students while delivering messages about anti-bullying, respect, responsibility, and following your passion in life.

Following the dance portion, JLINE, Carrie and Christina spoke with the students with a focus on the message that anything is possible with hard work, an education and focusing on what you can bring to this world that no one else can. "In school, I was bullied every day," JLINE told the students. To try stop it, he shut down. "If I was invisible, maybe I could get them to stop. For two years, I did not speak to anyone."

His parents finally pushed him to start attending tae kwon do classes, which he did every day. There, he transformed from a kid in the back row refusing to participate to becoming a leader in the class, earning his black belt in four years.

"It made me start believing in myself," JLINE said. "The instructor helped me believe, 'You can do this.'"

JLINE told the students they will be able to do something no one else can do. But they will never know what that is until they find that thing that they love. "You have to find your passion, something that makes you believe in yourself," he said.

Dancer Christina told her story about how she watched once good friends turn into bullies and how she finally took a stand. She told the students to "find people who only want the best for you."

Dancer Carrie shared her struggles with overcoming a learning disability. "I had to work really hard at it," she said. "Whatever obstacles are in your way, you will be amazed at what you can do."

Memorial School guidance counselor Kerry Mc Glame reminded students after the assembly that no one is better than anyone else in the building. She urged them to ask for help if they needed it as there is a lot of support, people that care, and resources available.



BGHSB Purse Bingo is its biggest fundraiser of the year

The Beatrice Gilmore Home & School Association is planning its biggest fundraiser of the year - Designer Purse Bingo, to be held on Friday, Nov. 16 at the WP Boys & Girls Club, 8 Memorial Dr. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. First game to be called at 7:30 p.m. The prizes will include bags and accessories from Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade and more. Tickets are \$40 each and include one bingo board per game, snacks, dessert, coffee and tea. Fifteen bingo games will be played. There will also be a mini tricky tray and 50/50. For tickets, contact Christine Tiseo at ctiseo@yahoo.com.

Passaic Valley Sting travel baseball plans tryouts

Passaic Valley Sting is holding tryouts for its spring 2019 travel baseball season on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Totowa PAL Lincoln Field #2. This is for new players that have not tried out previously. Sting teams range in age from 8 to 14 and are open to children from Woodland Park, Little Falls and Totowa. Please arrive 15 minutes early to fill out paperwork and warm up. Dress appropriately and bring cleats, helmet, bat and glove. Any questions, email pvstingboard@gmail.com.

WPB&GC travel basketball tryouts are set for Oct. 20

WP Boys & Girls Club will host travel basketball tryouts on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Memorial School gym for travel teams for both boys and girls in 5th through 8th grade. Players must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, who must sign a permission slip.

5th/6th grade boys: Saturday, Oct. 20, 12:15 p.m.

7th grade boys: Saturday, Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m.

8th grade boys: Saturday, Oct. 20, 3 p.m.

5th-8th grade girls: Saturday, Oct. 20, 4:30 p.m.

Final tryouts will be on Sunday, Oct. 21, by invitation only.

For more information, contact Kevin Price at WPBGCBasketball@gmail.com.

Information on the club's recreation program, which is open to all children currently in kindergarten through 8th grade will be posted within the next week.

In addition, Jayden collected and sent over 120 lanterns and flashlights from people who donated or he purchased himself for the people of Puerto Rico. As it is hurricane season, he is worried they may lose power again.

"We received notice from Puerto Rico that the lanterns came in handy as several locations did not have electricity," Jayden's mother Ana Rosado said. "He was so happy that they were able to use the lanterns."

Jayden also designed and printed custom designed "From the Bottom of my Heart" logo shirts and ran a sale to raise funds for 3-year-old Adelyn and her mother. The shirt sale raised \$1,520 and the money was given to the family to help them settle into a new apartment.

In addition to also helping the charity Action Against Hunger, Jayden has received multiple honors for his philanthropic work over the last few months. He also was recently profiled in Maelle Kids Life, a global kids fashion magazine and community.

Jayden's efforts began after he received a gift of tickets to see the N.Y. Giants last fall that were gift from his mother's boss. He decided to pay it forward and after seeing the devastation of Hurricane Maria on Puerto Rico, he wanted children there to experience the same joy and happiness he felt when he received the tickets.

A video taken of his reaction to receiving the tickets had went viral on social media and was shown on several area news broadcasts including ABC News, Telemundo, and Good Morning America.

With guidance from his parents Ana Rosado and Javier Perez, his toy and fund drive was a huge success.

The toy drive wasn't the first time Jayden and his family helped the victims of Hurricane Maria. Last fall, the family collected food and supplies for those affected by the storm. They also sent additional supplies to residents there as well.

Jayden wishes to continue to work to inspire and make a difference in people's lives. He has been invited to be a guest speaker in November at a middle school in Vineland with over 700 students and in February 2019 at a convention with over 17,000 expected to attend.