



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,
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Superintendent of Schools

Important dates to note

Mon. Nov. 5 to
Fri., Nov. 9 -
District schools will
be closed



Science Tellers program integrates science to bring story to life

Beatrice Gilmore students enjoyed a pre-Halloween treat Tuesday with a visit from the Science Tellers assembly program. Conrad Colón led the students through the story, "The Legend of the Golden Piano," where he integrated the story with science experiments to bring key parts of the story to life.

The story takes place in the Wild West, where a bank robber is to strike again. After the Sheriff mysteriously vanishes, two young kids foil the heist and get the bad guy behind bars.

Volunteer students assisted in some of the experiments. They made the colors of the sunset appear by using special pH indicators. They created the sound of fireworks by setting off a chain of chemical reactions with common household items. In addition, they witnessed the effects of inertia and gravity on a "runaway train."

During the experiments, Mr. Colón explained physics and chemistry concepts while also asking students to make their own hypothesis. Also after telling the story, he talked about its elements, making the assembly a true cross-curricular experience.



Municipal Alliance announces door decorating contest winners

The Woodland Park Municipal Alliance Against Alcoholism and Drug Abuse last week sponsored its annual door decorating contest at the three local schools for Red Ribbon Week. Winning classrooms were treated to a pizza party from the Alliance. Shown are the winning doors.

Memorial Middle School: first place, Mr. Sans classroom with "Life of Drugs;" second place, Miss Chang's classroom with "Road;" honorable mention, Mr. Schaefer's classroom with "Don't Get Hung by the Thread of Drugs"

Beatrice Gilmore School: first place, Mrs. D.Astolfo's classroom with "Drug Busters;" second place, Miss Webb's classroom with "Spider Web"

Charles Olbon School: first place, Mrs. Chiaravalloti's classroom with "Mummies;" second place, Mrs. Tundo's classroom with, "Hocus Pocus"

Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America.

District students signed the Red Ribbon Youth Pledge, where they declared they would pledge to grow up safe, healthy and drug free. They pledged they would also work to educate family and friends on the importance of living healthy and drug free.



Scouting service

Members of Brownie Troop 6794 joined together with troops from Little Falls and Totowa for the first GSNNJ Passaic Valley Service Unit Halloween Bash. The girls enjoyed Halloween crafts and activities and celebrated Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low's birthday as well. Girls brought donations of "birthday presents" for newborn babies to 12 month olds that were donated to Oasis - A Haven for Women, located in Paterson.





Halloween fun

Charles Olbon School students (above) and Beatrice Gilmore School students (below) enjoyed their annual Halloween parade on Wednesday on a beautiful fall day. Students showcased their costumes to attendees along the parade route.

