

Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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Important dates to note

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. -
CO and BG Home & School
Association meeting at CO

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m. -
8th Grade Parents Night at PVHS

Thursday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. - Memorial
Home & School Association meeting

Your Partner in Education,
Michele R. Pillari, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education swears in one incumbent and two newcomers

Woodland Park Mayor Keith Kazmark at the Borough Council's annual reorganization meeting swore in the three trustees elected in November to the Board of Education, each for three-year terms - Chris Mania, Adam Chaabane and MaryAnn Perro. The following evening at the Board of Education reorganization meeting, trustees selected MaryAnn Perro to serve as Board President and Dr. Mark Salemi to serve as Board Vice President for 2019.

Newcomer to the board Chris Mania is a 16-year resident of the community. Chris and his wife Maria have two children, Ava and Christian, who are in 7th and 3rd grades at Memorial School and Beatrice Gilmore School. A graduate of Berkeley College with a degree in business administration and marketing, Chris is a senior vice president for small business performance management at Bank of America. Chris serves as a coach for boys baseball, girls softball and boys and girls basketball for the West Paterson Boys & Girls Club.

Newcomer Adam Chaabane is a 20-year resident of Woodland Park. He and his wife have two children. A local small business owner, Adam is a member of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department Deputy program for over 15 years, graduating from the academy in 2007 and presently serving on the Passaic County Search and Rescue Squad. His commitment to public safety will expand if elected to the Board of Education ensuring that proper safety plans are in place, calling for training between school staff and first responders and ensuring that all our students are safe.

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Giving spirit abounds through Beatrice Gilmore's annual Giving Tree program

This holiday season, a number of charitable efforts were held in the local schools. At Beatrice Gilmore School, the annual Giving Tree initiative was held for the Family Reach Foundation.

This is the 14th year that BG has been organizing the charitable event. The Giving Tree was founded by Mrs. Addino, continued by then third grade teacher Mrs. Barreto when Mrs. Addino retired in 2010, and now run by Mrs. Wilson and Miss Webb, since Mrs. Barreto has moved over to Memorial School.

The Family Reach Foundation is a national non-profit dedicated to alleviating the financial burden of cancer. Working with more than 200 hospitals and cancer centers nationwide, it provides immediate financial assistance, education and navigation to families before they hit critical breaking points.

Over \$1,000 in gift cards were given to the foundation at a presentation held on Dec. 21 to founder Marilyn Morrello, who was on hand with her husband Rick and foundation family relations coordinator Ravit Gilletti.

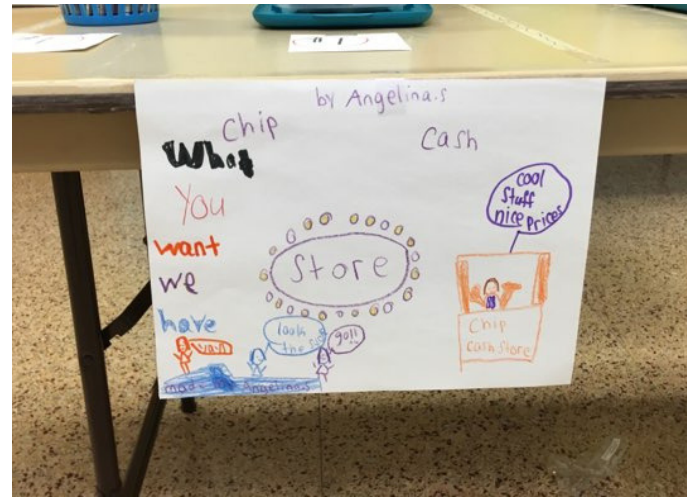
"The kindness you shared will resonate in the weeks and months to come to those in need," said BG Principal Sharon Tomback.

During the event, BG teachers read "The Lady in the Box" to the students, which is about a the compassion a brother and sister show towards a homeless woman. The book carries a message that even for large problems, small efforts can make a difference. Just as the Giving Tree initiative allowed the the students to help kids in need, the story reminded them to always think of others.



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MaryAnn Perro was sworn in for her second term on the board. A 16 year resident of the community, she and her husband have two children who attended borough schools. One is currently attending Passaic Valley High School and the other is a computer science major at NJIT. MaryAnn is a graduate of Hofstra University with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering; she currently holds a position as a retail sales and event associate in the beauty industry. MaryAnn was one of the initiators of the installation of the new playground at Charles Olbon School which includes equipment for children with special needs. She is a former member of the WP Boys & Girls Club, serving as advisor of the in-town and competition cheerleading squads. She is a past member of the Memorial, Beatrice Gilmore and Charles Olbon Home & School Associations and past president of the Beatrice Gilmore Home & School Association. MaryAnn also works closely with the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC).



Charles Olbon institutes Chip Cash behavior incentive program

Charles Olbon has instituted a program called Chip Cash, and any staff member can hand out Chip Cash to students that are showing above and beyond behavior.

At the end of each month the students can use their Chip Cash to "buy" rewards at the Chip Cash Store. Rewards will vary in price from \$1 to \$5 and can change over time. Some examples are special school supplies, stickers, wristbands and small toys. Students can choose to spend their Chip Cash or save it until the next store date if they want to earn more for a more expensive reward.

The first Chip Cash Store was held before winter break and the students really enjoyed it. It was set up by the nurse's office and took place during lunch periods. Some of the kids even helped Guidance Counselor Miss Indri make posters to promote the store.



Memorial School names Students of the Month for January

The Students of the Month for January at Memorial School are:

Grade 5: Bruno Recupero, David Arias, Tatiana Terzioski, Estil Ortega and Mya Pulido

Grade 6: Angelina Farrag, Dominick Capaci, Janessa LaTorre, Kaylanie Noriega, and Haris Ashraf

Grade 7: Alex Limone, Yastika Singh, Adriana Chalet, Madison Cook and Nayla Trako

Grade 8: Marcella Galindo, Tyler Uzzalino, Marco Parisi, Noemi Polanco and Mariana Marquez

Health Club collecting donations for the military until January 11

The Health Club at Memorial School is running its annual collection drive for the military. Students in each grade are asked to donate the following items if they would like to participate.

Grade 5: Chap stick and decks of playing cards

Grade 6: Crossword puzzle books, word search books and foot powder

Grade 7: Deodorant and hard candy

Grade 8: Toothpaste, toothbrushes and chewing gum