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Welcome to the Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter. We are excited to announce that this e-Newsletter 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, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

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

Important dates to note

Monday, June 11, 6:30 p.m. -Board of Education meeting at Charles Olbon

Friday, June 15 - Field Day at Beatrice Gilmore

Memorial's Animal Club wraps up year with trip to Turtle Back Zoo

The Animal Club of the Woodland Park Memorial Middle School recently visited Turtle Back Zoo, celebrating the end of the 2017-2018 school year. It was one of the many activities they participated in throughout the year.

This year at the zoo, they took a special interest in the parakeet exhibit. The students fed the happy little birds by holding popsicle sticks coated with special seed. Some students actually had the birds land on their fingers to nibble on the tasty treats. It was as fun to feed the birds as it was to watch the smiles on the students' faces and listen to the birds chirping happily. They can't wait to return next year.

Seventh graders have opportunity to participate in author workshop

Seventh grade teachers Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Glenn recently arranged for storyteller, educator and coach Michael Trotta to visit with students in a special program. Thirty-five students participated in the voluntary workshop and agreed to meet with Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Glenn for three lunch periods leading up to the workshop in order to prepare. Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Glenn prepared lessons about storytelling strategies using lessons from the creators at Pixar.

Trotta informed the students that everyone has an inner genius and gave them tools to help them find theirs. He guided the students through an exercise of listening to stories with a focus on becoming aware of their own ideas and reactions to the story as it unfolded. The students had already viewed some of Mr. Trotta's art and writing online and had lots of questions. He discussed his creative process.

Students left the workshop with some obvious inspiration, noting, "I have so much to think about now," and, "He really pushed my thinking." Participants met at lunch one final time with Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Glenn to process the experience.

Charles Olbon School
Hero Classes of the
Month for May are:
Kindergarten: Mrs.
Munro's class and
Mrs. Tonti's class
First Grade: Ms. O'Connell
Second Grade: Mrs. Voinov

and Mrs. Parker

WP Summer Camp plans parent meeting

The Woodland Park Summer Camp will hold a parent meeting on Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building (5 Brophy Lane). Meet the directors, along with some of the staff, learn about the daily schedule, and ask any questions you may have.

An e-mail has been sent out from info@communitypass.net containing this information. If you did not receive this e-mail, contact the Recreation Department at recreation@wpnj.us as this server will be used to send out camp reminders.

Also please "Like" the camp on Facebook by searching for Woodland Park Summer Camp.

Camp registration closes June 18 so sign your child up if you haven't yet. At https://register.capturepoint.com/woodlandparkborough - you can register for camp, all trips, and Friday pizza lunch.

Alfred Baumann Library salutes winners of its annual poetry contest

The Alfred Baumann Library saluted the winners of its 23nd annual poetry contest at a reading event on June 7. The staff sends its thanks to all those that submitted poems.

Winners in attendance at the event read their poems. All winning poems will be published and bound in a library book. Prizes were awarded for first, second and third place in five categories from kindergarten to adult. School district winners are:

Category A - Kindergarten to Grade 2

First place – Fouad Sada, "I Am" Second place – Sophia Valentin, "Lake" Third place – Justin Zummo, "Eyelashes"

Category B - Grades 3 and 4

First place – Abdul Abdallah, "You Won't Get Bored In the Library" Second place – Alex DeSantis, "Nothing To Write" Third place – Tayeeba Ahmed, "Nature"

Category C - Grades 5 and 6

First place – Rania Abdallah, "Escape the Horror" Second place – Ava Mania, "Alone" Third place – Emma Jurkic, "The Lone Tree"

Category D - Grades 7 and 8

First place – Carissa Ostolaza, "Love" Second place – Thiara Rijo, "Incomplete" Third place – Fariha Kahn, "Sea The Life"







