The Barnum Bulletin

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Barnum Woods' Staff Honored for Heroic Actions

By Barnum Bulletin Reporters



Photo courtesy of East Meadow Union Free School District

The East Meadow School District's Board of Education honored four Barnum Woods Elementary School staff members for their quick thinking and caring actions that helped keep a student safe. The recognition took place during the Board of Education meeting on October 7 held at the Salisbury Center. Lunch monitors Donna Goldstein and Dolores (Dee) Swenson, and Principal Amanda Sagnelli and school nurse Kelly Lederer received special certificates to thank them for their outstanding efforts to protect a student who was choking during lunch.

During the incident, Ms. Goldstein and Ms. Swenson stayed calm and used their training to help the student. Their quick actions helped the student during a scary moment. Ms. Sagnelli and Ms. Lederer were also honored for the important roles they played in putting students' safety and well-being first.

Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Rosner reminded everyone that every school staff member plays an important part in helping students learn and stay safe. He said, "If you think for one moment that we don't have staff here who don't play a vital role in what we do, you'd be mistaken, because everybody plays a role."

Their brave actions showed the big difference everyday heros make in the lives of the students at Barnum!

EMFD Helps Barnum Stop, Drop & Learn Fire Safety

By Ayesha Ahsin & Safaa Husain



As part of Fire prevention week, the East Meadow Fire Department visited Barnum Woods on October 5th to teach students how to stay safe. Firefighter Martin Sisca shared important fire safety tips.

Firefighter Sisca discussed the importance of leaving your belongings behind during a fire, knowing how to use a fire extinguisher, never touching matches or lighters and when to stop, drop and roll. Students also learned how firefighters use their special protective suits and oxygen masks to breathe safely through smoke to rescue people.

Afterward, students were welcomed to tour the engine truck, ladder truck and ambulance. Mrs. Sagnelli, Mr. Burgess and some teachers even got to go up in the ladder truck's bucket to an incredible height! Students also got to sit inside the ambulance and learn about the tools used to save lives.

It was an exciting, hands-on experience that taught the Barnum Bobcats how to stay safe!











In the Spotlight





Mr. Joshua Alston & Mr. Durwood Cox III

BW Security Team

By Aubrey Becker

Mr. Joshua Alston and Mr. Durwood Cox III are Allied Security Officers working at Barnum Woods. They help keep the students and staff at Barnum safe. They sat down for an interview so the Barnum Woods' community could learn more about them. It was great experience getting to know them better.

What did you do before coming to Barnum?

J.A.: Before this, I worked as a corrections officer in a prison.
D.C.: I worked for the Department of Social Services helping the homeless and was also a safety officer for the Freeport School District.

What made you decide to become a school security officer?

J.A.: I applied when I saw the job opening and I knew I was good at protecting others. This is definitely a nice change from where I used to work.
D.C.: I became a school safety officer because I have a heart for children and want to keep them safe.

What is your favorite part of working at Barnum?

J.A.: My favorite thing is interacting with the students.
D.C.: My favorite thing is the environment here at Barnum.

What do you like to do when you are not working? How do you like to spend your weekends or free time outside of school?

J.A.: I spend time with my daughter, Catalina who is 13 years old. I also spend time with my mother. We like to watch movies together.
D.C: I spend time with my wife, Tatyanna and one year old daughter, Talia just making memories together. Saturday is always for family.



Allied Security Officer Durwood Cox III, Barnum Bulletin Reporter Aubrey Becker & Allied Security Officer Joshua Alston

School-wide Event

Barnum Flipped for the BMX Assembly

By Kunayza Siddiqui & Arnav Singh



BMX Rider Flipping over Mr. Burgess

On October 6th, BMX Freestyle Connection put on an amazing performance in the Barnum Woods' courtyard for students. Students were treated to incredible BMX tricks and stunts, but it wasn't just about cool bike flips and spins. The riders taught students important lessons about staying healthy, riding bikes safely, and always doing their best.

In one of the most exciting moments, one of the BMX riders performed an amazing flip right over Assistant Principal, Mr. Burgess. For another trick the rider flipped over fourth grade teacher, Ms. Cronin. Then the riders jumped over five people at once! It made the crowd go wild!

It was an exciting and unforgettable experience for the Barnum Bobcats!



What is something students might not know about your job or you? If you had to share one fun fact about yourself what would it be?

J.A.: I was in the army for over eight years but this job, I absolutely love my job here, and I love to watch my daughter at her ballet rehearsals.
D.C.: I am also professional baker. I bake wedding cakes, personal bundt cakes and other things. Not only do I bake but I baked my own wedding cake.

Mr. Alston and Mr. Cox both had interesting backstories, and this reporter is so happy to share it with everyone. What a great experience getting to know them better.

Grade Level Feature

BW Kindergarten Goes for Gold in Nursery Rhyme Olympics

By Safaa Husain & Micah Ramirez-Anderson



Ms. McKillop's Kindergarten Olympians with their gold medals

Barnum's kindergarten students had so much fun participating in the Nursery Rhyme Olympics! They put their skills to the test in fun games inspired by some of their favorite nursery rhymes.

Some of the fun games were Humpty Dumpty's Egg Balance, where students carefully balanced their eggs on a spoon as they made their way across the gym. They used a ball to waddle like Mother Goose. There was also the Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star Over-and-Under Race, and everyone jumped into action for the Jack Be Nimble Jumping Race.

Barnum Woods' little Olympians had a great time cheering on their friends, showing off their skills, and working together. Everyone was a winner at this fun and educational event!











Thank You Mrs. Sagnelli

October is National Principals' Month, so the staff at Barnum Woods, organized by Mr. Burgess, wrote heartfelt messages of appreciation to Mrs. Sagnelli which were presented to her at a faculty breakfast.



PTA Event

Bingo Brings Out BW Families For a Night of Fun

By Aubrey Becker & Micah Ramirez-Anderson



Barnum Woods' PTA hosted a Family Fun Night split into two sessions. The first session was on Friday, October 16th for grades pre-K through second grade and another on Friday, October 23rd for grades three through five. Students came with their families dressed in costumes for an exciting night featuring Bingo in the All-Purpose-Room and movement games in the gym along with food and prizes.

Some of the featured games played in the gym included Over and Under and Hula Hoop Shake. There were many snack choices available while playing Bingo like pretzels, candy and even Walking Tacos which are eaten out of a Doritos bag so they can be eaten on the go. There were raffles for lots of amazing prizes such as a new bike, Hello Kitty and Hot Wheels sets, and even a baking set with a free baking class.

No matter which night attended, Family Fun Night was filled with fun for everyone.





















School-Wide Event

A Patch Full of Pumpkins For the Bobcats

By Jacob Durso & Safaa Husain

On October 28th, the Barnum Woods' front lawn was covered with hundreds of pumpkins donated by the PTA. Two classes at a time were invited outside for each student to select a pumpkin of their choice.

The students' excitement was clear as they sprinted to find the perfect pumpkin. Each Bobcat got to take home their pumpkin to either carve or decorate for a Fall display.

Not only did everyone leave with a pumpkin, but they left with a big smile too!



















School-Wide Initiative

PAWS-itively Great Citizens

By Barnum Bulletin Reporters



The Barnum Woods Character Education Committee kicked off its October character trait with a colorful bulletin board display all about good citizenship! The committee, made up of parents, administrators and teachers, created a special display to remind students how they can be good citizens at school, at home and in the community.

Teachers brainstormed with their students about what it means to be a good member of their family, school and community. Through these discussions, students learned that even small actions can make a big difference! Students selected a way they demonstrate good citizenship and recorded it on a pawprint for the lobby display.

Citizenship is one of the Six Pillars of Good Character that is part of a district-wide focus on Character Education. For the Bobcats the message is simple. By showing good citizenship, Barnum Bobcats can help make their school, homes and community better places for everyone.

School-Wide Event

A Spooky Stroll Full of School Spirit!

By Leon Kuzianik & Micah Ramirez-Anderson & Michael Simmons



On Friday, October 30, Barnum Woods students and teachers participated in the annual Spooky Stroll in front of the school! Families lined the sidewalks as students from Pre-K through fifth grade proudly showed off their colorful costumes. Each class was introduced before taking a walk around the front of the building to festive music. There were plenty of smiles, cheers and excitement as everyone enjoyed seeing the fun costumes!

The teachers joined in on the fun too by wearing their own creative costumes. This year, parents even had a chance to vote for the teacher group with the best costume! The fun didn't stop after the Spooky Stroll! The festivities continued back in the classrooms, where students enjoyed parties filled with treats, activities and plenty of fun.

The Spooky Stroll was a fun time for everyone and a wonderful way to celebrate Halloween with the entire Barnum Woods community!





















PTA Event

Bobcat Bash Was a Blast!

By Jacob Durso & Arnav Singh



On October 2, the Barnum Woods' parking lot was transformed into a carnival inspired celebration. The first ever Bobcat Bash, hosted by the PTA, included games, crafts, food trucks, music and lots of fun for everyone!

There were games like Ring Toss and Knock the Can. There was also crafts, music and food trucks! The food trucks served mouthwatering treats, including chicken tenders, mozzarella sticks, and ice cream. There were also yummy snacks like cotton candy and popcorn to enjoy too.

With so much to do and eat, the Bobcat Bash was a PAWsome way to celebrate with friends and family!













School-Wide Initiative

Making Memories on Family Connect Night

By Barnum Bulletin Reporters

On October 26, Barnum Woods families enjoyed the first Family Connect Night of the school year! Once a month, Barnum families get a special opportunity to spend quality time together. Instead of focusing on homework, families are encouraged to enjoy fun activities, share laughs and create wonderful memories.

Barnum Woods' Principal Mrs. Sagnelli introduced the program because she understands just how important family time is. Families are encouraged to share their memorable experiences with Mrs. Sagnelli. She said, "It warms my heart to see families together enjoying a special evening."

So how did some Barnum families spend their time?

The Durso Family had their own Halloween Baking Competition.




The Schoenbach Family got to enjoy a family dinner at Ciro's after taking in Holden's baseball game.



The Yohay Family made applesauce from Ethan's apple tree, and harvested some eggplant, zucchini and acorn squash from their garden.




UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

November 2nd
Boosterthon Kicks Off

November 3rd
Election Day/
No School for Students

November 11th
Veteran's Day/
Schools Closed

November 12th
Boosterthon Event Day

November 13th
K-Kids Food Drive

November 17th
PTA Meeting

November 23rd
Family Connect Night

November 26th
Thanksgiving