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# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter



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The Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter is sent out weekly when school is in session. It serves 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

Monday, March 9, 7 p.m. -  
Board of Education workshop  
meeting at Memorial School

Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m. - Beatrice  
Gilmore Home & School Association meeting

Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m. - Memorial Middle  
School Home & School Association meeting

## Reading Across BG



On Monday, Beatrice Gilmore celebrated Read Across America with "Read Across Beatrice Gilmore." The students and staff, dressed in their pajamas for the day, lined the hallways of both floors with their favorite books and read for 20 minutes straight.



# Celebrating Dr. Seuss



Charles Olbon School's Read Across America Day kicked off a week full of fun days such as crazy hat and crazy hair day. On Monday, the school hosted 19 guest readers that included Superintendent Dr. Michele Pillari, Memorial School Vice Principal Lisa Barreto, Mayor Keith Kazmark, Woodland Park Police Officer Fina Matranga, Alfred Baumann Library Director Linda Hoffman and more.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Memorial Middle School's fifth and sixth grade STRIVE team, which took first place in the Kahoot Bowl, held on Tuesday at the JP Holland School in Paterson. The event challenged the teams of students from other Passaic County schools in a quiz-style format.

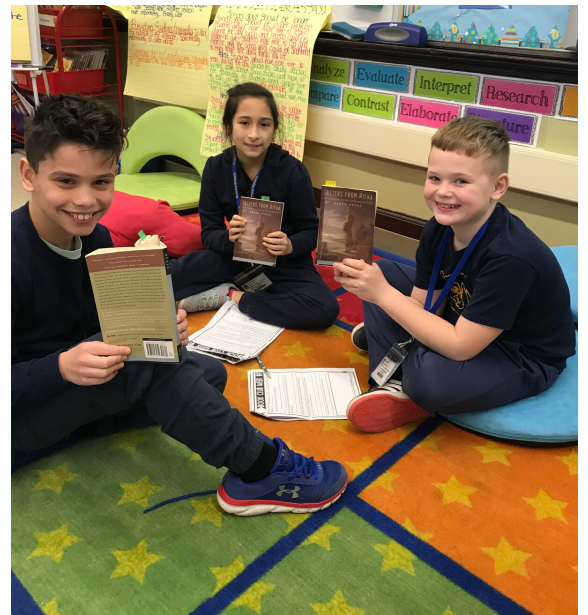


# For The Love Of Reading



Students in Miss Capo, Mrs. Wilson and Miss D'Astolfo's classes from Beatrice Gilmore School presented an original Dr. Seuss-style story that they created at the Alfred Baumann Library's Dr. Seuss Celebration on Monday. Superintendent Dr. Michele Pillari led attendees in "The Readers Pledge." Students who serve as Junior Ambassadors and Teen Volunteers for the Library were also on hand to help with the program.

## Taking A Closer Look At History



The students of 4-Wilson/D'Astolfo are venturing into their Historical Fiction Book Clubs with excitement. Students are focusing on the two key words - preparation and participation - as they work together to discuss and analyze a common novel appropriate to each groups' levels. Students will be infusing skills learned through the current historical fiction unit such as tracking character change, identifying theme with supporting evidence, summarizing, and making connections to other texts and real world events.

# Memorial School's Student Council aims to lead by example

Memorial Middle School's Student Council has been keeping busy since they were elected. The seventh and eighth grade students meet weekly during their lunch time, under advisors Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Glenn, to plan activities and events. The 2019-2020 student council is President Ava Mania, Vice President Krista Price, Secretaries Roberto Stigliano and Kaylanie Noriega and Treasurers Aiyman Shanaa and Isabel Tiseo.



Activities they have organized so far include a Thanksgiving food drive, which benefited local residents, and the Souper Bowl food drive, which benefited Eva's Village. Upcoming plans include a rev-it-up rally before state testing, a book drive, spirit week, Autism awareness activities and a spring Passaic River clean up.

In addition to learning to work together in a leadership team role, the students say they are learning just how far you have to plan in advance to launch an activity. Outside of their regular meetings, they have an email chain to stay in communication.

The council members make the morning announcements at Memorial and lead the Flag Salute. They like to include jokes as well. The members of the council hope to have raised enough funds at the close of the school year to donate additional outside equipment for gym classes and recess activities.



The Woodland Park Board of Education is Proud to Announce Tuition Free Preschool for the 2020-2021 School Year!

**\*Who Qualifies for Full Day Preschool?**

Any child who is a resident of Woodland Park and who will be 3 or 4 years of age by October 1, 2020.

**\*How many seats are available?**

There are 52 - 3-year-old seats and 42 - 4-year-old seats available for September 2020 to be filled by a lottery drawing.

**\*How do I get my child on the list?**

You must pick up a lottery ticket at the Woodland Park Board of Education Office, 853 McBride Ave., Woodland Park, NJ. April 6 to April 8, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**\*When is the lottery drawing?**

April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Woodland Park Municipal Chambers, Brophy Lane (will be televised on Optimum Channel 77, also on Verizon FIOS)

If you are concerned your preschool child is developing or learning differently, call Woodland Park Public Schools Department of Special Services to request an evaluation at 973-317-7762.



## Easter Basket Drive

The Woodland Park Mayor and Council will once again sponsor the annual Easter Basket Drive. We will be collecting materials to make Easter Baskets for less fortunate children in our area.

The children will range in age from Infant to 17 years. Items, such as buckets & baskets, candy, chocolate bunnies & infant items would be greatly appreciated.

We are also collecting the materials needed to make up the baskets, such as, grass, baskets, basket bags, ribbon, etc.

Cash donations can be made by sending a check payable to Maria Koukoularis to the ATTN: Recreation Department, Municipal Building, 5 Brophy Lane, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. Please bring your donations to the Alfred H. Baumann Library, the Municipal Building, or your child's school by April 3rd.

You can also bring any donations to the Bunny Breakfast on April 4<sup>th</sup>. You MUST register for the Bunny breakfast at <https://register.capturepoint.com/woodlandparkborough>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

If you would like to volunteer, please call  
Maria at 973-865-4852

