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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

Friday, March 20 - Second semester closes
for Charles Olbon School and Beatrice
Gilmore School

Monday, March 23, 7 p.m. - Board of
Education meeting at the Municipal Building

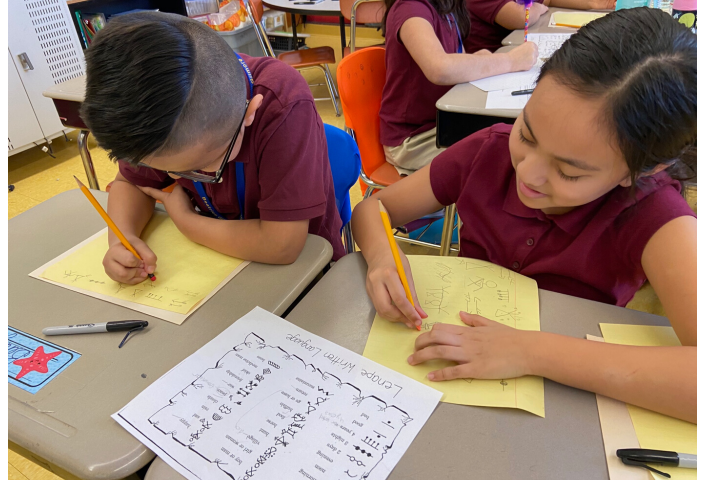
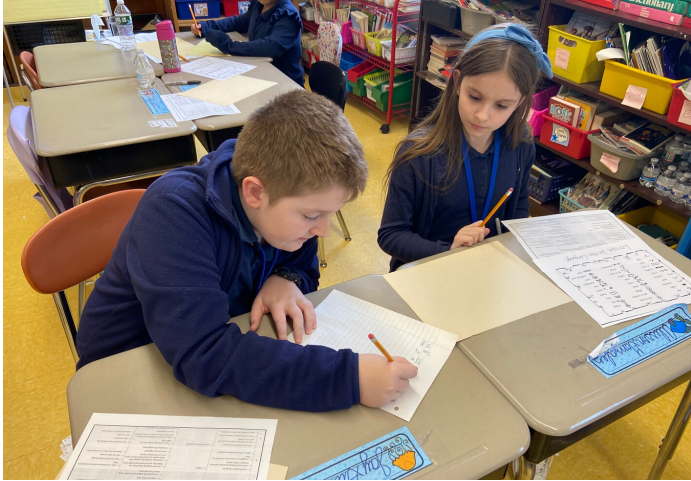
Friday, March 27 - Third marking period ends
at Memorial Middle School

Fun Night Out



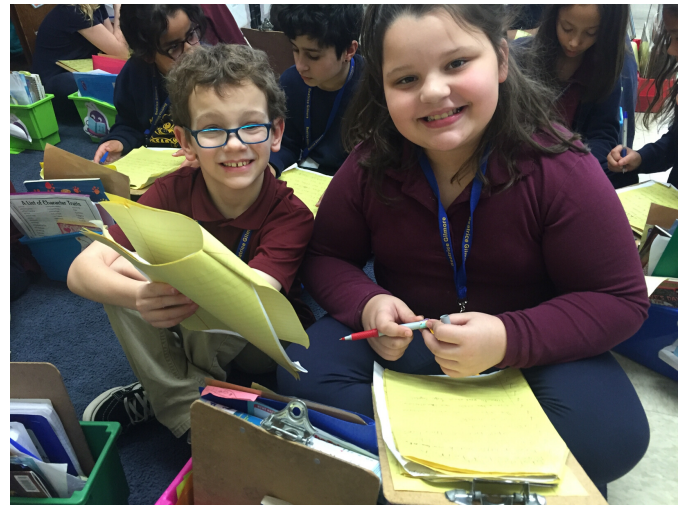
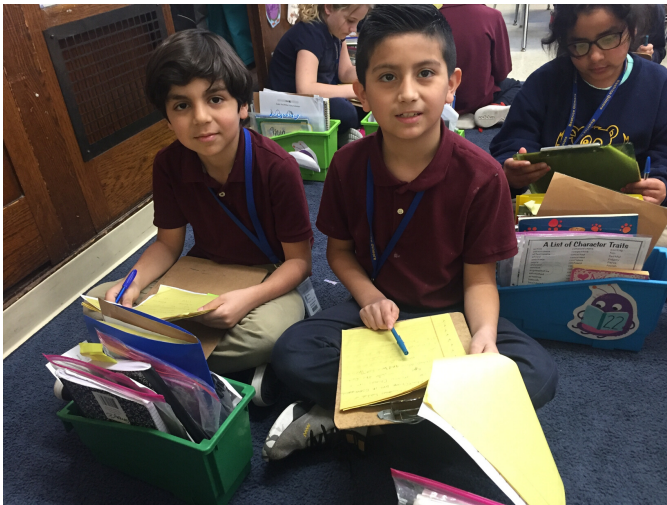
The Charles Olbon School Home & School Association recently had a special fun night out for the kids run by the "FBI" - Fathers or Father Figures Being Involved. The all male-run event was a challenge night. Gym teacher Mr. Volpe also helped out. The kids rotated through different challenges such as using your non-dominant hand to see how many pennies you could stack in a minute; holding a bowl on your head while scooping cotton balls out of a bowl on the table and getting them into the bowl on your head; and a rock, paper, scissors showdown. The kids had a blast!

A New Way Of Storytelling



At Beatrice Gilmore School in social studies, fourth graders are learning about NJ Native Americans. Students used higher order questioning and inferencing, as well as their schema to tell a story using the Native American written symbols language. Students then put them on paper and made them look as if they were on deer or bison hide. Shown are some of Mrs. Yesenosky's students.

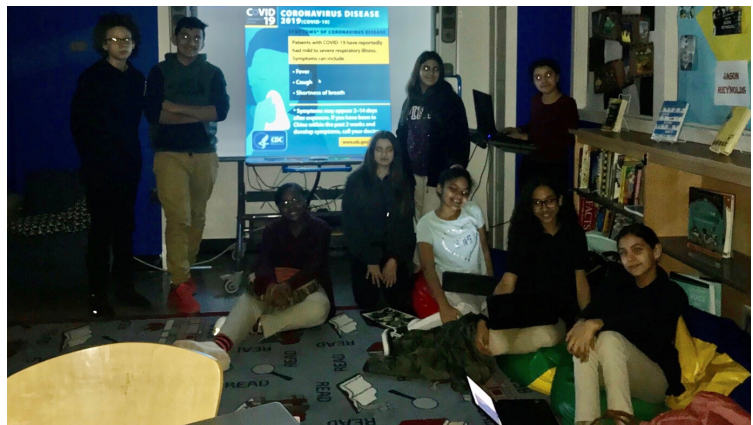
Third Grade Teamwork



Students in Miss Capo's third grade class at Beatrice Gilmore School use peer conferences to rehearse, revise and edit their expository non-fiction books.

Facts First

The members of the Memorial School Health Club learned all about the Coronavirus. The Health Club has been doing daily announcements to the student body and making informational posters on protecting yourself against the virus.



Fifth grader donates hand sanitizers to schools and town entities

Memorial School fifth grader Jayden Perez, founder of the non-profit charity From The Bottom of My Heart, was concerned that many of his friends and students did not have hand sanitizer because stores are all sold out.

The 11-year-old decided to donate 1,000 hand spray sanitizers to the Woodland Park School District. He will also be donating sanitizers to the Alfred Baumann Public Library, the West Paterson Fire Department and Woodland Park Police Department. He loves his community, wants to keep it safe and clean, and wants everyone to be safe.

Jayden first started his charitable endeavors at 8-years-old with a Christmas toy drive for children in Puerto Rico followed by helping people and animals in Puerto Rico and Florida affected by hurricanes.

Last summer he worked to collect donations to fill 400 backpacks full of supplies to local students in need. He also appeared on the Kelly Clarkson Show last October, where his good work was not only spotlighted on a national stage, but rewarded.

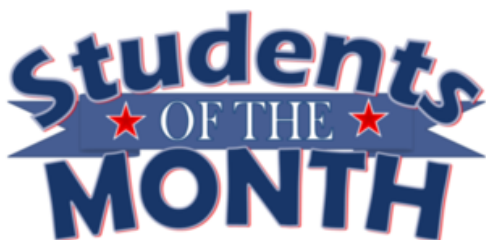
Clarkson surprised Jayden with a donation of \$10,000 worth of toys from SpinMaster, an all-expense paid trip to Legoland Florida and a personally cooked dinner by chef Bobby Flay at his New York restaurant. Clarkson told Jayden she hopes he becomes a politician someday because, "we need people like you."



Making A New Furry Friend

Preschool students at Charles Olbon School have been learning about Pets in their monthly unit. Mrs. Guariglia's class received a visit from Jolie, a therapy dog owned by district speech language pathologist Raine Brown.

The class got to pet her, give her treats, and each student was able to get a "high five." The students were excited to talk about their own pets and practiced being gentle and aware when touching the dog.



Congratulations to Memorial School's "Students of the Month" for March: grade 5 – Shawn O'Brien, grade 6 – Sait Lolovic, grade 7 – Rique Pires, and grade 8 – Madison Cook. These students are chosen as they possess the attributes of a "student with character" and they represent their grade for the month.

Borough announces precautionary cancellations, postponements

Mayor Kazmark has announced the following cancellations/postponements in light of the continued spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) effective today, March 13. These cancellations/postponements are being ordered out of an abundance of caution, and not due to any locally identified illness or required mandate. The CDC and healthcare professionals are recommending “social distancing” in order to contain the spread.

Senior citizen programs:

The WP Boys' & Girls' Club will be closed for all senior citizen programs, including weekly meetings.

The Young at Heart Club meetings will be suspended.

The senior bus will remain operational at this time, however, this will be decided on a day-by-day basis.

Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library:

The FAB “Casino Night” originally scheduled for Friday, March 13 has been rescheduled to Friday, June 5. All group activities and programs are suspended; however, the library will remain open for normal, daily library operations.

The library will be issuing temporary library cards to residents; call 973-345-8120 for more information.

All fines incurred during this time will be waived. Check www.abwplibrary.org for updates.

West Paterson Boys' & Girls' Club programs:

All basketball games and practices are suspended.

All programs, events and get togethers at the Boys' & Girls' Club are suspended.

Woodland Park School District:

The Board of Education took action on Monday, March 9 to suspend all night activities and programs through the end of March, including the school play, which will be re-scheduled.

The Board also canceled all field trips for the month of March.

The Board will revisit future cancellations/postponements at their meeting on Monday, March 23.

Borough & School District operations:

The Municipal Building, Borough departments and the library will remain open for normal, daily operations. Efforts have been put in place to disinfect common areas of these building multiple times per day.

The Board of Health meeting will take place on Monday, March 16, as scheduled.

The Mayor and Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 18, as scheduled, however the presentation portion of the meeting will be re-scheduled.

These provisions will remain in effect **through April 1**. The Borough will re-evaluate these and future cancellations/postponements on Friday, March 20. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to use the following resources should they have additional questions or concerns:

Additional Guidance & Resources:

NJ Department of Health – <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

NJDOH – <https://www.state.nj.us/health/lh/community/index.shtml#1>

Passaic County Department of Health, 973-881-4326

For additional question, concerns or additional information ncov.doh.nj.gov. Email questions to the NJ Department of Health at NCOV@doh.gov. Please follow the Borough and School District Facebook pages and check www.wpnj.us and www.wpschools.org for continued updates.