

Welcome to the Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter, which 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 and with our students, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

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

May 24, 2019



#### Important dates to note

Monday, May 27 - District schools are closed in observance of Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29, 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. -Beatrice Gilmore Spring Concert

Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. - Fifth grade orientation for parents at Memorial School

# Charles Olbon wraps up artist residency with showcase

The students of Charles Olbon School participated in a 20 day Arts Integration Residency funded by NJ State Council on the Arts grant, where students experienced West African music, storytelling, and traditions.

The teaching artist, Candace Hundley-Kamate, and a percussionist visited a kindergarten, first grade and second grade and one physical education class each week. During the 40minute session, students explored the various instruments used to create traditional West African music and practiced dance movements that tell a specific story. Each class learned a different story they performed for their peers at an assembly last week.

The administration was pleased to provide this experience to the students. Both students and administration are grateful to the NJ State Council on the Arts for the opportunity.







### Memorial 8th grade Youth Month delegates take over the Borough

Woodland Park's annual Youth Month kicked off on May 1 with a visit from Mayor Kazmark to Memorial School. He described the program and its similarities to running for real office. Students received descriptions of the jobs they could run for to be elected to by their peers.

"Participants get to learn about how every element of the town works," Kazmark said, noting that he had served as a Youth Month councilman as a student, in 1992.

Following the election day at school on May 3, the students selected for the positions had a number of opportunities to see their government in action.

On May 20, the Youth Month superintendent of schools and Board of Education president ran the regular Board of Education meeting. They recognized 2019 Governor's Educators of the Year Anna Szorc, Elizabeth Parker and Stephen Sans and 2019 Governor's Educational Services Professionals of the Year Teri Avella, Susan DiFluri and Sheila Lepore.

On May 21, a tour of the town for the students included stops at Fire Company No. 2, the Department of Public Works, Board of Education building, municipal building, police department, Alfred Baumann Library and West Paterson First Aid Squad.

On May 22, students ran the Mayor and Council meeting from the dais, with their counterparts sitting alongside, providing assistance as needed. The students led presentations to the American Legion and its Auxiliary, read committee reports and approved and introduced a number of resolutions. In addition, participants took part in the May 14 municipal court session.



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The 2019 Youth Month participants are: Mayor Marco Parisi Council members Marianna Marques, Maria Flores, Arianna Aliotta, Aaliyah Watkins, Dimitri Nicholades and Tiffany Soriano Police Chief Tyler Uzzalino Fire Chief Leighanna Navales Borough Administrator Tony Ali Borough Treasurer Ronald Manfredo Borough Attorney Alexa Lopes Prosecutor Thiarra Rijo Public Defender Julianna Manzi First Aid Squad Captain Jasmine Ocasio Superintendent of Schools Michael Preziosi Borough Court Judge Grace Martinez **Recreation Coordinator Joe Ceragno** Superintendent of Public Works Walner Huatay Board of Education President Zeth Lambertus Library Director Cristina Sgobba Municipal Clerk Amanda Rausch





### Read All About It

The latest edition of "Buddy's News," a digital newspaper created by Beatrice Gilmore Newspaper Cub students is now available. To view the online newspaper, visit https://www.wpschools.org/Page/3839.





## Making A Difference

Memorial School's recent Penny Wars Challenge for Autism Awareness raised over \$340, which benefits the district's Autism program. The Student Council came up with the idea and they volunteered to oversee the program. At the end of the month, they helped sort, count and wrap all of the coins. They volunteered a lot of their time to make this program a success.

### The NED Show returns to CO and BG with its Mindset Mission program

Last week, both Charles Olbon and Beatrice Gilmore Schools welcomed back the character education assembly The Ned Show. Ned is a cartoon character whose name is an acronym for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, and **D**o your best. The visit was the Ned's Mindset Mission, which uses storytelling, humor, audience participation, yo-yo and magic tricks to bring forth its messages.

Ned and his friend Megan shared details of Ned's mission: to find his mindset. Along the way, he overcomes Mt. Everest's toughest obstacles - learning to understand the power of "yet." He uncovers treasures on a Caribbean island while learning how to encourage others. He also grows his brain while working to help an alien repair a sputtering spaceship Students learned that their brains will keep growing the more they use it.

The Ned Show came to both schools at no cost. The schools made yo-yos and accessories available for sale following the show for purchase, which reinforce multi-sensory learning and are tangible reminders that





increase the students' ability to retain Ned's messages long after the assembly. Proceeds from CO and BG's names will allow other schools to benefit from the program.

Find out more about the program at http://mindsetmission.com or www.nedkids.com. The sites offer resources for parents and teachers.





Friends of Josephine will be collecting donations to help offset the Palman Family's medical bills at the WP Boys & Cirls Club Memorial Day Carnival ticket table on the following dates:

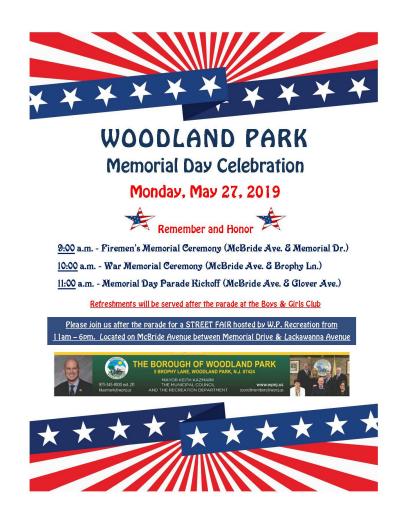
Wednesday. May 22 from 6 to 10 pm Saturday Thursday, May 23 from 6 to 10pm Sunday, Friday, May 24 from 6 to 11pm

Saturday, May 25 from 3 to 11pm Sunday, May 26 from 3 to 10pm 5 to 11pm

### **Picking Their Selections**



The Charles Olbon Home & School Association held its spring Scholastic Book Fair May 13-16. Due to the successes of its previous events, the HSA was able to provide teachers with \$100 each in Scholastic Dollars to purchase books for their classrooms.





Hosted by the **Woodland Park Recreation Dept.** The event will be held on McBride Ave. from Lackawanna Ave. to Memorial Drive.

