



Welcome to the Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter, which 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

## A First Day Like None Other



## Important dates to note

Monday, Sept 14, 7 p.m. -  
Board of Education workshop  
meeting - to be held virtually;  
click [here](#)

Monday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. -  
Memorial Middle School HSA  
meeting - to be held virtually;  
click [here](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. -  
BG HSA meeting - to be held  
virtually; click [here](#)

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m. -  
School 1 back to school night

Monday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. - Board  
of Education regular meeting at  
Borough Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m. -  
Charles Olbon School back to  
school night

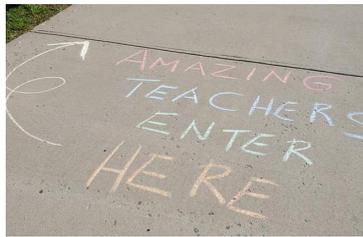
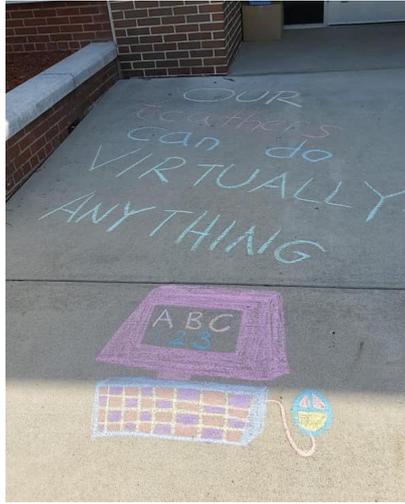
Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m. -  
Memorial School back to  
school night

Thursday, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. -  
Beatrice Gilmore School back to  
school night

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. -  
School 1/Charles Olbon HSA  
meeting - to be held virtually;  
click [here](#)

The School District began the year for students on Tuesday morning with approximately 50 percent of students attending in-person, while the remainder are doing all virtual. School 1 reopened as a District facility, after being rented out for a number of years, for pre-K 3 and 4-year-olds.

## Colorful Messages



Charles Olbon School Home & School Association board members and parents drew colorful chalk messages on the sidewalks leading up to the school to help brighten the first day.

## Hands-On Learning



Cub Scout Pack 31 members kept busy over the summer holding social distanced meetings and events. They recently enjoyed a lesson in police forensics at the American Legion. Woodland Park Police Lt. Erik Luker and Det. Daniel Schaefer, along with Det. Matthew Lasala and Det. Christopher Cardenas of the Passaic County Sheriff's Office CSI Unit, met with the boys to teach them all about the process they use when it comes to forensic science in criminal investigations. The scouts learned how to inspect a mock crime scene by dusting for fingerprints as well as types of evidence to look for at a crime scene.

## Police Chief urges vigilance driving around schools

Woodland Park Acting Police Chief John Uzzalino asks drivers to be extremely vigilant driving around the Borough schools before and after school hours, as many of our students walk home, and to expect minor delays. He also reminds those dropping off students to follow the school's drop off and pick up procedures and obey parking restrictions.

The Department will have officers present at each school daily. They are there to make drop off and pick up easier for parents. Drivers and those walking are asked to pay attention to their directions.

Afternoon hours are particularly dangerous. Over the last decade, AAA reports that nearly one in four child pedestrian fatalities occurred between 3 and 7 p.m. Here's how you can help:

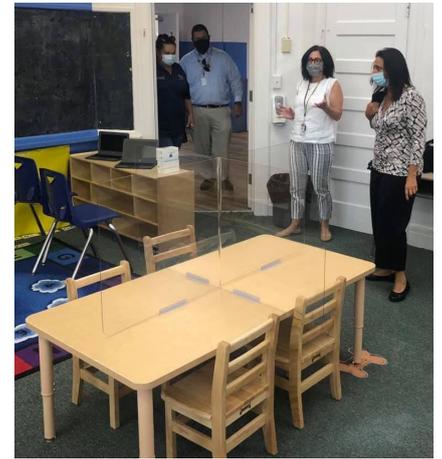
- Slow down. Speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason.
- Come to a complete stop. Research shows that more than one-third of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods. Always come to a complete stop, checking for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.
- Eliminate distractions. Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing. Reduce risk by not using your cell phone or eating while driving, for example.

# Buildings are toured by local officials prior to school reopening

Mayor Kazmark and Board of Education President Laura Spagnola-Vargas toured all four local schools on Sept. 1 with Dr. Pillari and the building principals to see firsthand the progress that the administration, faculty and staff made in preparing and safeguarding the buildings for the reopening of school.

"The faculty and administration at our schools have done an extraordinary job preparing for our students to return," Mayor Kazmark said.

The buildings were all ready for the reopening and every precaution has been taken to keep everyone in the schools healthy and safe. The custodial staff has done a tremendous job of cleaning, sanitizing and organizing the buildings in anticipation of the unprecedented reopening of school. Desks have been spaced out and sneeze guards have been installed in addition to sanitizing stations throughout all facilities.



## Morning Messages



Brothers Anthony and Alexander have resumed posting daily morning announcements for all District students. You can subscribe to their YouTube page [here](#) so you can hear them daily. Great job boys and thank you!

## Resources Available

**Elementary**

<p>From fiction to non-fiction, STEM books to graphic novels, book publishers have created a wealth of content to support educators, librarians, booksellers, parents, and caregivers.</p>	<p>The resources have been collected and curated by the Coalition for Responsible Home Education. For each subject area, they provide homeschooling tips and annotated lists of resources labeled by grade level.</p>	<p>Many educational websites are offering free subscriptions during school closures. Amazing Educational Resources gathered them into a public spreadsheet. It includes resources for reading, math, history, Chinese, coding, music and more.</p>
<p>Scholastic's learn-at-home platform is offering free online resources during the crisis, including 20 days of lessons for grades pre-K to 9 and up to three hours of lessons a day.</p>	<p>The education company Hand2Mind launched a new Learn at Home platform with streaming lessons for grades K-5 and downloadable STEM activities.</p>	<p>JumpStart Academy Math is an award-winning online individualized math program that provides parents with engaging Kindergarten through 6th grade activities for their children.</p>
<p>The nonprofit First Book is providing activities in English and Spanish for pre-K through eighth grade.</p>	<p>With their free mobile app or web and a few minutes a day, everyone can Duolingo. Learn 30+ languages online with bite-size lessons based on science.</p>	<p>CK-12 Foundation provides a library of free online textbooks, videos, exercises, flashcards, and real world applications for over 5000 concepts.</p>

The Alfred Baumann Library has posted a vast array of resources for every grade level and in every area of study on their website. Click [here](#) to find out more.

# Middle school philanthropist launches website for his non-profit

Local young philanthropist Jayden Perez, a Memorial School sixth grader, has launched a website and social media for his non-profit 501(c) organization From The Bottom of My Heart.

His [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [Instagram page](#) are helping to push forward his humanitarian missions of providing toys, clothes, food and necessities to children, families, front line workers and pets. Since the age of 8, Jayden has been working to spread kindness and serve individuals and families and the community in times of need.

With the COVID pandemic, Jayden was forced to keep a social distance, but that didn't stop him from helping those in need. In this time of need, he purchased 1,500 hand sanitizers and gave them to the local school, library, police department, fire department and people in need. Jayden collected face masks and gloves to help hospitals in need. He also got a sewing machine and learned how to make face masks to help even more people. He recently received a donation of numerous cases of water from Voss Water and distributed them to community

front line workers and first responders. He donated to the WP Dialysis Center, First Aid Squad, Kessler Rehabilitation Center, Atlantic Dermatology, Little Falls Family Dental and his mail lady. He also gave water and bags filled with toiletries and snacks to the homeless in Paterson.

"We can't just stay still," said Jayden. "Now more than ever everyone has to come together and help spread some kindness."



Mayor Keith Kazmark & the Woodland Park Council  
in conjunction with  
The Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library  
invite you to attend our...

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Kindergarten  
Ice Cream Social

**POSTPONED**

Due to Covid-19 Public Health concern, the Kindergarten Ice Cream Social has been postponed - we will make every effort to have another event later in the school year for our Kindergarteners.

Charles Oibon Elementary School  
Kindergarten Students

**Children MUST be accompanied by an adult!**

Woodland Park Committee on Recreation & Community Relations  
Councilwoman Tracy Kallert, Chairwoman  
Councilwomen Rita Pascretl - Councilman Gary Holloway

PLEASE JOIN  
MAYOR KEITH KAZMARK & THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,  
THE WOODLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE WEST PATERSON  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & THE WEST PATERSON FIRST AID SQUAD

*A Moment of Remembrance*

WE WILL NEVER FORGET  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

FRIDAY,  
September 11, 2020  
6:30 PM

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN FRONT OF OUR 9/11 MEMORIAL  
LOCATED AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5 BROPHY LANE.

THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK  
5 BROPHY LANE, WOODLAND PARK, N.J. 07424  
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WOODLAND PARK COMMUNITY

**FREE SHREDDING EVENT**

Recycle your unwanted documents and papers by safely shredding them!

Saturday  
**SEPTEMBER 12**  
2020  
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

**WP BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
PARKING LOT**  
(Located on Memorial Dr.)  
**RAIN or SHINE!**

- Watch your documents on camera as they are securely shredded.
- Place items for shredding in a paper bag or cardboard box only. No plastic bags please.
- FREE to all Woodland Park residents & businesses ONLY!
- Yes to cancelled checks, computer printouts, copy paper, envelopes, letterhead, stationery, etc.
- No binders, no plastic, no photos, No carbon paper & No non-paper items.

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