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# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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## Important dates

Monday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m. -  
Board of Education meeting at the  
Municipal Building

Thursday, Nov. 21 - Early dismissal:  
Memorial and BG, 12:48 p.m.;  
CO, 1:28 p.m.

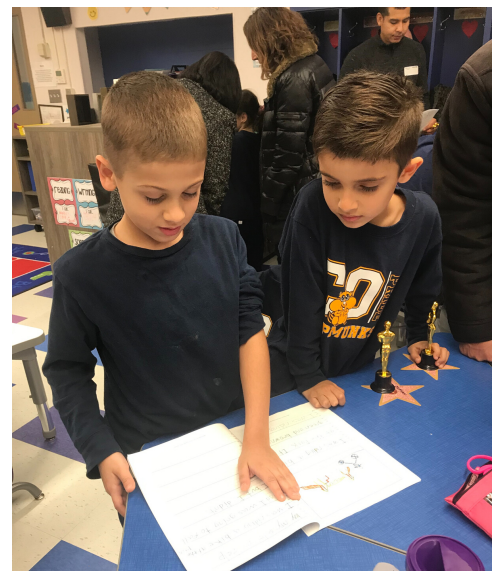
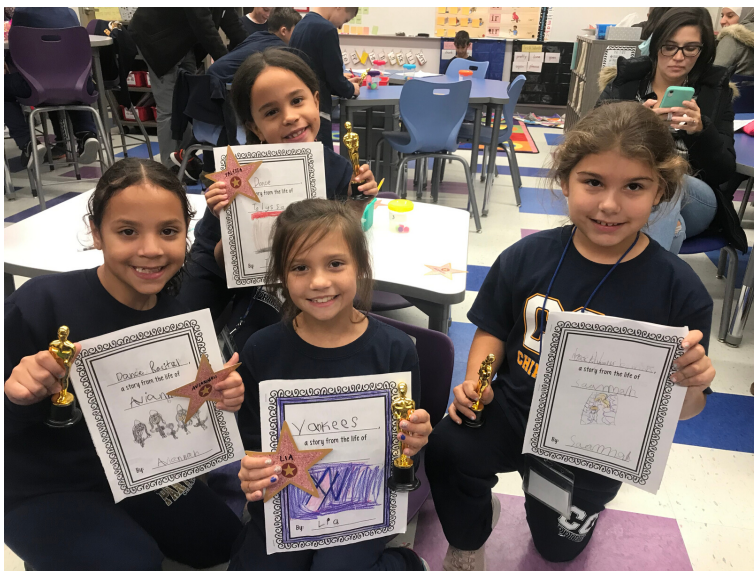
Thursday, Nov. 21 -  
CO Parent/Teacher Conferences

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, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

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

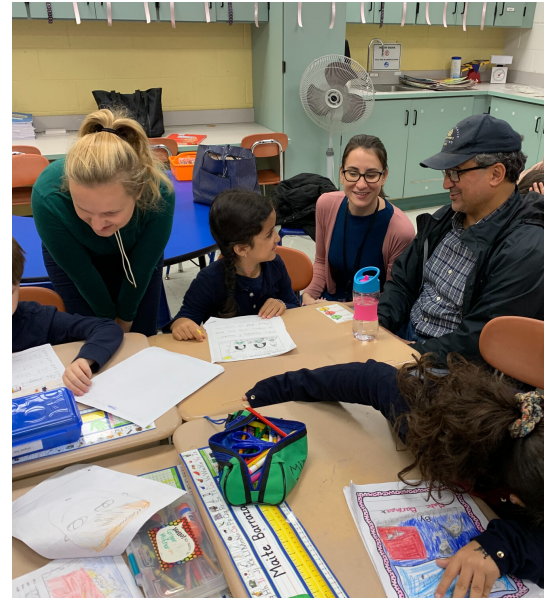
## CO Stars

Mrs. Morris' class at Charles Olbon had a blast at its recent publishing party, sharing their work with friends and family. The theme was Hollywood, so after they read, each student received an academy award and their own "CO Walk-of-Fame Star" with their name on it.





# Young Scribes



Ms. Gutierrez's first grade class at Charles Olbon recently had a publishing party to celebrate their published works. They invited their parents/guardian in to see their works.

## Teachers attend development day at Passaic Valley High School

Passaic Valley Regional High School (PV) hosted its fourth annual day of development on Nov. 6, uniting all teaching professionals from PV High School and each of its feeder public schools from Little Falls, Woodland Park and Totowa. The theme for this year's program was "Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships." The teachers were able to select courses to take relevant to their educational areas and interests.

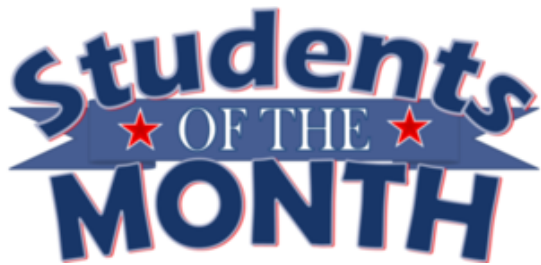
The event was established by PV to ensure all local area teachers are provided the opportunity to foster strong relationships across the three school districts, instill collaborative problem solving, and participate in impactful development and training.





## In Service

Members of Woodland Park Cub Scout Pack 31 recently performed its bi-annual clean-up of the Morris Canal Greenway walk path. The Scouts picked up trash along the walkway and the canal banks and grassy areas off to the sides.

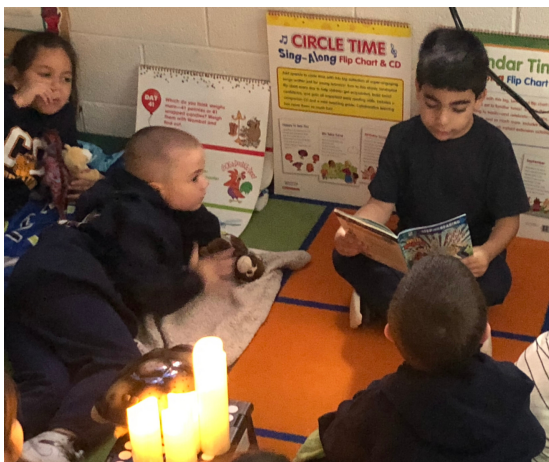


## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Memorial School's "Students of the Month" for November: grade 5 – Chloe Bergrin, grade 6 – Tanush Patel, grade 7 – Angelina Farrag, and grade 8 – Nya Quirindongo. These students are chosen as they possess the attributes of a "student with character" and they represent their grade for the month.

## Practice Makes Perfect

Ms. Tonti's first grade class at Charles Olbon recently had a campfire day where they practiced the art of storytelling as well as reading stories to their classmates.





## Job Well Done

Congratulations to Giovanna Irizarry, principal of Charles Olbon School, for the successful completion of her doctoral defense. We are so proud of you, Dr. Irizarry! Your hard work and dedication has paid off!



## Taking The Challenge



Memorial School 7th grade STRIVE students took a trip earlier this week to compete in a Quiz Bowl in Haledon. The students challenged other students from surrounding towns and did very well. Shown are Sebastian Nayda, Daniella Mencia, Nour Rahhal, Izzy Tiseo, and Lilly Aspirany.

## New STEM course at Memorial uses "flipped classroom" model

STEM is a new class in Memorial School this year. Students will be doing some science, technology, engineering, and math activities encompassed into one giant, end of marking period project, with teacher Miss Ament. There is a STEM website, created by Miss Ament, which will be a companion to the class, where students can access class notes, homework, and various other resources. Students will be accessing this website nightly for homework. The link to the website is <http://sites.google.com/view/memstem/home>. Parents are encouraged to visit the site.

The STEM classroom uses a flipped classroom model. Students will read about or watch a video lesson the night before class and complete a quiz that goes along with it. In class the next day, students will explore these concepts with a hands-on activity or experiment. "It's a new and unfamiliar approach to structuring the classroom but I feel that the students will greatly benefit from this flipped classroom," Miss Ament said.

**Charles Olbon Home & School Association**  
**Winter Wonderland Boutique**  
Craft & Vendor Fair  
Free Entry Vendors Needed  
Concessions Raffles  
Touchstone Chair Massage Photo Booth  
LuLaRoe Thirty-One Gifts  
**Friday November 15, 2019**  
**5 pm to 9 pm**  
**Charles Olbon All Purpose Room**  
Bring the Whole Family for our  
Winter Wonderland Photo Booth!  
Great for Holiday cards  
For more information on  
becoming a vendor, email:  
[charlesolbonhsa@gmail.com](mailto:charlesolbonhsa@gmail.com)  
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Winter Wonderland Boutique  
Flier made with KAagard SantasWorkshop

**Woodland Park's**  
**Girl Scout Troop 97702**  
together with the  
**Paterson Rotary Club #70**  
will be taking part in a **DONATION DRIVE** to help our  
**Veterans** in need from November 1 until December 15  
Please consider making a donation **BIG** or small!  
Every donation helps our **Veterans AND** their families!  
These are the items needed:  
Slippers for men and women, baseball hats, winter hats for  
men and women, winter gloves for men and women, socks for  
men and women  
There is also a local family in need with 4 children (girl-age 10,  
boy-age 9, boy and girl-age 4). They could use winter hats,  
gloves/mittens, scarves, sweaters, t-shirts, pants, and socks  
There will be drop off boxes at the following locations:  
Charles Olbon School (50 Lincoln Lane, Woodland Park) and  
Alfred Baumann Library (7 Brophy Lane, Woodland Park)