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# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter



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## Important dates

Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 -  
District schools are closed

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m. - Charles Olbon  
Home & School Association meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 3 to 5 p.m. and Thursday,  
Dec. 5, 3 to 5 p.m. - Memorial School play  
auditions - Alice in Wonderland Jr.

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

## Food drive provides full holiday meal for 30 local families

Thirty turkeys and the fixings were distributed to local families who need a helping hand this Thanksgiving. The collection was coordinated by the Memorial School Student Council, Charles Olbon School, and Beatrice Gilmore School together with donations from generous families of Woodland Park.

Fairway Market generously donated the turkeys again this year. Blue Crest Recovery Center also donated a \$20 ShopRite gift card for each bag to help families with other items they might need.

At Memorial School, students assembled the 30 full Thanksgiving dinner bags to go with the turkey and gift card from donations that were received. The Beatrice Gilmore School community collected about 400 items and the Charles Olbon School community collected 401 items. Both also collected food for animals, given to the non-profit rescue group Angels for Animals. Remaining food donations were given to the food pantry at St. Agnes Church in Little Falls.



Shown is the Memorial School Student Council, from left, Co-Treasurer Aiyman Shanaa, Co-Secretary Roberto Stigliano, President Ava Mania, Vice President Krista Price, Co-Treasurer Isabel Tiseo and Co-Secretary Kaylanie Noriega.



## Help build a library of possibilities this Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is Tuesday, Dec. 3. Help build a library of possibilities by making a charitable donation to the Friends of the Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library to help fund its renovation and expansion. It's easy to help. Send a check to the library (7 Brophy Lane, Woodland Park NJ 07424), payable to the Friends of the Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library.

Another easy way to help the library is through your online shopping. If you shop on Amazon, you can sign up for AmazonSmile, a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. Our library is one such charitable organization that is signed up and they are asking for your support. To shop at AmazonSmile go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Add a bookmark to make it even easier to return. You use the same account on Amazon and AmazonSmile. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will select an organization to receive donations. The site will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation.

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## Estuary Explorers



The Animal Club at Memorial School had its first field trip of the year to the Meadowlands Environment Center, to study the salt marsh as estuary explorers. The students collected and studied water samples containing detritus, live specimens such as killifish and plant life such as phragmites. Students also practiced microscope skills in observing live plankton. Food chains, adaptations, and the value of the wetland values were discussed. They ended with a hands on scavenger hunt throughout DeKorte Park using clues to explore this biodiverse community.

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## A Closer Look

Students from Mr. Krakower's science class deepened their understanding of potential and kinetic energy by exploring how the height of a ramp affects the transfer of energy to Hot Wheels cars. Before starting, students conducted research and made predictions to support their hypothesis. Using the data collected during the experiment, the students graphed their results by using Google Sheets. The students then analyzed their data and drew conclusions on how the height of the ramp not only effected kinetic and potential energy but how the energy transferred from one object to another object.





# 2019 Holiday Parade

Hosted by the Totowa & West Paterson Fire Departments

Come join us on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6pm to kick off the holiday season with a spectacular parade of lights with a special guest appearance by Santa Claus!!

Location: Starting at 515 Union Blvd. in Totowa, NJ and ending at 1070 McBride Ave in Woodland Park, NJ.

Follow us on Facebook at: "Totowa & West Paterson Fire Dept. Holiday Parade" for apparatus registration, further updates and details!!

For further inquiries contact us at [wptfdholidayparade@gmail.com](mailto:wptfdholidayparade@gmail.com)



We can't wait to see you for this memorable night!

## WOODLAND PARK CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

### At Dowling Gardens

**SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 1 • 6 PM**  
RAIN DATE: DECEMBER 2

- Memorial Middle School choir & PVHS band
- Santa & Friends Arrive on a Fire Truck
- Christmas Tree Lighting by Mayor Keith Kazmark
- Caroling Around the Tree
- Free Train Rides for all

### Meet & Greet with Characters

Dominick the Donkey • Frosty • Rudolph  
Visit and take pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus under the Gazebo

Enjoy FREE Cookies, Popcorn, Hot Cocoa, Apple Cider and more...

**Please bring a NEW unwrapped Toy for our annual Toy Drive!**



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Children can write a letter to Santa and drop it off at one of these locations.

- \* Christmas Tree Lighting Festival, 12/1 at the Gazebo
- \* Holiday Movie at AMC Wayne 14 Theater, 12/7
- \* Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library

This mailbox will be located outside the entrance of the Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library from 12/1 to 12/24






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**WOODLAND PARK**

# 2019 Holiday TOY DRIVE

*This Holiday Season, please bring new, unwrapped toy(s) to the following drop-off locations before December 16th*

**WOODLAND PARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 2ND FLOOR**  
**THE ALFRED H. BAUMANN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Holiday Event Drop-off locations**

**SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 1**  
6:00 PM

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL & PICTURES WITH SANTA AT DOWLING GARDENS ON MCBRIDE AVE.**

**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 7**  
9:00 AM

**RECREATION HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S MOVIE "FROZEN II"**  
AMC WAYNE 14 (NEXT TO WILLOWBROOK MALL)



*All toy donations will go to the less fortunate in Woodland Park and to local non-profit groups.*



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