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# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter



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## Important dates

Monday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m. - Board of Education workshop meeting at Borough Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m. - Memorial School Winter Concert

Friday, Dec. 20 - Early dismissal: Memorial and BG, 12:48 p.m.; CO, 1:28 p.m.

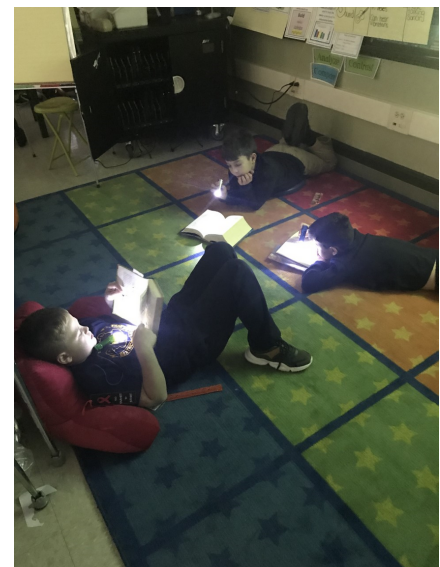
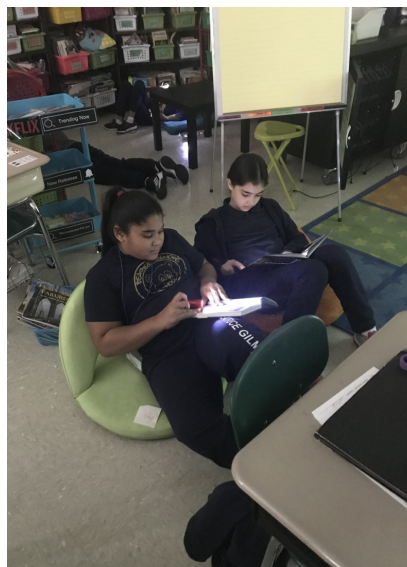
Friday, Dec. 20 - CO & BG report cards will be posted on the Parent Portal

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

## Flashlight Friday

Each Friday, students in Miss D'Astolfo's class at Beatrice Gilmore School have been participating in Flashlight Friday. After their scheduled library time, the students come back with their book, find a cozy spot in the room, and read independently for about 25-30 minutes. She and Mrs. Wilson pull the shades and turn off the lights to create darkness in the room, and allow the students to read by flashlight. The students are just as excited by Flashlight Friday each week that passes, and motivated to read using the in-class flexible seating options.





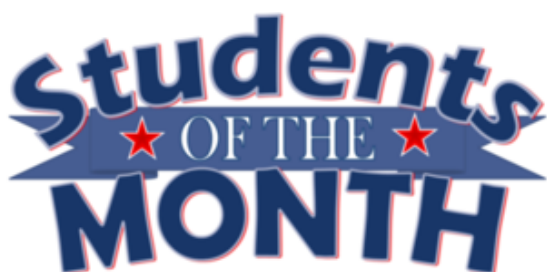
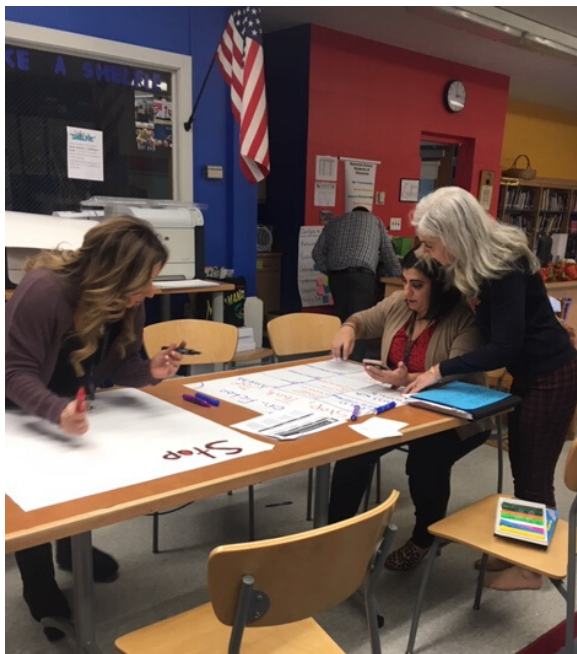
# Communication Creations



Mrs. Healey's first grade class at Charles Olbon School used their senses and explored and investigated sound energy by creating devices that utilized sound vibration to communicate over a distance.

## Creating Visuals

A recent professional development session at Memorial School focused on interdisciplinary instruction for ELA, science and social studies. Teachers from all three departments created non-fiction anchor charts to support close reading.



Congratulations to Memorial School's "Students of the Month" for December: grade 5 - Nicholas Sheridan, grade 6 - Athena Galindo, grade 7 - Melanie Burgers, and grade 8 - Samantha Falduti. These students are chosen as they possess the attributes of a "student with character" and they represent their grade for the month.





## Never Forget

Woodland Park American Legion Post #238 held its annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance on Dec. 7. Assisting in the event were members of Woodland Park Cub Scout Pack 31, Daisy/Brownie Troop 97702. This year marked the 78th anniversary of the attack. One of the most tragic days in American history - 2,400 American lives lost, nearly 1,200 wounded - and which propelled us into World War II.

## Sounds Of The Season

Dowling Gardens and the Borough's Christmas tree were lit up for the holidays last Sunday night. After the tree was lit, children were delighted to see Santa's arrival on a festively lit fire truck, which arrived with a cavalcade of trucks. Prior to the tree lighting, entertainment was provided by the Memorial School concert band.



## Helping Furry Friends

Thanks to the generosity of the students and families at Beatrice Gilmore and Charles Olbon Schools, an enormous box full of pet supplies was donated to the rescue organization Angels for Animals. The rescue cares for and homes hundreds of animals and holds a weekly adoption event every Saturday evening at our local Petco on Rt 46 in Totowa. The collection effort was led by Speech Language Pathologist Raine Brown.