

# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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Welcome to the Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter. We are excited to announce that this e-Newsletter 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

**The e-News will  
resume in September.  
Be sure to follow us  
on Facebook and  
Twitter for updates.  
Have a great  
summer!!**

## Student Govt. leadership results in completion of several projects

The Memorial School Student Council has wrapped up a very busy and successful year.

The 2017-2018 Student Council, under advisors Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Kelly, was President Anthony Vargas, Vice President Kayla Price, Secretary Arianna Aliotta, and Treasurer Amanda Rausch.

This year, the Student Council ran a food drive at Thanksgiving for families in need in Woodland Park. During the month of December, the council collected for St. Jude's Hospital and raised \$3,000. A Spirit Week was organized in the spring which brought students of Memorial together as a community.

During the month of April, the Student Council, under the supervision of Ms. Kate Elman, ran a district-wide drive for Autism Awareness. They raised \$1,584 and spread autism awareness. The month ended with a district-wide autism walk.

In addition, the Student Council members worked with the WP Boys & Girls Club to help obtain funding for and oversee the installation of a new scoreboard in the Memorial School gym.

Finally to end the year, the council organized a river clean up. The students were chosen by teacher recommendation and student interest. The outing was held on June 14.

With the help of the Borough of Woodland Park's Department of Public Works, the Memorial Middle School faculty and administration, the New Jersey Water Environment Association; the students walked from the school to the Passaic River and policed the area and the river bank for litter and debris.

While on the outing the students and guides discussed environmental issues with the water environment and how they can be environmental stewards. Other topics that were discussed were the hydrologic cycle, water sampling and monitoring, local species, pests to be aware of, local plants and their impact on people and the environment. The New Jersey Water Environment Association is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the water environment.

In addition to the Student Council members, additional student participants included seventh grade students Cristina S., Isadora D., Connor O., Michael P., Grace M., Allison N., Maria Fl., Alex G., Angelina H., and Tyler U.; and eighth grade students Nick W., Jaidyn D., Chris P., Valerie V., Fariha K., Isaella T., Kelly M., Cjhyna S., Abbie O., David G., and Phil S.

# Library partners with schools for summer reading program

The Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library and Woodland Park Schools are teaming up to bring families an amazing Summer Reading Program called "Libraries Rock!"

Students were asked to fill out the permission slip sent home and send it back to the teachers before the end of school. Students received a "Track at Home Reading Log" to keep track of their reading throughout the summer.

The program will be conducted at the Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library, 7 Brophy Lane. Students and families can bring their reading log to the library anytime they want to get stickers for their library reading chart and incentives. The library is hoping to make reading fun this summer and help the students get ready for school in the fall.

The great thing about summer reading at the library is that children can read anything they want from books to audiobooks to comic books and more. Summer reading will run until Aug. 19. Children that complete their entire reading chart will be entered to win the library's grand prizes located in the display case in the front of the library.

Prizes and grand prizes will be awarded at the library's End of Summer Party on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 12 to 3pm. Students will be recognized and earn extra surprises for their reading at school in the fall. If you have any questions about the program or would like to register for programs, visit the library website at [www.abwplibrary.org](http://www.abwplibrary.org) or visit the library for more information.

## LIBRARIES ROCK! Summer Reading Program

**June 13th to August 19th**

Children and teens of ALL AGES are invited to participate in the Summer Reading Program called "Libraries Rock" at Alfred Baumann Public Library!  
**READ AND GET PRIZES!**

The more you read the more prizes you will earn!



REGISTER on the Summer Reading Tab at [www.abwplibrary.org](http://www.abwplibrary.org) or come to the library!

## Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library Presents **Family Concert with Kurt Gallagher** Wednesday, July 11th at 6:30PM at Dowling Gardens in Woodland Park



Rain Date: Thursday, July 12th at 6:30PM

No registration required • 973-345-8120 • [www.abwplibrary.org](http://www.abwplibrary.org) • #WPreads

## BOE salutes retirees

The Woodland Park Board of Education saluted three retirees at its June 18 meeting. Third grade teacher Carol Gesualdo was saluted for 21 years of service. Speech therapist Anita Spinelli was saluted for 17 years of service. Laura Lijoi, who was not present at the meeting, was saluted for 30 years of service. Lijoi worked in several capacities and over time, worked in all of the buildings.



## BG students create ceiling tiles for newly renovated Gelotti's

Two teams of selected Beatrice Gilmore students worked to create decorative ceiling tiles for the newly renovated Gelotti's Ice Cream, located at 2 Union Ave., Paterson, on the Totowa border. The ice cream shop, open since 1984, underwent a renovation and expansion. Fourth grade participants were Jillian Troiano, Samantha Korus, Aseel Ayyoush, and Andrew Telez. Third grade participants were Dalya Diler, Chelsea Benites, Deanna Mustafa and Lazar Maslarkov.



Sponsored by the Woodland Park Municipal Alliance Against Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Thursday nights at dusk on Memorial Field

All are welcome!

- July 12 - "Coco"
- July 19 - "Sherlock Gnomes"
- July 26 - "Miracle Season"
- August 2 - "Pitch Perfect 3"
- August 9 - "Peter Rabbit"
- August 16 - "Ferdinand"

The snack stand will be open for all events!



## 2018 Woodland Park FREE Friday Summer Concerts at Dowling Gardens



Come early and enjoy some great food & vendors from 6-9

FREE Concerts held from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> CONCERT ~ Friday**

THE AMERICAN BOMBSHELLS

**July 13<sup>th</sup> CONCERT ~ Friday**

EMERALD EXPERIENCE

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> CONCERT ~ Friday**

THE LATE SHOW

Concerts will be held at Dowling Gardens, corner of McBride Ave. & Dowling Pkwy.

Don't miss the Special KIDS concert on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (rain date July 12<sup>th</sup>). Sponsored by the Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library

Bring your chairs & blankets and enjoy a great night out with food & music!



## Board given STAR 360 presentation

At the June 18 Board of Education meeting, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Carmella Triglia gave a presentation on STAR 360 test results. This is the third year the district has been utilizing the program.

The presentation aimed to provide an overview of student performance in the areas of math and ELA (English language arts). Triglia noted that STAR 360 test results are just one of many pieces of student performance data collected. In the PowerPoint slides shown at the meeting, overall test scores show slow and steady growth in both math and ELA, according to Superintendent Dr. Michele Pillari.

"People are working really, really hard," she said. "We're making progress. We're working hard and we should all be proud of the results."

In the upcoming school year, the district plans to set targeted goals in the areas of math and ELA in each building. It will work with state representatives to help support teachers in instructional practice and professional learning. Additionally through a state grant, it will work with Rutgers University and state representatives in order to ensure proper implementation of RTI at CO and BG Schools.

To view the presentation, visit [www.wpschools.org/Page/3749](http://www.wpschools.org/Page/3749). Triglia noted that the results of all benchmark assessments administered to students are always available to parents.

## Woodland Park SPRAY PARK

Located in Frank D. Zaccaria Park on Rifle Camp Road

2018 operating dates: Monday, June 25 – Sept. 2

### Operating Hours

SATURDAY & SUNDAY ~ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
 MONDAY - FRIDAY (JUNE 25 - AUGUST 10) ~ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
 MONDAY - FRIDAY (AUGUST 13 - SEPT. 2) ~ 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
 Closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> & Labor Day



### Pricing

\*SEASON PASSES  
 Residents - \$15.00  
 Non-Residents - \$20.00  
 \*DAILY PASSES  
 \$5.00 - per child  
 Children under 2 are Free



All children must be accompanied by a parent.

\*Payment or Passes can be purchased at the Spray Park, during operating hours or in advance by visiting the Recreation office located at 5 Trophy Lane, Woodland Park - 973-345-8100 ext. 213: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12 noon -or- Monday evenings, 6 - 8 pm (except July & August).