

Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter



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Important dates to note

Monday, Feb. 11, 2:30-4:30 and 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Charles Olbon Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. - Beatrice Gilmore Parent/Teacher Conferences

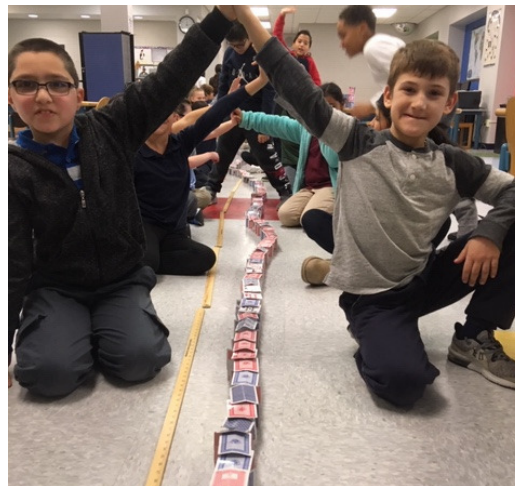
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Memorial School Parent/Teacher Conferences

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 and with our students, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

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

STEAM program encourages teamwork to build playing card bridges

As part of the STEAM indoor recess program, Beatrice Gilmore students were very excited and proud to build a bridge that extended the length of the media center. Mrs. Seavy and Mrs. D'astolfo's class were the only classes to collaborate as an entire indoor recess unit. Also, they utilized multiplication skills in order to get the length of the bridge (number of yardsticks times the length of each yard stick) = 1,045 inches!



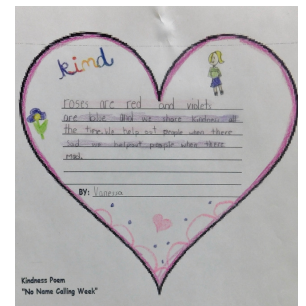
Charles Olbon and Beatrice Gilmore take part in No Name-Calling Week

Last week, both Charles Olbon and Beatrice Gilmore Schools took part in No Name-Calling Week.

At Charles Olbon, Guidance Counselor Miss Indri made daily announcements to the students and visited every class for a "Wrinkled Heart" lesson. She also put up a bulletin board that showcases the main takeaway of the lesson, which is, "Before you speak, think and be smart. It is hard to fix and wrinkled heart."

At Beatrice Gilmore, students each completed one of the following: a kindness quote, kindness poem, kindness picture or a compliment puzzle. Their creations line the school halls as well as their signed Kindness Pledges and Jargon, which is paper cut-outs similar to Charles Olbon's "Wrinkled Heart." Guidance Counselor Mrs. Ferraye also made daily announcements.

During physical education, Mr. Pomante incorporated "stomping out name calling." Last Thursday during recess, the students played a "hot potato" type game with yarn. The students had to think of nice words/names to pass the yarn. Mrs. Ferraye aimed to reinforce two things with the students: 1) kind words are easier to say than unkind words, and 2) the more you say kind words, the easier it is to say them (like a habit.)



School Climate Teams work to ensure safe, welcoming environment

All three District schools have a School Safety and School Climate Team (SS-SCT), which is a committee of school professionals that meets throughout the year to discuss strategies to keep the school environment as safe and welcoming as possible. Parents/guardians are always welcome to suggest methods for keeping our schools safe.

Charles Olbon Guidance Counselor Danielle Indri and Beatrice Gilmore Guidance Counselor Donna Farraye recently provided a presentation on what the teams do at the last Home & School Association meeting for the elementary schools.

School climate refers to the quality and feel of the school, Indri said. It's important as research shows that there is a substantial connection between school climate and student achievement.

School climate also relates to Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB). The climate of a school can positively or negatively affect bullying behavior in schools. The SS-SCT teams review bullying behavior trends and come up with ideas for improvements as appropriate.

Farraye noted the differences between a conflict and bullying. A conflict is a disagreement or argument in which both side exchange words and/or actions. Bullying is a targeted act where there is an imbalance of power. The schools work to address both - and teach students how to best resolve conflicts.

Parental involvement is crucial to promote a positive school climate, Indri said. Communication is key, as the staff cannot address issues they are unaware of.

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School district joins with the library for community service project

Do you crochet? Do you like giving back to the community? We need your help!

The Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library, in partnership with Mayor Keith Kazmark, Passaic County Senior Services, Passaic Valley High School and the Woodland Park School District, have launched a community service project to provide persons experiencing homelessness in Passaic County with "Dream Mats" (portable sleeping mats) to help protect them from the elements and serve as a cushion on hard surfaces.

"Dream Mats" are portable sleeping mats crocheted using plarn - yarn made from recyclable plastic bags. Standard grocery plastic bags are cut into strips, looped together, and then crocheted into an approximate 3 by 6 foot mat with a carrying handle.

We are seeking individuals or groups to help in a number of ways: collect bags, sort/separate bags; flatten and cut bags; loop the cut strips together; and crochet the mats.

You can help us from the comfort of your own home or join in with a local group that is participating in this project. If you know of a group that may be interested please share this information. In addition, the Alfred H. Baumann will be hosting a "Day of Service, A Day of Love" at the Library on Feb. 14 where stations will be set up to learn how to make a Dream Mat. You are welcome to join us at 7 Brophy Lane, Woodland Park. Call 973-345-8120 or visit www.abwplibrary.org for additional info.



Softball / Baseball 2019 Registration

Registration Dates: At the West Paterson Boys & Girls Club
Registration will be held online with only 2 IN PERSON registrations. Please submit on-line if possible. Please follow registration link on

<http://www.wpbgc.org> -

Feb 19th - 6:00pm to 8:00pm (Tue)
Feb 23rd - 10:00am to 12:00pm (Sat) ***FINAL***

\$25 Late Registration fee will be implemented after February 24th

PLEASE NOTE: One parent/legal guardian of any Child participating in a WPBGC athletic program be a registered member of the West Paterson Boys and Girls Club. Please be prepared to fill out membership form and submit with payment of \$25.00 (yearly membership fee) made out to WPBGC. This does not include the registration fee and/or volunteer deposit required at registration.

Cost per player:
K thru 2nd - \$80.00
3rd thru 8th - \$130.00
\$50 Volunteer Fee

Three (3) checks are required at the time of Registration:

- 1 for registration fee
- 1 for volunteer deposit
- 1 for membership if you did not pay at Basketball

Registrations will not be accepted without MEMBERSHIP!!!! NO MONEY ORDERS ACCEPTED

Please complete this form and return it with the necessary checks payable to the WPBGC.

NOTE: YOU MUST FILL IN ALL LINES AND IT MUST BE LEGIBLE

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Shirt Size: Youth - S _____ M _____ L _____ Adult - S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____
Pants Size: Youth - S _____ M _____ L _____ Adult - S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____

Other sport/s registered during this Season: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____ Emergency Contact Name _____

Other than Parent/Guardian _____

Primary Medical Insurance: _____ Policy #: _____

Known allergies or other pertinent medical information: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Please note that all the West Paterson Boy's and Girl's Club programs depend entirely on volunteers who give the children enrolled in athletic programs their time and efforts. It's the lifeblood of this organization and we need your help. Every parent is required to contribute 1 hour of volunteer work for the benefit of your child and that of all the other children in the program. A \$50 refundable deposit is required as a pledge towards this goal. This fee will be returned at the end of the season after fulfillment of the volunteer work. Please indicate the area of interest below, and you will be contacted prior to your child's first practice session. Thank you for your support.

Volunteer Opportunities → Coach Asst. Coach Snack Stand
(If you want to coach or assistant coach you must give email & cell number)

ADMINISTRATIVE: Reg/Vol Paid: _____ Check: # _____ or Cash: _____ Membership Check # _____

You must register your child in person, DO NOT mail registrations. If you can not make the date contact commissioners to make arrangements. Any questions or issues please contact Marcos Noriega #973-405-3288 or at str8gneus@gmail.com for SOFTBALL & Rich Vargas # 973-978-4817 or at ricter07@aol.com for BASEBALL.

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"As adults we all know what words we should not use," Farraye said.

"Unfortunately some of our children are not aware of that. It's really important for parents to help children understand what words and phrases are demeaning or derogatory."

Parents/guardians with concerns or suggestions can contact the schools at any time. Miss Indri can be reached at dindri@wpschools.org or 973-317-7783. Mrs. Farraye can be reached at dfarraye@wpschools.org or 973-317-7787. Memorial School Guidance Counselor Mrs. Kerry McGlame can be reached at kmcglame@wpschools.org or 973-317-7786.

Animal Club donations of food, shelters delivered to St. Hubert's

Memorial School's Animal Club presented St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison with a supply of cat food collected by the members.

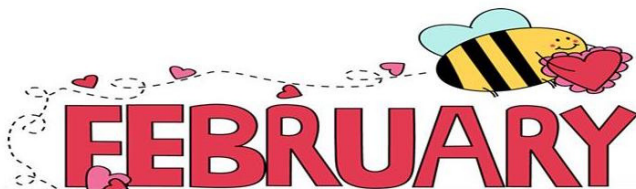
Mrs. Lynne Donato, Memorial math and science teacher and advisor of the club, also presented individual winterized cat shelters to St. Hubert's, which house feral cats in inclement winter. Shelters were made and donated by club members: Bruno Recupero, Lindsay Hewitt, Maite Olivera, and Adriana Gonzalez. They are easy and inexpensive to make. Three materials are needed which can all be purchased at Home Depot: a Rubbermaid bin with top, foam board for insulation, and hay for bedding. Anyone interested in building a shelter can see Mrs. Donato for details.



St. Hubert's is one of the many local shelters the club works with. Club members take quite an interest in ensuring that all animals are well cared for, housed properly to keep them warm, and fed a nutritious diet. "It was a wonderful exercise in kindness, empathy, and working together as a team," said Mrs. Donato.

Pictured is Karen Potocek, educational director at St. Hubert's, and Mrs. Donato. Mrs. Potocek visited Memorial School last month and gave a presentation on humane education. Students presented her with hand-made toys for the cats to play with while they are waiting for their forever homes.

To learn more about St. Hubert's, the animals available for adoption, the volunteer programs they offer, and the other various programs for all animal owners, such as obedience and low cost spay & neuter, visit sthuberts.org.



Youth Services Calendar

Alfred Baumann Public Library
7 Brophy Lane
Woodland Park, NJ 07424
973-345-8120
www.abwplibrary.org



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS Register for all storytimes, programs, and special events on the Events Page at www.abwplibrary.org or call the library.					1 Little Wonder 10:30AM 	2 Family Movie 10:30AM Crazy 8's Math Club (Gr. 3-5) 1:00PM
3 	4 Teen Challenge 4:15PM Math HW Helpers 3-5PM 	5 Baby Tales 10:30AM Books & Bark 5:15 PM Storytime Adventures 6:30PM 	6 PB&J Storytime 11:00AM or 1:00PM Math HW Helpers 3:00-5:00PM	7 Bananas and Books 4:15PM	8 Little Wonder 10:30AM 	9 LegoMania 11:00AM Crazy 8's Math Club (Gr. 3-5) 1:00PM
10 	11 Math HW Helpers 3-5PM	12 Baby Tales 10:30AM Cinderella Storytime 6:30PM Storytime Adventures 6:30PM	13 PB&J Storytime 11:00AM or 1:00PM Math HW Helpers 3:00-5:00PM	14 Valentines Day Bananas and Books 4:15PM	15 Little Wonders 10:30AM 	16 Leap Into Science Balance Workshop Grades K-4 11AM Crazy 8's Math Club (Gr. 3-5) 1:00PM
FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @ABWPLIBRARY 	18 Library Closed for Presidents' Day 	19 Baby Tales 10:30AM Storytime Adventures 6:30PM	20 PB&J Storytime 11:00AM or 1:00PM Math HW Helpers 3:00-5:00PM STEAM Tale 4:15-5:00PM 	21 Bananas and Books 4:15PM 	22 Little Wonders 10:30AM 	23 Arts and crafts 11:00AM Crazy 8's Math Club (Gr. 3-5) 1:00PM
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