

# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter



March 1, 2019

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## Important dates to note

Friday, March 1 - Memorial School third marking period progress reports are available on the Parent Portal

Monday, March 11, 7 p.m. - Board of Education workshop meeting at Borough Hall, 5 Brophy Lane, which will feature a presentation on the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying law

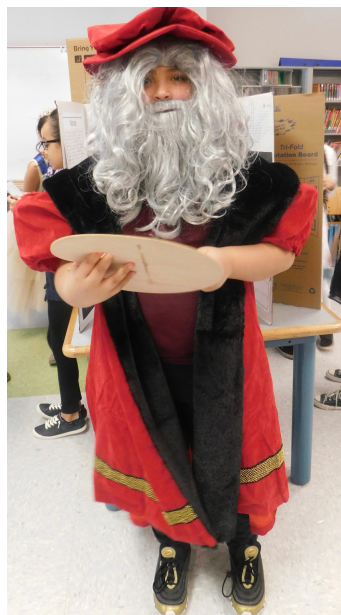
Welcome to the Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter, which will be sent out weekly when school is in session. This will serve as a glimpse of some of the wonderful things going on in our schools and with our students, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

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

## Bringing History To Life



Beatrice Gilmore School held its annual fourth grade wax museum on Feb. 22. Each student selected a famous person to learn about and portray at the event. They prepared a visual display and came dressed as their subject. When prompted, students would recite a short speech about their famous person to teachers, family members and friends who attended the event.





# A Special Visitor



Charles Olbon School had a very special visitor on Tuesday. The Cat in the Hat stopped by to greet all the students and get them ready for Read Across America next week. The school had won a raffle by the New Jersey Education Association for the visit.



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# Lunch And Learn

The Kindergarten Committee of the Charles Olbon Home & School Association recently held a fundraising "Lunch with the Mayor" raffle. The three winners, one from each grade and a friend, enjoyed lunch with Mayor Keith Kazmark and Principal Giovanna Irizarry on Wednesday. While he hopes they learned something new about the town, he said he certainly learned a whole lot about video games!





# Community Based Instruction program aims to increase independence

The Growing Minds class at Memorial School recently visited Pizza City as part of their Community Based Instruction (CBI). Students order and pay for their food to practice independence. Students also are learning how to acquire skills to support a healthy lifestyle.

The overall goals of CBI trips are to practice skills that increase community participation and foster student independence, according to Growing Minds teacher Kate Elman. The trips are designed to help the students acquire and generalize life skills that will enhance opportunities for meaningful experiences and relationships within the general community.

"My class goes on CBI trips once a week, weather permitting, to practice a variety of skills, including purchasing and ordering items at a restaurant or store, practicing safety skills transitioning to and while at the community setting, and practicing appropriate behavior while in the community to name a few," Ms. Elman said. "Specifically, students practice transitioning to the community setting by walking with a staff member and staying on sidewalks and within crosswalks while walking in the community. Depending on the target setting, students may practice purchasing and/or ordering food items and eating in a restaurant while exhibiting socially appropriate behavior."

Students are given money and have to secure the money in their wallets. When making purchases, students work towards ordering and buying their items independently. Staff are there to guide and prompt students if and when needed.

All CBI trips are within walking distance from the school. Locations are rotated and include Pizza City, Dunkin Donuts, the Mini Mart, Parkwest Bagel Cafe, Carvel, Subway, and the laundromat. The program is looking to expand to other locations such as ShopRite so students can practice purchase items from a list such as ingredients for a recipe or items to prepare a snack or lunch.



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## A Look Into The Past

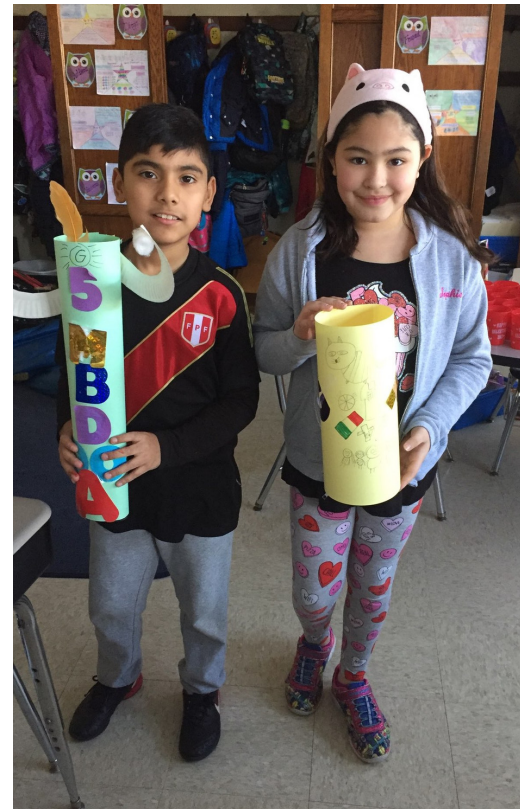
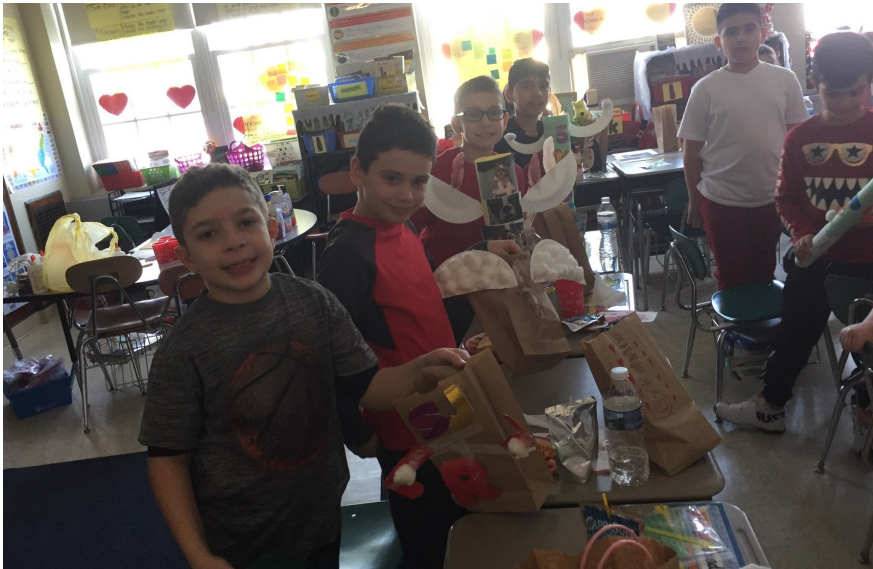
Woodland Park Pack 31 recently visited the Dey Mansion in Wayne for its annual George Washington birthday celebration. The Scouts toured the mansion and got to talk to and watch the 2nd New Jersey Regiment reenactors.





# Cultural Celebration

Beatrice Gilmore third graders learned about Native Americans and their influence on American culture. Totem poles signify a family's past and are celebrated through a potlatch. Ms. Capo's class created totem poles to represent the families and cultures, and celebrated through their very own potlatch.



## Woodland Park Summer Camp registration is open

Early registration for Woodland Park Summer Camp, held at Zaccaria Park on Rifle Camp Road from June 24 to Aug. 9, is now open and runs until April 22. Regular registration will run from April 23 to June 10. The 2019 camp schedule, trip packet and registration form are now available at [www.wpnj.us](http://www.wpnj.us) under the recreation tab.

Registration and payment can be done online at <https://register.capturepoint.com/woodlandparkborough>. Payments can be made by credit card or check and must be made in full at the time of registration. Computers for online registration are also available at the Alfred Baumann Library, 7 Brophy Lane. Any questions, contact the Recreation Office at 973-345-8100, ext. 213. Follow Woodland Park Summer Camp on Facebook for up-to-date information.

All camp trips are separate pricing and can be paid online at time of registration. Trips are first come, first serve and fill up quickly. Trips this year include Field Station Dinosaurs, Turtle Back Zoo and Liberty Science Center.

Join us for our annual  
**Dr. Seuss Day**  
celebration in honor of  
**Read Across America!**



**Monday, March 4, 2019**

**4:00 pm**

in the Municipal Council Chambers.

Featuring presentations by our Woodland Park School District students, a special reading by Mayor Kazmark, a magic show and other surprises!



Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library  
7 Brophy Lane, Woodland Park, NJ

