

# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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## Important dates to note

Monday, May 13, 7 p.m. - Board of Education meeting at Charles Olbon

May 13-16 - Charles Olbon School Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m. - Charles Olbon Home & School Association meeting

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

## Musical Journey



Charles Olbon's first grade class presented its annual spring choral concert under the direction of Mrs. Beirne on Wednesday. For the first time ever, the school collaborated with Memorial Middle School. Symphonic band members Kaitlyn Amanullah, Samantha Falduti, Zahara Faulkner, Kiara Guzman and Grace Martinez joined in to provide flute accompaniment.

# Follow the Yellow Brick Road

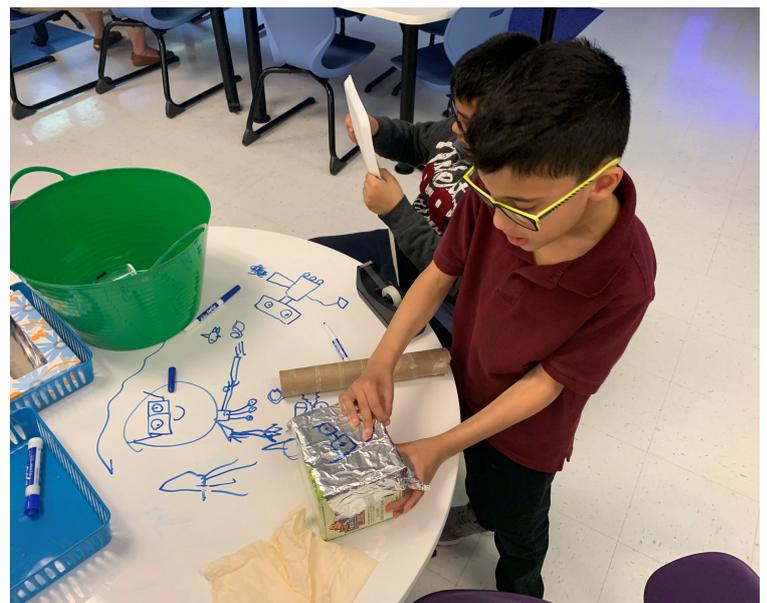
The curtain rises on Memorial Middle School's "The Wizard of Oz" tonight at Beatrice Gilmore School. A cast and crew of nearly 50 have been working hard to prepare.

Tonight's performance is sold out. There will be shows tomorrow at 2 and 7 p.m. For tickets, visit <https://memorialmusical.ticketleap.com>. Limited tickets may be available at the door.



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## Aspiring Engineers



During Ms. McGinnis' second grade STEAM class at Charles Olbon School, students self-selected groups and used the engineering design process to create prototypes of robots that will help keep the environment clean. The students planned, built, tested, improved, and even named their unique robots.

What an impressive group of future engineers we have!

# Showing Our Support



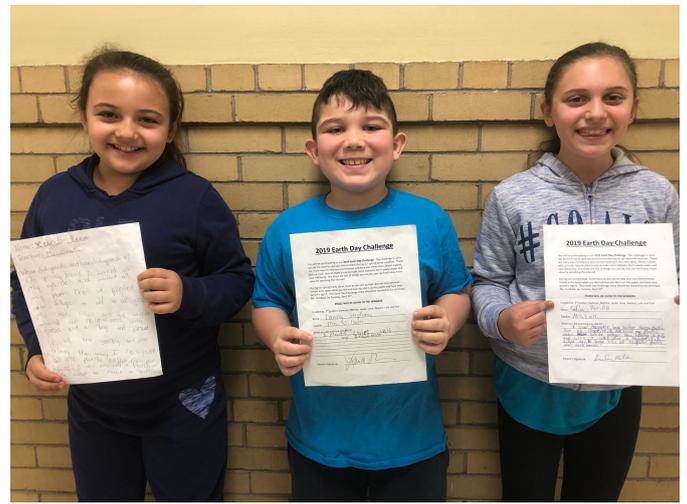
Both the Memorial Middle School and Beatrice Gilmore School communities came together on May 1 for the annual Autism Walk. While lively music played, the students did two complete laps around the field complex to show their support and solidarity.

## Words Of Appreciation

Beatrice Gilmore School's "Kindness Ninja" Tayeeba received a letter from Senator Kristin Corrado in recognition of her Kindness Ninja acts. Tayeeba, a 4th grader in Ms. Facciollo's class, completed 26 Kindness journals during the 15 Days of Kindness Challenge, which totals 260 acts of kindness!



# Working To Make The World A Better Place



Seven third grade students took the initiative to create an Earth Day Challenge. They created the idea, fliers, posters and did morning PA announcements. Several students participated over Spring Break doing such acts as planting trees with their grandparent, collecting trash from the neighborhood with their mom and lots of recycling and reusing. Winners were selected and were awarded a prize from Pomptonian Food Services.

## Pepped Up



Memorial School teachers Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Kelly, and the Student Council led a pep rally prior to the start of state testing which featured relay races with students and staff. Afterwards, all students were treated to ice cream and chocolate chip cookie sandwiches outside.





## **Memorial's Animal Club members visit The Seeing Eye in Morristown**

The Memorial School Animal Club recently visited The Seeing Eye in Morristown. The students learned all of the phases of the training program which the Seeing Eye Dog goes through from birth to graduation. They also learned what life is like in a typical day of a blind person and their dog.

The cost of the entire program from birth to being teamed up with their human partner is \$65,000 for one dog, however the person receiving the dog pays only \$150 the first time. There is a reduced cost for any dogs which may follow after that, and veterans pay \$1. During the lifetime of a blind person, they may need up to seven or eight dogs.

The students then took a tour of the facility where the dogs are trained. No one is permitted to visit the compound in Chester, where the puppies are actually born and kept under a watchful eye until it's time to go to their puppy-raising family. The Seeing Eye, Inc. was founded in 1929. It is the oldest, and one of the largest, of all the guide dog schools in the U.S. To learn more go to [www.seeingeye.org](http://www.seeingeye.org).

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## **Boys & Girls Club announces upcoming registration, fundraisers**

The Boys & Girls Club has summer street hockey registration open until May 31. Register online at [www.wpbgc.org](http://www.wpbgc.org). Cost is \$50 per player. There will also be in-person registration on Thursday, May 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and Thursday, May 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Noel Assaf at [nassaf@verizon.net](mailto:nassaf@verizon.net) or call 201-245-3496.

Fall soccer, football, and cheerleading registration information will be coming in the next few weeks.

On Saturday, May 11, D2W Pro Wrestling returns to the club at 7 p.m. (doors at 6:30 p.m.). This is a fundraiser and the club makes money on the ticket sales and it will be running the snack stand, with all proceeds going to the baseball and softball programs. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the door.

Wednesday, May 22 to Sunday, May 26 - The third annual Memorial Day carnival will be held in the parking lot behind Joey McBride's, 1145 McBride Ave. Each year, the event gets bigger and this year will be no different. There will be more rides, more games, more food options, live entertainment and more. Pre-sale unlimited ride wristbands are available now at [www.campys.com](http://www.campys.com). Save money by purchasing in advance. Wristbands are good for any one night of the carnival.