

# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter

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## Important dates to note

Monday, June 10, 6 p.m. - Retirement celebration for Mr. Silvestein at Memorial School. All are welcome to attend, to bid him farewell after 24 years with the district.

Monday, June 10, 7 p.m. - Board of Education workshop meeting at Memorial School

Tuesday, June 11, 7 p.m. - Third grade orientation for parents at Beatrice Gilmore

Wednesday, June 12, 9:30 a.m. - Charles Olbon Pre-K moving up ceremony

Thursday, June 13, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. - Charles Olbon kindergarten graduation

Monday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. - Beatrice Gilmore talent show

Monday, June 17, 9:15 a.m. - Memorial School honors assembly

Tuesday, June 18, 11:30 a.m. - Beatrice Gilmore fourth grade moving up ceremony

Tuesday, June 18, 6 p.m. - Eighth grade graduation at PV High School

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

## Towering Talents

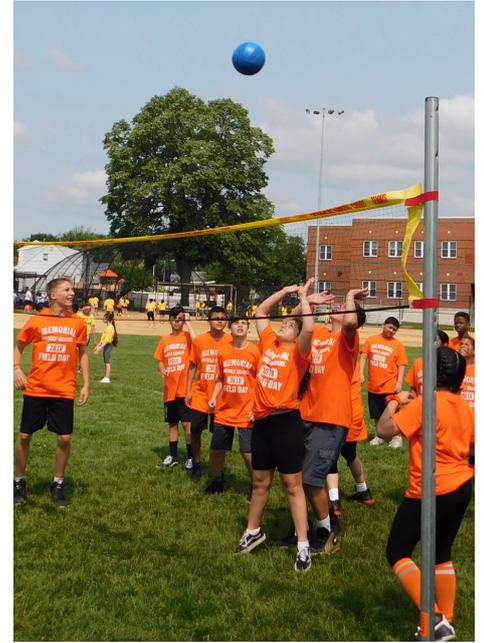


Ms. Davidson's class, Ms. Healey's class and Ms. Hope's class enjoyed the new outdoor classroom for a science lesson. The first grade students have been researching the life cycle and parts of plants. Each student planted their own seeds. The students will be observing and recording the changes as they continue to help them grow. Ms. Tonti, Ms. Macchiavello, and Ms. Parker and their students planted later in the week.



# Memorial School Field Day

Memorial Middle School students enjoyed their annual Field Day on May 31. In the morning, students cycled through playing kickball, volleyball, and basketball, and navigating an inflatable obstacle course, led by gym teachers Mr. Romeo and Mrs. DeYoung, assisted by their teachers and parent volunteers. Following lunch, which was provided by the HSA, there were more activities in the afternoon.



# Community mourning the loss of eighth grader Josephine Palman

The Borough and School District is mourning the loss of Josephine "Pepa" Palman, 13, a lifelong resident who passed away June 5 after a courageous 16 month battle with DIPG brain cancer.

Josephine was an 8th grade student at Memorial Middle School where she excelled both scholastically and artistically. She was loved by all of her teachers and had many friends, and loved going to school and learning. Josephine had a talent for pencil drawing and also loved gymnastics.

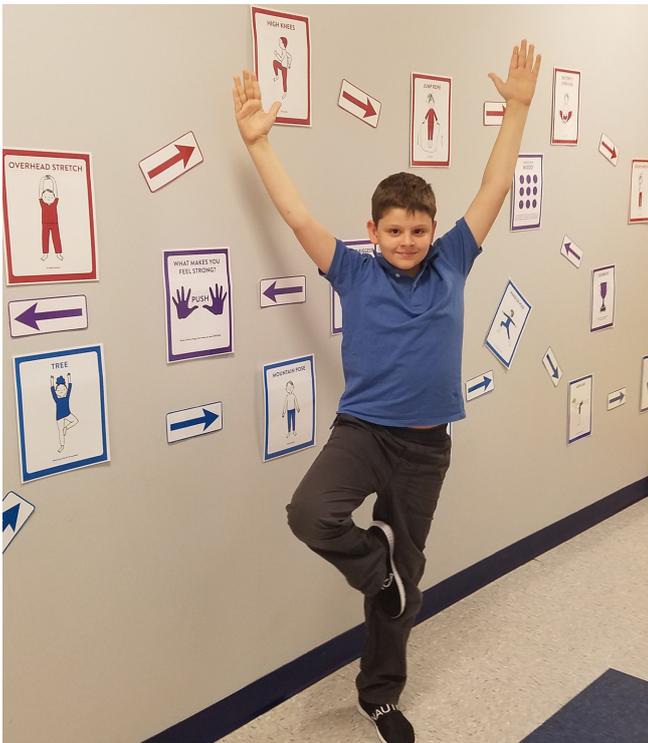


Josephine loved to spend time with her family camping, biking, hiking, and traveling. Her love of life and for people were contagious. She demonstrated that at a young age by donating her hair for cancer survivors, before ever knowing her diagnosis.

For a full obituary, visit [aloiafuneral.com](http://aloiafuneral.com). Arrangements are being handled by Aloia Funeral Home, 180 Harrison Ave., Garfield. Visiting hours are Tuesday 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations to help pay for the medical bills that continue to come in are requested at [www.gofundme.com/josephine-the-tumor-warrior](http://www.gofundme.com/josephine-the-tumor-warrior).

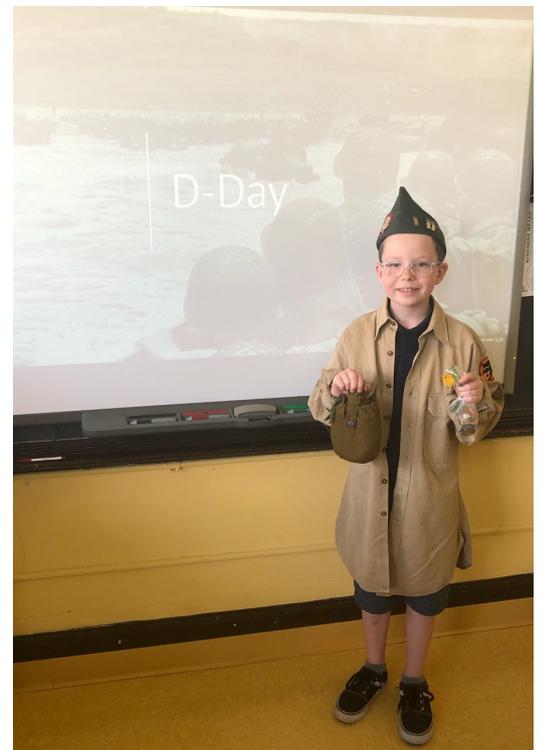
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## Final Countdown



BG has implemented the Wellness Ways Movement Wall. The wall has three color-coded paths students can follow – move, recharge, and mood. Each path takes the student through a different set of tasks which help them refocus. Third grader Nikola is seen here practicing the tree pose on the recharge path. The Wall was implemented by Angela Rodrigues, DPT, and Donna Farraye, Guidance Counselor.

## History Brought To Life



Fourth grade BG student Brayden took the initiative to prepare a presentation for his class to commemorate D-Day. He shared artifacts from Normandy Beach in France where his relatives served.



## Talents On Display

Artwork by Memorial Middle School students under the direction of art teacher Mrs. Rua was recently on display at the Passaic Valley High School's annual Art Show.

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## Championship Teams Honored



The Woodland Park Mayor and Council honored two teams at its meeting June 5. The WP Boys & Girls Club 5th and 6th grade Panthers girls' basketball team was recognized for their Passaic Valley Youth Basketball League 2019 Championship and the WP Boys & Girls Club 8th grade Panthers girls' travel basketball team was recognized for their North-West Bergen Passaic Basketball League 2019 Championship.

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## Boys & Girls Club registering for summer, fall sports

Summer street hockey registration has reopened and will accept additional registrations until June 17. Online registration and more information is available at [www.wpbgc.org](http://www.wpbgc.org).

Fall football and cheerleading will start this Monday, June 10. Online registration will be available at [www.wpbgc.org](http://www.wpbgc.org).

Fall soccer registration will be held at the WP Boys & Girls Club on the following dates: Monday, June 10, 7 to 8 p.m.; Thursday, June 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 15, 12 to 1 p.m. Registration fee is \$40 for pre-K and \$50 for K to 8; \$90 for two siblings. For more information, email Rick at [wpsoccerclub2@gmail.com](mailto:wpsoccerclub2@gmail.com). Check [wpbgc.org/soccer](http://wpbgc.org/soccer) for additional info., forms and registration dates.

# Sizing It All Up



Many of our local students in grades 3 to 8 recently attended the first Hornet Hackathon, held at Passaic Valley High School. The event featured an evening full of STEAM related activities such as an engineering design challenge, game programming, and 3D printing.

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## **Winning numbers for tuition free preschool slots available announced**

The Woodland Park Board of Education announces the winning numbers for its tuition free preschool slots available for the 2019-2020 school year. Numbers were selected by lottery for the 20 available spaces.

Winning ticket numbers for the 3-year-old class: 007048, 007046, 007057, 007012, 007058, 007051, 007020, 007038, 007031 and 007017. Winning ticket numbers for the 4-year-old class: 007060, 007064, 007027, 007056, 007066, 007040, 007036, 007015, 007047, and 007039.

## **Woodland Park Summer Camp plans parent meeting on Monday night**

The Woodland Park Summer Camp will host a parent meeting on Monday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building (5 Brophy Lane). Director Shannon Marren and assistant directors Christina Scillieri and Danielle Indri have been busy planning a fun-filled seven weeks of camp.

At the parent meeting, camp rules and regulations will be reviewed and the calendar of events will be discussed. Camp staff will answer any questions you may have.

Attendance is highly encouraged as camper t-shirts will be distributed. Please bring a copy of your driver's license or utility bill for proof of residency, as well as a copy of your child's immunization records. These documents are required for attendance.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, proof of residency and immunization records can be brought on Monday, June 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to the Municipal Building. Children will not be allowed in to camp without these documents on file. Any questions or to make other arrangements, contact Recreation Coordinator Kelly Spinalli at 973-345-8100. ext. 213.