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# Woodland Park School District e-Newsletter



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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

## Important dates to note

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

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

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



## Mr. Silverstein saluted for his 24 years of service to Memorial School

Prior to Monday night's Board of Education meeting, a retirement celebration and open house was held for Mr. Charles Silverstein, who will be retiring from Memorial Middle School this month, after serving as principal for 24 years. The cafeteria was packed full of current and former students and their parents, who came to wish Mr. Silverstein well.

State Sen. Kristin Corrado presented Mr. Silverstein with a resolution from the Senate/Assembly acknowledging his extraordinary contributions to education as both a teacher and administrator. "There is nothing more wonderful than to celebrate all that (Mr. Silverstein) has done here," she said, "and to see all the lives he has touched."

MaryAnn Perro, Board of Education President, presented Mr. Silverstein a plaque commemorating his years of service as well as a new fishing pole and other gifts. The plaque notes appreciation for his diligence, dedication and distinction.

# A Special Place



Beatrice Gilmore School unveiled the Buddy Bench last week, which Girl Scout Erin Ryan created to earn her Girl Scout Bronze Award, the third highest award you can earn in Girl Scouting. The Memorial School sixth grader built, painted and decorated the bench herself with assistance from her parents Gerald and Trish Ryan. A Buddy Bench is a spot where students feeling lonely or upset can seek camaraderie. It's a way to facilitate peer support among students, a critical factor in combating school bullying.

# Wild & Wacky Fun



The fourth grade at Beatrice Gilmore enjoyed the Wild 'N Wacky Show to close out their year. The show, as well as custom t-shirts, towels and lunch bags were provided to the students due to the fundraising efforts of the HSA.



# Ready For First Grade

The Charles Olbon kindergarten classes took part in moving up ceremonies yesterday morning. Under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Beirne, the students sang a number of patriotic songs before receiving their diplomas from Superintendent Dr. Michele Pillari and Councilman Joseph Spinelli.



## Registration for library's summer programs now open

Registration for summer programming at the Alfred Baumann Free Public Library, 7 Brophy Lane, is now open. For more information to or register, visit [abwplibrary.org/events](http://abwplibrary.org/events). To register for the summer reading program, visit [abwplibrary.org/copy-of-reading-program-registratio](http://abwplibrary.org/copy-of-reading-program-registratio).

The jam-packed summer months include: a T-Rex Tea Party, teen cooking classes, an ice cream making session, STEM sessions, a Roaming Readers book club, Escape the Library Space Race, a Super Space Party, Mindfulness for Kids, Night at the Planetarium, a spelling bee and Jedi Academy.

## Moving Up

Mrs. Cieslak's pre-school students at Charles Olbon took part in a moving up ceremony Wednesday and are ready for kindergarten in September!





## With Appreciation

In a project led by Mrs. Herrmann, over 200 handmade cards from Beatrice Gilmore third and fourth grade students and Memorial sixth grade students showing their appreciation for the active and veteran members of the military were turned in. They were sent to the organization A Million Thanks - [www.amillionthanks.org](http://www.amillionthanks.org).

## Touring The Town

Memorial School seventh graders enjoyed their two day class trip to Boston last week. They made stops in Salem, saw a Blue Man Group performance, and visited several historical sites in the city.



## Down To The Letter

Miss Webb's class at Beatrice Gilmore created an alphabet representative of different things they learned throughout the year. Students each picked a letter and created a poster for a topic they learned about in third grade that began with that letter. Students worked together to be creative with their choices and pick topics across all of the subject areas.



# 2019 Woodland Park Family Fishing Day



Sat. June 15 9am-12pm

RAIN OR SHINE

Frank D. Zaccaria Park, 340 Rifle Camp Rd.

**Woodland Park Residents ONLY!**

**Parents, children, family & friends:  
Come out for a morning of fun & fishing!**

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 8:30am  
PLEASE SHOW ID WHEN REGISTERING

Prizes ~ Food ~ Family Fun

\*\*\* Please bring your own pole & bait! \*\*\*

ON-HAND PARTNERSHIP WITH  
BASSMASTER FISERMAN ANTONIO "GO GO GOMEZ"

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECREATION OFFICE AT 973-345-8100 x213



## Junior Police Academy is now enrolling

The Woodland Park Police Department will run its second annual Junior Police Academy from Aug. 12-16 at the American Legion Post #238, 410 Mt. Pleasant Ave. for Woodland Park students age 11 to 14.

The academy, aimed to help youth develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for law enforcement, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and lunch is provided. Cadets will be guided through a variety of hands-on experiences ranging in all aspects of law enforcement. A shirt, shorts, hat and water bottle will be provided. Sneakers are required; no boots.

Space is limited to 30 cadets. Pick up an application at the dispatch desk at the police department, 5 Brophy Lane. Once completed, drop off at the same location ASAP. There will be a mandatory orientation on Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 5 Brophy Lane. A parent/guardian and the cadet must attend. For further information, contact Capt. Uzzalino at 973-345-8118 or juzzalino@wpnj.us.

## Summer Camp meeting offers introductions, information to parents

The Woodland Park Summer Camp held a parent meeting on June 10 where attendees could meet the staff, learn about the daily schedule, and get answers to any questions they had. Camp will be led by director Shannon Marren and assistant directors Christina Scillieri and Danielle Indri.

Parents are encouraged to "like" the camp on Facebook, as photos of activities and reminders will be posted. If parents have any concerns or questions they should call or email the camp and not post on Facebook page.

Other important notes:

- Camp opens at 8:30 a.m. each morning.
- Hand-held games, toys, and phones are strongly discouraged.
- Label all items brought to camp (lunch box, towel, bags, etc.)
- An EMT is on staff daily at the camp from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Apply sunscreen before the day begins. A camper may bring spray sunscreen with them.

For those unable to attend, an alternate date to pick-up camp T-shirt, provide proof of residency and a copy of your child's immunization records will be on Monday June 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Residency and immunization records must be on file prior to the start of camp.

Any questions can be directed to recreation@wpnj.us. Once camp is in session, parents can contact the camp at 973-278-5053 or summercamp@wpnj.us.