

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, as well as a point of reference for upcoming events.

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Important dates

Oct. 7-11 - Week of Respect

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m. -Beatrice Gilmore HSA meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 9 -Charles Olbon school pictures

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. -Memorial School HSA meeting

Monday, Oct. 14 - Columbus Day district schools closed

CO and BG students take part in "Start With Hello" initiative

Charles Olbon and Beatrice Gilmore Schools both worked to "Start With Hello" last week. The initiative was created by Sandy Hook Promise, a national non-profit organization founded and led by family members whose loved ones were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14, 2012.

The programs were led under the direction of guidance counselors Danielle Indri at Charles Olbon and Donna Farraye at Beatrice Gilmore. "Start With Hello" teaches students the skills they need to reach out to those who may feel alone or isolated. It helps create a culture of inclusion and connectedness in the classroom and among their peers.

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Keeping Cool

Students in Miss Capo's class at Beatrice Gilmore take part in a guided dance for wellness minutes. They do this every day to help stay focused, energized and increase coordination skills.



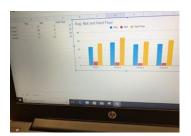








Hands On Science Learning





Working together with Mr. Krakower, the students in Mrs. Voinov's and Mrs. Facciollio's science classes at Beatrice Gilmore conducted a bouncing ball experiment. Throughout the experiment, the students used an online science journal to record the steps of their

work. The students explored how high a rubber ball would bounce on various surfaces. The students conducted trials using the floor, a rubber mat, and the carpet as the independent variable. Using Google Sheets,

the students recorded their data. The students then graphed the data to create a visual representation. They transferred the graph into their science journal in Google Slides and analyzed the results from the table to draw conclusions.



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At Charles Olbon, the week kicked off with "Hello Day." Students and staff wore name tags and the mission of the day was to say hello to someone new by name. Tuesday's "Smile Power Day" mission was to smile at as many people possible. On Wednesday, students learned that there are many different ways to say hello. The mission of the day was to learn how to say hello in another language and use it. On Thursday, at lunch, no one ate alone. Miss Indri facilitated conversations with the use of fun questions. The mission was to learn something new about someone at your lunch table. And on Friday, staff and students wore green in unity as the Sandy Hook School color is green.

Over at Beatrice Gilmore, the week started on Monday with students watching and discussing the Sandy Hook Promise video, which is a quiet video with examples of students who are alone and students who befriend them in various ways. They wrote on hands pasted to the hallway walls with different ways the students say hello. On Wednesday, teachers worked to teach students how to say hello in different languages. They went over random acts of kindness and have a kindness jar so that the name of anyone who show and act of kindness can possibly win a prize. On Thursday, classes did activities showing how we all have something in common. On Friday, staff and students wore green in unity and remembrance of the purpose of the week.

Parents are encouraged to speak with their children about what they have learned during the week. As they see you take interest, it assures them you support their actions to create a connected and inclusive home, classroom, school and community. Find out more about the program by visiting www.sandyhookpromise.org/bringstartwit hhello. Teachers were also provided online resources from Sandy Hook promise regarding "Start With Hello" Week to use in their classrooms throughout the year.











Cub Scout Pack 31 of Woodland Park, NJ

First Annual



Sock and Underwear Drive to Help Military Veterans

Throughout the month of October, the Cub Scouts of Pack 31 are collecting <u>MEN'S SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR</u> to help local Veterans in need.

> Donations may be deposited in the dropbox at: Alfred H Baumann Free Public Library 7 Brophy Lane Woodland Park, NJ 07424

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to the Socktober Committee Chair Bonnie McGovern at <u>BMcGovern820@gmail.com</u> or email Pack 31 at <u>WPCubScouts@gmail.com</u>





Memorial Middle School Home & School Association

E-mail: WPMemorialHSA@gmail.com Facebook: Woodland Park Memorial Middle School HSA

USED CLOTHING AND SHOE COLLECTION

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 12 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: WP Boys & Girls Club parking lot, 8 Memorial Drive



The more it weighs, the more money we raise!

Help the HSA raise funds by cleaning out your closets, attic, garage and basement. Please place your gently used and unwanted items in tightly tied bags. All styles and colors of bags are accepted. Every bag counts. Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again.

Acceptable items:

adult and children clothing, shoes, handbags, sandals, sneakers, boots, jackets, coats, rain gear, leathers, belts, ties, pants, shirts, sweaters, vests, blouses, dresses, skirts, robes, undergarments, sheets, towels, linens, tablecloths, hats, scarves, gloves, purses, wallets, jewelry, watches, uniforms, jerseys, backpacks and new diapers.

Not accepted: toys, books, games, curtains, pillows, stuffed animals, appliances, and/or furniture.

"TRICK OR TRUWK"

Sponsored by the Woodland Park Municipal Alliance Against Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 31 WHERE: WP Boys & Girls Club, 8 Memorial Drive TIME: 6 to 7:30 p.m. COST: Suggested donation of one bag of candy per family



To register, visit https://register.communitypass.net Registration is limited to the first 500 children and/or closes on Oct. 25 (whichever comes first. No late registrations will be accepted. This event is for Woodland Park residents only!



This event cannot take place without your help. A minimum of 50 trunks are needed to make this event a success. Please consider volunteering or buddy up with some friends to provide candy and decorations. Attendees are asked to donate candy, which greatly offsets the amount of treats needed. A car decorating contest will take place, with prizes to be awarded. To register your car only, contact Michele at 973-219-9111.