

Wider Horizons School

Every new challenge widens my horizons, strengthens my self-competence and heightens my enjoyment of discovery.

We Celebrate Grandparents



News from the office

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 12 *Columbus Day*
no school

October 20 Individual Photos

October 29 Biography Fair

Book Club Orders Need to
come in by Friday, October 2

Quotes of the Week:

High school students stand poised at the crossroads of childhood and adulthood. It is our job to help them choose the better direction.

Everyone who remembers his own educational experience remembers teachers, not methods and techniques.

Sidney Hook

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Wider Horizons School celebrated a special day honoring Grandparents last Friday.

Grandparents were invited to the classes of their grandchildren to be entertained, work with the children or have a panel discussion.

Preschoolers sang some songs to their grandparents. The grandparents who were able to come were shared by the students whose grandparents were unable to attend.

Primary students showed their best work and what they are currently working on to their grandparents. Lower elementary students worked alongside their visiting grandparents and showed them what 2nd and 3rd graders are doing at this time of year.

Panel discussions were held in upper elementary and the junior/senior high class. Students asked questions about how it was growing up half a century ago and to some, how it was growing up in other countries. Some discussions were about different ways they entertained themselves as youngsters or their careers.

This is a fascinating opportunity for all the participants. The children often learn more about their own grandparents than they did before, because of questions their classmates asked.

Dominic Nardini and Stacy Burgess show their grandparents their work in primary class.



HOW CAN OUR CHILDREN LEARN TO DO WHAT THEY DON'T LIKE TO DO?

Everyone knows how important it is to learn to do all the things we find tedious or uninteresting without complaint or getting upset. Children have to learn this important lesson as soon as possible.

Learning to do whatever is necessary or to get the job done is invaluable in life. Unfortunately many children think they can choose what they like to do and not bother with the rest. By giving a child chores to do that you know he does not like, then rewarding him when he does a good job, he may soon learn the hated work is really not so bad. Learning the multiplication tables or doing math problems can be tackled in the same way. "Just Do It," is a motto to adopt for all.

PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Colon and Mrs. Felts

This week we have been adding and counting. Some of us are writing or tracing the numbers to six, some to nine. The eights are the hardest for the children. Other children keep practicing holding the pencils correctly. We are also tracing our names. When the children trace the letters we tell them over and over 'from the top to the bottom'.

Shelby, Elizabeth, and even Addison work well matching letter sounds to objects. They also work well with our language materials. Brendan makes sure our rules are enforced, he reminds the class of the rules. Thank you to all the parents who have donated clorox wipes to the class!!

PRIMARY

Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Korthas

We have begun to travel through the continents. The children have had a stay in Australia this week. They learned Australia is a continent, an island and a country. They discussed the harsh, dry dusty land of the outback and the recent red dust blown into the city of Sidney. Ask your children about the number of continents and to name them for you.

Durant, Hamza, Michaela, and Farah are beginning Dynamic Addition and working very hard. Stacie and Dominic have moved on to Dynamic Subtraction.

Kindergarteners, Leatrice, Brandon, and Ceina are doing addition using units, tens, hundreds, and thousands. Nice job!

Enjoy your time together this weekend and take a few minutes to review your child's Biography Fair subject.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Musselman

After last week's excitement of the solar celebration and the visit from grandparents, it was time to get back to our routine. In language, the second grade students were introduced to "Articles". They learned when to use "an" instead of "a". They learned that "an" is used when the word following the article starts with a vowel. Third grade students reviewed pronouns. We also worked on identifying the theme of a story. We read several poems, fables, and stories this week. We examined simple themes such as friendship, cooperation, honesty, and believing in yourself.

As we continue our study of the Anasazi, the students were reminded that the environment in which we live shapes our lives. Work on the pit house progressed. The foundation had been built and the walls have been covered. This dwelling will hopefully be completed next week.

The Biography Fair is about five weeks away. Your child should be reading and taking notes about his/her historical character. Please have your child include books among his/her sources.

Reminder: The book report is due on September 30th.

NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Davitt Miranda shows his grandmother his work.



Sanjay Kumar asks the grandparent panel a question.



Grandparents answering questions from the HS/JHS students.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Mrs. Graham,
Mrs. Petters, Mr. DeVore

The next step of the Biography Fair will be due on October 10th. The facts collected for each topic will be converted into sentences and then into paragraphs to create a rough draft. Please check for spelling and sentence structure errors before submitting. The rough draft must be hand written; the final draft can be type written.

Our next book report will be due on September 30th. Due to the research and preparation for the Biography Fair we will not have another book report until November 15th.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Bravo, Ms. Ramirez,
Mr. DeVore

Thank you to all of the grandparents for sharing their stories and a bit of history with us. The students always enjoy having their grandparents come in to visit.

Next week begins our seventh week into our first quarter. This means each student should realize where they stand in each of their classes. If there is a problem, the student should see their teacher. Grades will be final in three weeks for the students first report card.

“Your IQ is not nearly as important as your “I Will”.

Keep working hard and finish this quarter in strong academic standings.

PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs Wagner

With the approach of Autumn, we have learned several new songs about leaves falling and changing colors. We talked about what it would be like to be a squirrel storing food for the winter. We read a choose your adventure book called Could You Survive as a Squirrel. We colored pictures of squirrels and cut and pasted large paper acorns in art. We pretended to be squirrels in an outdoor activity. We had socks covering our hands, and we competed for gathering nuts in the field.

Kudos to Ms. Bennett for finding and eliminating a well hidden wasp nest in the playground area which had been a great cause for concern for all of us.

UPPER LEVEL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

We welcomed Autumn with hopes of cooler weather. In circle the children discussed what changes will occur during the Autumn season, such as the leaves on the trees will change colors, the weather will start to cool down and the northern birds will start to migrate to the south.

In art the children made leaf rubbings and leaf prints by using real leaves to do this.

During playground, the children participated in games such as Football 500, Kickball, Hide and Seek tag, a day of free play and a lap challenge to see who can run the most laps around the large field.

The students also had a lesson on how to prepare and bake apple crisp. They were shown the proper way to peel and core an apple. They also had a lesson on the proper way to use dry measuring cups and the correct way to use liquid measuring cups.

Have a happy weekend.