

# Wider Horizons School

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

## Welcome Fall



### News from the office

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

October 12 ***Columbus Day***  
***no school***

October 20 Individual Photos

October 29 Biography Fair

November 11 ***Veteran's Day***  
***no school***

November 24 Thanksgiving feast for students

November 25-29 ***Thanksgiving Break***  
***no school***

Uniform Overshirt Orders need to come in by October 7th. Remember, that is the only shirt that can be worn in the classroom over the regular uniform shirt when it gets cold.

#### Quotes of the Week:

A good day is one in which it is impossible to tell where work ends and life begins.

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We should not only use the brains we have, but all that we borrow.

*Woodrow Wilson*

#### Some Welcome the Cooler Weather

It is hard to believe we are only three weeks away from the end of the first quarter and the first report cards. Even in this short time there has been lots of growth and learning in our students.

We are pleased with the student culture that is an integral part of our learning environment. The students show respect to their teachers and to each other. Any problems between students can easily be solved in such an environment.

This surely will be an exceptional educational year.

#### RESEARCH VACCINES

Parents; you may want to research the side effects and possible problems that can arise from the various voluntary vaccines before getting them for your children.

#### PSAT TEST ON OCTOBER 14

WHS is a certified site for giving the PSAT/NMSQT Test for students in the 11th grade. This is a qualifying test for Merit Scholarships and gives information on other scholarships as well.

It is recommended that students in grades 9 and 10 take the test as well for practice in taking the SAT and to do better on the PSAT when they are qualified to take it.

#### THE CONSTITUTION WILL SAVE AMERICA NOT REVOLUTION

By DOMENICK J. MAGLIO

Published in Hernando Today

The vast majority of U.S. citizens do not understand the brilliance of our Constitution. On one side there is dissatisfaction with this traditional document by people who want rapid change to instantly correct inequities in our societies. The other side is frightened that our Constitution is being cynically dismantled leaving citizens stripped of their right to freedom and property.

Both sides have members who advocate a violent revolution as the only means of either abolishing or restoring the Founding Father's legacy to our nation. Our founders were well read, common sense giants who understood that a violent revolution would result in destruction, death and chaos. They intensely studied history of past civilizations to glean the best form of government. These great levelheaded men spent more than 40 days in debate of the best means of formulating the document. Their long and careful deliberation did not end in rancor but in consensus of conviction of the principles of the Constitution.

These self-educated, committed and brave leaders were realists who understood human nature, the corrupting influence of power and the wisdom of the people. They did not believe that expert intellectuals had more competence in running the country than did the people.

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## PRESCHOOL

Mrs Colon

Our class was very colorful this week. We learned about mixing colors. We mixed paint and read a story about a bunny who jumped in different pots of paints and came out all sorts of colors. Many of the children know all the colors in spanish and are doing great greeting the teachers in the morning in spanish and english.

The children have been very nice with our newest student Kendalyn. They have treated her in a very nice way by helping her learn the rules of the class. She has adopted well with their help.

We also got a chance to see and taste different leaves (like basil) that came from Dr. Maglio and Mrs. Maglio's home. Of course the children were told never to eat or touch any leaves without checking first with an adult.

Have a good weekend.

## PRIMARY

Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Korthas

Australia - land of the outback!  
Have you been talking with your children about their trip through this unique continent? Animals, climate, people, and natives all are topics we have discussed. Ask them to describe Australia. In first grade math Kobe, Haaris, Daniel, and Dominic are starting work on Dynamic Multiplication. Nice work!

In language, we are working to create good sentences, with more than 3 words.

Kindergarten children are working their way through the blue boxes in language, learning 4 and 5 letter words. In math many are now adding units, tens, hundreds, and thousands. Hard workers all!

Enjoy your time together this weekend

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Musselman

Congratulations to Anna Marie, Ashley, Cameron, Charlize, Christian, Daniel, Lauren, Madyson, Nisanth, and Zachary. These students passed the timed multiplication test and have moved on to the next level. Nice work!

After reviewing the characteristics of mammals this week, we moved on to the study of birds. The students were reminded that not all flying animals are birds and that not all birds can fly. In spanish, the children are each making a booklet. They started with naming colors in Spanish. This week they added animals to the booklets.

Work continued on the Anasazi pit house. The walls and outer covering are on. This structure presented many challenges which led the children to talk about how difficult it must have been for the Anasazi.

The Biography Fair is just a few weeks away. Please remind your child to write his/her final report in the first person, for example: "Good morning, my name is Amelia Earhart." They will speak as though they are the historical characters. Writing the report this way will make it easier to memorize.

Have a great weekend.

## NEWSLETTER

### STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Editor: [Kingsley Barte](#)

Preschooler Kendalyn Logsdon enjoys the slide



Primary students having snack



Cameron Deam, Adriana Arevalo, Beenish Hasan, Ammar Ali make an igloo for their native American studies.



High school students work hard.



## UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

Our October calendar went out on Thursday; please note that the due date for the Biography Fair rough draft has been revised to Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

In science, fourth graders are learning about cloud formation through lessons, observations and cloud experiments. Fifth graders are beginning to explore the properties of matter while sixth graders have completed the chapter on energy forms and changes. Next week they will move on to heat energy.

We have completed our sketch books in art and will start a lesson on landscape art.

There will not be any book reports for the month of October due to the Biography Fair. Music classes have already begun; please be advised that in order to participate in class all students must have their recorders.

Fifth graders are memorizing the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence.

## JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

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

A new month has begun. We have eleven more days left in our first grading period. It is hard to believe, time is flying by.

All of the students have chosen their Biography Fair person. The students have been given papers that outline the expectations and criteria that need to be met for the Biography Fair research paper. We will be speaking about their costumes, eye contact, voice projection throughout the next couple of weeks. The more practice the students put forth in speaking in first person, the less nervous they will be the day of the fair.

We are a licensed school to run the PSAT. This is a test for High School students. It is a great way to experience what it will be like to take the real SAT or ACT. There is also

Merit Award moneys available to students in 11th grade who score very high. We strongly suggest all students in High School take this test. The test will be taken in a familiar environment and given by teachers the students know. There is less pressure than taking the SAT or ACT.

Junior High students should be completed with their novels this week.

Have a great week.

## PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs Wagner

During outdoor playtime, we got out the hula hoop. Some of the second graders are doing well with twirling around their waist, arms, or neck. We also used the beanbags and hula hoop for some target practice.

In crafts we did finger painting. The colors blended, and we saw the reds, blues, and yellows turn to purples and oranges. Using fingers or craft sticks, the children made pictures in the painting. We also did some apple prints and talked about making patterns with the prints.

## UPPER LEVEL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

In circle this week, we discussed virtues and what it means to have them. In short it means knowing right from wrong and choosing to do the right thing. Some of the virtues we discussed were honesty, mannerism, respect, and caring.

During science the children learned that leaves fall off of the trees and change colors because they stop producing chlorophyll.

On the playground, the children enjoyed playing Dodgeball, Kickball, freeplay (what they chose to do), a push up challenge and bocce ball.

In art the children made painted leaves and ojo de dios.

In cooking the children prepared spicy beef hors d'oeuvres.

Have a happy weekend.

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The Constitution that they crafted has delivered us through historical crises over the past 230 years. From the succession of George Washington to the War of 1812, the Civil War, numerous recessions and depressions including the Great Depression, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and through the Iraq War our nation has weathered the storm of each of these crises.

The ship our founders built is sturdy and possesses a wonderful stabilizing system. It was deliberately made to be difficult and slow to turn. The steering mechanism was brilliantly designed to avoid quick turns to the right or the left that may result in capsizing. It was built to withstand the forces that pull us toward chaotic freedom without responsibility, as well as countervailing winds that might push us to abandon all our freedoms for tyranny.

We are not a "banana republic" with constant political revolution. The strength of our nation over time has been our stability and predictability provided by our Constitution.

The U.S. currency, protection of our property, freedom of speech and the free enterprise system has been the envy of the world. The implementation of three branches of government, checks and balances and the amendment process makes our Constitution as much a relevant document today as it was at its inception.

The limiting of the federal government's power, state's rights and the ability of the people to vote out non-representative elected officials makes a violent revolution unnecessary and unlikely. Our Constitution provides for citizens to have the power to make the representatives of government accountable. We the people are rearing our heads demanding the Constitution be followed. It has and will continue to restrain tyranny.

American citizens have the magnificence of a divinely inspired Constitution giving us the opportunity for a peaceful revolution every two, four and six years. The only thing necessary to achieve these changes is an aware citizenry who unite and rise up to do their civic duty by voting out the unprincipled and corrupt. Our Constitution gives the power to the people, not the elite.

Our forefathers handed us a great document for a federal republic on a silver platter. It limits the base nature of man that frees us to focus on being a civilized and prosperous people. The only things we need to do are get involved and unite in telling our representatives what we want. They either do what we want or we find other more patriotic people who will do their constitutional duty.

The present undermining of our constitution by the political elite is the people's fault. We have not exercised our civic power. Citizens must stay politically aware to select the representatives who will uphold the Constitution. We need to stand up in political forums and even go to the street to protest unconstitutional actions. Government officials work for us, the people. We will never accept being dependent slaves to the state.

When we reach the point of the anti-constitutionalist elite jeopardizing the stability and freedom inherent in our Constitution by resorting to violence, we have an obligation to bear arms to regain our Constitution. The rejection of the blueprint of our freedom — our Constitution — should never be accepted by the American people.

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