

Wider Horizons School

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

\$50 Reward to You for Each New Family



Dr. Maglio will be speaking at the courthouse in Brooksville Saturday, 11/7 at 12:30pm.

News from the office

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

November 16-20 National Education Week

November 24 Thanksgiving feast for students

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

Dr Maglio attended a conference in Tampa Friday on the Mental Health Challenge of Children and Adolescents.

Quote of the Week:

Others say, "Live and let live."
Teachers say, "Learn and let learn."

You never get a second chance to make a good first impression.

CONOR ZHANG SCORES A VERY HIGH- 1990 ON THE SAT TEST!!

MEETING WITH PARENTS

We had several parents in for a discussion about how to get the word out about Wider Horizons School. In this difficult economy we need to work extra hard to keep our students and to let other families who are interested in their children's education know about our school. Even though we have been here for 27 years new families in particular do not know about us.

The best form of advertising is word of mouth by parents who know how well their children are doing here. We all know about the wonderful scholastic, emotional and behaviorall miracles that occur with most students who come here.

Please be sure to tell those friends of yours whose children would benefit from the environment created at WHS. Tell the mailman, doctor, salesperson, pastor, everyone you meet, even the grandparents because they have grandchildren or friends who do.

People need to know there is an alternative school where academics are strong, children are happy and are prepared to do well in college.

So, for every family that signs their child up on your recommendation you will receive \$50.

CHALLENGE TO PARENTS

We need 20 testimonials to make a new link on our website. Please write your testimonial for Wider Horizons and give it to the office asap.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHESS CLUB

for fun, mini tournaments, competitions

Mrs. Sarah Jerrels has volunteered to start a Chess Club for students at WHS on Tuesdays from 2:45-3:30pm. (See the information on the door.) Pick up a sign up form at the office.

The goal is for students to learn how to play, improve their game by learning new tactics and strategies.

Volunteers are needed to help run the club.

FACEBOOK

One of the suggestions for advertising WHS was to create a presence on the Internet on FaceBook.

Is there a parent who could set this up for us and show us how to keep it up?

WEB PRESENCE

Another idea was to make WHS's web presence greater through moving up in various search engines. We need someone who knows how to do this.

SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE

We ask parents, grandparents to come into one of our classrooms and share their expertise in a career, hobby or interest. We have had great presentations on weather, pigeons, health, nutrition, wild animals. history as well as many others.

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Thornton and Mrs. Iannone

This week we are learning about corn. We are finding out how it is grown and harvested. We found out that the farmers job is very important. We sang a great song about picking corn as well.

At the art table we are coloring the different parts of corn on the cob in a booklet.

In Spanish we learned how to say corn, "maiz". We also learned "noviembre"!

We have a three part matching in our language area where we are matching the different words such as kernel, bowl of corn, and corn on the cob with the correct picture.

Many of us are practicing tracing our numbers and getting better at this. There are several who can already write the numbers on their own.

Outside we are practicing tossing the ball back and forth. This is great hand-eye coordination. We have been pleasantly surprised how well the children have participated in this.

Great job on "Silly Hat Day" last week. We were happy everyone took part in this.

We were so pleased to have Mrs. Thornton come in today and talk to us about horses and riding. The students had such fun.

Have a great weekend!

PRIMARY

Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Korthas

On the road again! This week, the primary class's new destination is Africa. It is probably the most exciting continent out of all of them. We spoke about geography: now the children can easily find Africa on the map. The most

interesting part are the animals, of course. We learned a lot about tigers and lions. Did you know that they are cousins of our little cuddly cats at home?

In math the children are moving up from one math book to another. Kindergartners Leatrice Courtney and Ceina Rowland are now learning dynamic addition. Kindergartners Brandon Armstrong and Mariam Shahout started on multiplication tables. 1st Grader Kobe Chua is working on division. 1st grader Dominic Nardini and Haaris Hasan are already reviewing dynamic addition and subtraction.

Excellent job primary!

Have a nice weekend!

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Musselman

Anna Marie, Cameron, Charlize, Lauren, Madyson, Nisanth, and Zachary all moved ahead in knowing the times tables. Nice job!

In language this week the focus was on writing paragraphs. Each day the students wrote opening and supporting sentences. More practice is needed on closing and transitional sentences. We will continue working on writing skills throughout the remainder of the year. Third grade students will begin writing two paragraph compositions after Christmas break.

Work on the potlatch resumed. Canoes were painted, musical instruments were made, costumes were completed, and speeches were in the first stage of development. We should be able to have our celebration just before the Thanksgiving break. It was a very busy and productive week.

Reminder: The next book report is due on Nov. 16th.

NEWSLETTER STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Editor: Kingsley Barte

[Shashank Aremanda works on a number activity on his birthday.](#)



[Taylor Blacklidge works on homophones in language.](#)



[Lower elementary checks their charts at Chinsegut Nature Center while they study flora of Florida.](#)



UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

Fourth graders are continuing to focus on creating a topic sentence and building supporting sentences to form a paragraph. This has been a challenge for them as it has been forcing them to organize their thoughts.

All of our students have completed their landscape art projects and are very proud of the work they did. The pictures are on display in the hallway for viewing during Education week.

Our next art project will be in Pointillism. Pointillism is a style where small dots of color create a picture.

Please check this month's calendar for upcoming book reports, tests and days off.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

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

Although this is a short quarter because of the many holidays, there continues to be much work to be completed. Your student will have homework every evening. The seventh and eighth grade students' novel work will be due in the next week or two.

There will be a game night next Friday, November 13th. There will be something to do for everyone. There will be music, video games, dancing, games, and food. The students may begin to arrive at 6:00 and please pick them up by 9:00.

There are many student that were content with their report cards it seems, but now is not the time to sit back and take it easy. There continues to be work for the next three quarters. As a matter of fact the work will be getting harder because the review material is over. Please call and make a conference if your student is informing you they have no homework. This is a total misconception and their next report card will reflect this attitude.

The students will be reminded why we have a vacation day next Wednesday. Enjoy your weekend.

PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs Wagner

This week the children were able to play some faster running games due to a bit cooler weather. We played Run for Home, and Fox and Chickens.

In crafts we did painting with brushes, and we had some lessons on patterns. We had folded paper and made chains of people or animals to decorate alike. We used graph paper to color some Native American designs used in beaded art. We also had a fun time looking at mini gourds and seeing the strange shapes. We decorated a few to look like animals.

UPPER LEVEL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

During playground time the children ran races, played dodgeball, jumped rope, played red rover and had a day of free play.

In art the children began to make crafts for Thanksgiving such as a faux stained glass cornucopia. They also used chalk to create pictures for home.

The children have been working on an autumn theme 1000 piece puzzle. They are doing a great job on it.

In cooking the children peeled, quartered and seasoned potatoes in order to make seasoned fries. They had to be extra careful around the hot oil. They enjoyed the end results.

Have a nice weekend!

