

Wider Horizons School

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

THANK YOU VETERANS



DEAR PARENTS

Please send in your testimonials for our website. to the office asap.

News from the office

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 16-20 National Education Week

November 24 Thanksgiving feast for students

November 25-29 *Thanksgiving*
Break no school

MAKE -UP PICTURE DAY IS

Monday 11/23. If your child was absent, or if you still want to order a package, please stop at the office to pick up an order form.

Quote of the Week:

THE MOST IMPORTANT
OUTCOME OF EDUCATION IS
KNOWING HOW TO LEARN

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Mrs. Linda Parks

It has been said recently that the majority of freshmen entering college do not know the name of one author, nor can they name the three branches of government. How can students know these things if they are not being taught? You cannot just pick up a child at the age of 15 or 16 and throw him into course work for which he has not been prepared.

Here at WHS we have a classics reading list from the 6th grade through 12th grade. We post every author of every book we read so the students become familiar with many authors. We train our students to be able to handle a high reading level. To be honest, we teach children in our school to be successful in higher level coursework.

We involve ourselves in each student's academic life and give him or her all the tools necessary to be successful in college. Then guess what happens? The students begin to do well, they are on track, but unfortunately some parents take them out of our school because of the perceived need to enhance the student's social life or play sports.

Our program here gives students the opportunity to achieve academic success. When they have achieved the highest level in Math and English at the end of their sophomore year, they may attend P-HCC full time. Our students have the opportunity to attain their Associate Degree upon high school graduation. What high school program can be valued higher than that?

All of our junior and senior high students have scored above 1500 on the SAT. Are they satisfied? No. These students study more and have attained over 1800! We had a teacher from the Huntington Learning Center come and visit our school. He was very impressed by the knowledge of our students and how well they did on the SAT. This gentleman said he had parents paying him thousands of dollars just to raise their child's

SAT score to 1100.

Our program works, and works very well to keep children safe, to help them achieve their optimal academic level, and change behavior for those who may not be working up to their optimal level. It is difficult to tell you all the different little things that are done to help each and every child. Maybe the answer to these large schools not reaching many students, is to divide them into smaller schools so that fewer students fall between the cracks.

We hear the same comments from places we visit on our field trips and from the community college. Your students are always so prepared to be successful, where can we get more of them? We have graduated engineers, pharmacists and psychologists, to name a few. We plan to keep on graduating our future leaders.

NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Next week, November 16-20 is National Education Week. This is the special time we reserve for parents to come into their child's classroom and work with the student. The children, especially the younger ones, really love to show their parents what they are doing in school.

Parents are invited to visit at the following times.

PRESCHOOL Monday 8:30-9:30am

PRIMARY Tuesday 8:30-9:30am

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Thursday 1:30-2:30

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Chess Club- Tuesday after school

Speakers in classrooms sharing your career experience, hobbies, special interests, life in a different culture, etc.

Come in and widen our children's horizons.

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Thornton, Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Cornelius

We have welcomed Mrs. Cornelius as a teacher in Pre K. Mrs. Cornelius comes to us as a graduate of Saint Leo University with a strong desire to further her knowledge and work with preschool children.

We have had great fun this week learning all about the cornucopia. We have started brand new 3-part matching with this theme and have an actual one, in the classroom with fresh corn and gourds. At the art table the students are creating their very own cornucopia. They have had a lot of fun coloring and gluing. The children are also still working on pulling the dried kernels from our dried corn.

We have been discussing the pilgrims and indians and how thankful they were for their blessings. We are brainstorming things that we are thankful for.

PRIMARY

Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Korthas

What a wonderful continent Africa is. This week we learned a lot about elephants. Amazing how those elephants use mud instead of sunscreen. Did you know that elephants are very good swimmers, they can even snorkle, by using their trunks as a snorkle? Ask your children what was their favorite topic about Africa. We are also working on our african village.

In math we are mastering and moving in our multiplication tables. In language our words are getting longer, phonograms harder, and sentences better. Great job!

It is nice to see how every student in the class is gaining more competence at work. The children all know what to do, which work to choose, and how not to waste time.

Most of the work is now done before lunch. Way to go! Of course the amount of work will increase as the year goes by.

Another great week. Enjoy your time together this weekend.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Musselman

Congratulations to Alexa, Anna Marie, Ashley, Cameron, Charlize, Daniel B., Lauren, and Madyson for moving ahead in knowing the times tables. Madyson has now mastered up to the twelves times tables. Great job!

We continued to prepare for the potlatch. Musical rattles were painted as were bentwood boxes. A cradleboard is in the process of being made. Second grade girls decorated the capes they will wear when they perform the dance they have been practicing. Faris, the host of the potlatch, has been preparing his speech. The potlatch is being held to celebrate the naming of a baby. A name has been chosen but will not be revealed until the potlatch. The whole process has been a great learning experience in addition to being a lot of fun.

In language this week second grade students continued working on the writing process. Third grade students worked on the troublesome words to, too, and two. Although they can verbalize the meanings of each word they do not always use the correct word when writing.

Have a great weekend.

Remember: The next book report is due November 16th.

NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Editor: Kingsley Barte

[Lower elementary students observe the special plants of Florida at Chinsegut Nature Center](#)



[Fourth graders look historical waiting for the Biography Fair](#)



[Kingsley Barte, member of the junior class, presents Josef Stalin in the Biography Fair.](#)



UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

Upper Elementary

Students are beginning their study of weather. While outside engaging in a lesson on the layers of the atmosphere, a jet passed overhead. This prompted a discussion on the atmospheric layers and air travel, and the relevance of this lesson to their everyday life. Congratulations to Lindsay, Timothy, Tristan, and Brianna for achieving independent status in Saxon Math.

Sixth graders have completed chapter 18 on heat energy, its uses and different types of cooling and heating systems. They are also collaborating on building a solar collector to reinforce the information they learned. Next week we will begin the chapter on electric charges and currents.

In history, sixth graders are working in groups to research and recreate a scene of a Native American tribe, Fort Caroline and St. Augustine.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

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

Our game night is being held tonight for the junior and senior high school students. The game night is from 6:00 to 9:00. Please pick up your student by 9:00. There will be music, dancing, video games and food. We look forward to a great time of fun!

Where on Earth are the crowned lemurs of Cape Amber? Yes, you are correct. They are on the northern end of the island of Madagascar. Name the city that will be the host of the 2016 Olympics. You are correct, again, Rio de Janeiro, located on the continent of South America. It is getting closer in time for the Geography Bee. We will hold the contest on January 12th and 13th. The following is an internet site that the students may look up in order to study for the Geography Bee: (earth.google.com). It would be a good idea to check out the site and test yourself.

Progress reports will be going out next week. You will only get a progress report if your student is having problems. This way we have time to resolve the matter before the report cards go out before Christmas break.

Enjoy your weekend!

PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs Wagner

This week we have focused on Native Americans. We had a scavenger hunt outdoors. We looked for Indian corn, a gourd, feathers, a beaded necklace and other items hidden around the playground area. We looked at a drum, Indian arrowheads and talked about the life of the Plains Indians in circle. We made masks and "imitation" silver and turquoise bracelets in crafts.

UPPER LEVEL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

During our circle time the children discussed Veterans day and what it means. They also talked about people they know that are, or were in the armed forces.

On the play ground the children participated in games such as T.V. tag, relay races, dodge ball and Simon says. They also had an opportunity each day to have free play time.

Our time inside was spent on doing our daily homework, using building activities, playing Mancala, Monopoly, Sorry, Chess, and Checkers. The children also continued to work on the 1000 piece autumn jigsaw puzzle.

Have a great wonderful weekend!

