

Wider Horizons School

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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



News from the office

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 24 Thanksgiving feast for students

November 25-29 *Thanksgiving Break no school*

December 1 Safety House visits

December 2 Jr/Sr Visit Cemex

December 3 Prek to Sweetbay

December 3-10 Bookfair

December 15 Wildlife Rescue Visit

December 17 Jr/Sr Caroling

December 18 Last Day of School

December 21-January 4 Christmas

Vacation

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. If you need a re-take, the original package must be returned to the photographer on Monday.

Quote of the Week:

Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men; but be careful that you do not take the day, and leave out the gratitude. ~E.P. Powell

NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK PARENT VISITS

This week we celebrated National Education Week by inviting our parents to visit their children's classrooms. Each classroom had a special day to visit.

Brendan Young "delivers a letter in the Mailman game in preschool while the parents observe. They participated in a shortened day so parents could see some of the activities their children accomplish on a daily basis.



Parents visited the Primary class on Tuesday and saw the math and language materials their kindergartner and first grade students use. This is a good opportunity for parents to see first hand how the Montessori materials are used.

The Lower and Upper elementary classes had their special days. One highlight in Lower elementary was a display of all the items the students have made for their potlatch. A special event in the fourth grade was playing Are You Smarter than a Fourth Grader?

The junior and senior high had Mr. Ringo and Mr. Burk as speakers in their room. They spoke about their careers and the education involved.

Thank you to all the parents who came to visit their children's classrooms this week. This is important for both you and your child.

Chief Seattle welcomes his guests



LOWER ELEMENTARY CLASS HOSTS POTLATCH

The second and third graders have been studying the Native American tribes and the lives they lived. Along with their learning they made all kinds of crafts, instruments, clothing, blankets, gifts for visiting "tribes" and food.

The culmination of this learning was a festival or "POTLATCH". The children decided what the reason for having a party would be: the naming of a baby. That meant they had to build a cradle board to carry the baby to be named.

"Chief Seattle"- Faris Hasan, made a welcome speech. The Greeter-Ammar Ali, made a speech as well as did Chief Eagle-Daniel Bouchaib from another tribe. Chief Eagle wants Chief Seattle to know his clan will perform a dance in celebration of the baby naming.

The second grade girls made a dance and capes for their dance. After the dances they sampled Native American foods made from yam and corn products. They played Native American games such as stick through the hoop, tug-o-war and dice-sticks. The dice-stick game was directed by Charlyze Soares.

Each student chose a Native American sounding name. Some examples are Running Wolf, Bird-Ready-to-Fly, Coughing Fish and Grasshopper.

A wonderful time was had by all.

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Thornton, and
Mrs. Cornelius

This week we made turkeys at our art table and talked about the first Thanksgiving.

We are continuing to practice our letter writing. This week we practiced O's. The children are learning how important it is to start at the top of the line.

Our circle time topic included cotton. We talked all about how it is grown, picked, and eventually made into clothes.

Character lessons included playing fairly. We put this to practice by taking turns during outside games. We are excited to welcome our new friend Patrick Ritter.

Patrick has made many new friends and all of the students have been a great help in orienting him to our classroom.

PRIMARY

Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Korthas

Thank you to all the parents, who came to visit us on Tuesday. It means a lot to us that we could share all that hard work with you. Everybody had a great time!

This week we've been working on penmanship. At this stage it is very important for young children to get used to printing their letters and numbers from the top to the bottom. Please refer to the chart that we sent home at the beginning of the year. If you need a new copy, please let us know. Writing the letters properly now, will help your child to succeed at the cursive writing.

The children learned about dinosaurs this week. They traveled to the Gobi desert to learn about fossils. We know now that dinosaurs could not be found anywhere in the world because they are extinct. We discussed many possible reasons why the earth changed and why dinosaurs are now extinct. In language 1st graders had a lesson about synonyms. In math we have discussed

what things that we know make an exact pair. See if they can tell you.

Have a nice weekend!

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Musselman

Our students were so excited to have their parents in the classroom this week. It was a great chance for them to show all the work they have done to prepare for the potlatch celebration. They also worked alongside their parents with math, language, and science. The parent visit is always a highlight for the students.

The potlatch was a great success. Students learned so much about Native American life in the northwest coastal area as they participated in the arts and crafts activities. Faris was our host for the event. He thanked his family and guests for coming to the potlatch and for being a part of the celebration in the naming of the newest member of the Eagle Clan. The chosen name is Ayashe which means Little One. The children danced, played games, ate, and received gifts. The potlatch concluded our study of the northwest coastal tribes. Next we will move to the plains area. We want to thank Mrs. Burgess for her excellent faux elk stew and Mrs. Gibbs for the donation of such wonderful fabric. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Have a great weekend, and remember the next book report will be due on November 30th.

NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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[Chief Dan awaits the welcome to the Potlatch with his braves](#)



[Fifth and sixth graders work with their parents/grandparents during National Education Week](#)



[Junior high students work on sculptures in art class](#)



UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

Upper Elementary

We were very fortunate to have our parents visit our classroom on Thursday for National Education Week. Our students were able to demonstrate their work. Many took special pride in exhibiting their landscape and pointillism projects.

In last week's newsletter we discussed what 4th and 6th graders were learning in science but forgot to mention our fifth graders. Fifth graders have begun learning about how the atomic model has changed over time and how to classify subatomic particles.

Next week we will be very busy cooking and preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. This luncheon is a collaboration of the whole school. Together, we get to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

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

Everyone had a good time on Friday night. Five pizza's, cupcakes, drinks, and snacks were polished off by the end of the night. Although everyone had a good time, it is time to buckle down and get real serious about the end of the second quarter, especially because it is upon us.

The class was discussing the science or invention fair the other day. We were happy to see over half of the room said they have started preliminary stages in getting started. Even though fair information will go out after Christmas break, your students may begin thinking and writing down ideas pertaining to their special project they have chosen.

Thank you to all the parents for helping make our Thanksgiving dinner successful. Next Tuesday will be a wonderful time for all the classes from Pre-K to High School to get together and share various traditions, a Native American show and a circle to give thanks for everything we have. Then we will all share in a taste of Thanksgiving foods.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving vacation and please come back on Monday ready to work hard to complete the second quarter with the highest GPA possible!

PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs Wagner

It's turkey time! Outside we played the Fox and the Turkeys, and we also played a ring-toss game in which we tried to 'capture' the turkey. In circle we used our imaginations trying to think up unusual disguises that a turkey might use to avoid being spotted. In crafts we made various kinds of turkeys, of course. We used cups for stand up turkeys, and we made funny turkeys from vinyl gloves.

UPPER LEVEL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

This week in circle we talked about what we are thankful for. Some of the children said they were thankful for their families, others said that they were thankful for their toys, games, and the items that belong to them.

In art the children made paper bag turkeys, colored cornucopias, and made Native American beaded jewelry.

On the playground the children participated in games such as football, hide and seek, tag, races, and dodgeball.

In cooking the children prepared and baked pumpkin pie with Cool Whip topping.

Have a very happy Thanksgiving. Don't forget that daycare will be available on Wednesday November 25th and Friday November 27th for those who sign up. Hurry and sign up for daycare. We need ten children in order for daycare to work. Our topic for those two days are our circus on November 25th and Disney Day on November 27th.

Have a nice weekend.

