

# Wider Horizons School

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

## Families for Christmas Giving



### News from the office

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

December 9 6th, Jr/Sr Visit Cemex  
 December 10 Up Elem to cannery  
 December 3-10 Bookfair  
 December 15 Wildlife Rescue Visit  
 December 17 Pick up gifts for families  
 December 17 Jr/Sr Caroling  
 December 18 Last Day of School  
 Caroling with parents 1:45 PM  
 December 21-January 4 Christmas  
 Vacation  
 January 5 Back to School

#### From the office:

All tuitions and fees are due by December 18th.

#### Quote of the Week:

Perseverance is the keynote to success.

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We are continually faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insolvable problems.  
*Benjamin Franklin*

### LIST OF FAMILIES SELECTED FOR OUR SCHOOL TO GIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

#### Family 1 PRIMARY

Girl 18 months: 18 months clothes, books, toys  
 Girl 3: size 4T clothes, baby doll, books  
 Boy 6: size 10 pants, size 8 shirt, any DVD, coloring books, art supplies  
 Mom: size 2x women's shirt, size 18 jeans, perfume

#### Family 2 PRESCHOOL

Girl 8: shirt and pants size 6-7, dangly earrings  
 Girl 13: Beyonce CD, medium sz shirt, jr, pants, sneakers 7 1/2  
 Mom: black jeans sz 3, black rubber sole shoes 7 1/2

#### Family 3 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Boy 2: sz 3T clothes, trucks, coloring books  
 Boy 3 1/2: 4 reg. clothes, blocks, wooden puzzles  
 Girl 12: Med shirt jrs., pants sz 3 jrs., camera, perfume, hair products  
 Boy 17: large shirt and sweats, sketch book and art supplies  
 Mom: sz 14 misses shirt and pants, earrings

#### Family 4 LOWER ELEMENTARY

Girl 7 months: 12-18 mos. undershirts, socks, sz 12 mos clothes, toys, blocks  
 Girl 2: sz 4 toddlers, legos, blocks, baby doll  
 Boy 7: sz 8-10 shirt, pants, action spiderman, transformers  
 Girl 9: sz 10-12 shirt and pants, baby doll that wets  
 Girl 13: jr. med shirt and pants, "Twilight" books, jewelry  
 Mom: 2x top, pants sz 18, gift certificate for haircut  
 Dad: shirt 1x, pants 38 waist/32 length

#### Family 5 JUNIOR/HIGH

Girl 15 months: 2T clothes, any toddler toys  
 Boy 2: 3T clothes, any toys age appropriate  
 Boy 3: 4T clothes, books, dinosaurs, trucks  
 Boy 5: 5-6 clothes, books, little cars, trucks, coloring books, trains  
 Boy 6: 10-12 clothes, color race car with tracks, cartoon DVD  
 Mom: 9-11 jr jeans, lg shirt jrs. Manicure  
 Dad: 2x shirt, 38 waist jeans, needs clothes

#### Family 6 UPPER ELEMENTARY

Boy 5: sz 7 pants and shirt, trucks, games, books, coloring books  
 Girl 8: sz 9 jeans and shirt, radio, hair supplies  
 Boy 9: sz 10-12 jeans and shirt, scooter, books  
 Mom sz 14 misses pants, misses xlg shirt  
 Dad: sz lg shirt, jeans 30 waist and 32 length, need black belt sz 30  
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#### THANKSGIVING DINNER DAY

Students enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by all the classes. The upper level students served to everyone.



Pre-K students enjoy their turkey and fixings.



Junior and high school students after finishing their serving



## PRESCHOOL

Ms. Thornton, and  
Mrs. Cornelius

This week we made reindeers at our art table and sang Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.

We are continuing to practice our letter writing. This week we practiced writing S's. Everyone had a good time practicing on chalk boards as well as paper.

The children learned about fire safety this week through our visitors from the Spring Hill Fire Dept. Safety House. The class enjoyed meeting fire fighters and looking at the fire truck. Children also viewed a fun movie on fire safety.

Parents, please send in a medium size gift bag. The students will use these bags for all of our holiday and seasonal art made in class.

## PRIMARY

Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Korthas

This past week was all about Thanksgiving. We spoke about pilgrims, why they left their home land, and what they were looking for. We also learned about the first Thanksgiving dinner, the menu and the manners back then. What a difference.

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner at school was great. The food was delicious and we had a lot of fun sharing it. Thank you to the "Big Kids" for serving us.

Our class also met firefighters this week. We learned how to avoid fires and call 911 for emergencies.

This week we also learned about flags. The children had a lot of fun coloring different flags and creating their own.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Musselman

The students were excited to be back after their Thanksgiving break. At morning circle they had an opportunity to share what they did over the break. Once all the stories were shared, the class was able to settle down and get to work. There are only two weeks left to this quarter. It is important that children stay focused and complete their daily work.

In language this week second grade students worked on using pronouns. They each wrote a story using no pronouns.

They then revised the story and replaced some of the nouns with pronouns. Third grade students continued work on punctuation.

In science, students reviewed the characteristics of birds and completed a photo booklet. Next week we will begin our study of reptiles.

Students chose books for their next book report. There will be only one book report in December. It is due on December 15th. As usual this was a busy and productive week.

Enjoy your weekend.

## NEWSLETTER

### STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Editor: [Kingsley Barte](#)

### [Spring Hill fire truck visits with the Safety House](#)



### [Preschoolers take a field trip to Sweet Bay and decorate a cookie](#)



### [Preschool class at Sweet Bay with their decorated cookie.](#)



## UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

### Upper Elementary

The students are finishing up their art work on Point. We have a very talented group of students. We hope you are enjoying their art work as much as we are. Next week we will start working on our gifts for the holidays.

We are continuing our work with cursive handwriting. We are using the D'Nealian form of handwriting.

The "Mapping" for the 4th graders' composition writing is working well. The students are beginning to understand how to group similar topics when writing. This week we began studying the four purposes for writing.

Next week, Upper Elementary will take a trip to the Hernando County Little Rock Cannery. We will learn about the process of canning and will bring home a nice surprise for the holidays.

## JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

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

Everyone is back from a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation and working hard. Our in school Thanksgiving feast went very well. With the help of the teachers and the junior and senior high school class everyone was fed, served seconds, and cleaned up by the afternoon classes. We would like to thank the parents that cooked the turkeys for us to eat, they were great!

Our field trip was cancelled this Wednesday and is re-scheduled for next Wednesday. If it would have rained, the students would have missed out on the most important attraction. We will tell you more about the trip next week.

We are beginning to sing Christmas carols with the sixth through eleventh grade students. If you are a senior at PHCC reading this, feel free to come back and join us for singing at Seven Hills.

Report cards will be going out with your students on the last day of school which would be December 18th.

Enjoy your weekend and please be studying hard for finals and end of the year tests. DO NOT cram your work in and complete it in class before school starts. The quality just won't be there and your grades will reflect your efforts.

## PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs Wagner

We enjoyed time outdoors playing dodgeball, running races, and a few children are learning the basics of jumping rope. Indoors, during craft time, we are getting into the holiday spirit making ornaments for the WHS tree. We made some tissue paper "stained glass" stars and trees, miniature chenille stem trees, decoupage styrofoam balls, and music sheet ornaments that we aged with tea.

## UPPER LEVEL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

This week began with some holiday cheer. The children were stuffed from the Thanksgiving break but eager to begin making Christmas ornaments and crafts. The children made a beaded pipe cleaner Christmas tree. They also made a Christmas count down chain in which they will pull a link off each day until they get to the big day-Christmas.

On the playground the children participated in activities such as dodgeball, relay races, four squares, counting catch and free play. The cooler weather seems to give the children more energy, so playground time has been extended an extra fifteen minutes each day.

In cooking the children prepared and baked chocolate chip cookies. Yummy, they tasted good.

Have a wonderful weekend, and don't forget Christmas break is only 2 weeks away. Wider Horizons will be offering Holiday day care with different themes almost daily. It will be a fun-filled time, so don't hesitate to sign up. The sign up sheet and information is located on the front door.

