

Wider Horizons School

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



Spirit Week 2/8-2/12

STUDENT ENJOY SHARING THEIR KNOWLEDGE WITH PEERS AND JUDGES

First grader Kazandra Crisostomo shows her science project.



Taylor Blacklidge gives her science demonstration.



Patrick Agnelli gives his presentation to judges, Mrs. Blacklidge, Mrs. Hasan and junior Kingsley Barte. Students who are dual-enrolled at P-HCC like to come back and be judges at the fairs.



Annual parent meeting:

STUDENTS SCORE HIGH----VERY HIGH-- WHY? Come and hear them --THURSDAY 2/11 7-8pm

Be sure to arrange your time to be available for this very important and informative meeting.

Here is your chance to ask questions of the college bound students about their educational success.

Wider Horizons Special Science Jamboree Day.

We celebrate science on this special day. The students have the opportunity to explore something that is interesting to them personally. The project, experiment or demonstration gives the student the chance to share their learning with others. This happens in the rehearsal and the actual science presentation.

Other schools have science extravaganzas where parents spend hundreds of dollars to increase their child's chances of having a winning experiment. There are special rules and regulations that must be followed or be disqualified. The Scientific Method is the emphasis of these science fairs for the few who participate. (cont. on page 4)

News from the office

IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 8-12th: SPIRIT WEEK
- FEBRUARY 11: PARENT MEETING
- February 12: Elementary Friendship Lunch
- February 15: Presidents Day- *no school*
- February 18 Chinese New Year lunch
- March 5: Father's Breakfast

SPIRIT WEEK

2/8-12

Monday:

- * mismatched clothes day
- *Spirit Week decoration on the car windows for those who could not do it over the weekend

Tuesday

- *Wear Red and Valentines with uniforms

Wednesday

- *Wear uniform and funny hat

Thursday

- * wear uniform or dressy clothing.
- ANNUAL PARENT MEETING
7-8PM

Friday

- *wear school spirit T-shirts made at home over uniform shirt
- *ice cream social for all students at

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Thornton, and
Mrs. Cornelius

This week in Pre-K, we were talking about the 5 senses. The children are enjoying the new 5 senses matching work.

We learned about Ground Hog Day. In circle, we shared pictures of real ground hogs and read books about Ground Hog Day.

This week at the art table, each child enjoyed making a ground hog puppet. The students colored a booklet for Ground Hog Day as well.

The children were introduced to number counting by tens. It has been a very productive week.

Have a great week-end!

PRIMARY

Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Korthas

We want to tell you about a wonderful experience we had on Friday of last week. As you know we have been studying musical instruments. We talked about how musical instruments first came to be and how they have developed into the ones we see and hear today.

Well, Evan Thomas's father volunteered to come in with many of the instruments Mr. Thomas owns and can play; some of them hand made in Greece and family heirlooms. We heard Mr. Thomas give an explanation and demonstration of the besouki, trumpet, accordion, and the ancient didgeridoo from the aborigines of the Australian Outback. The entire class so appreciated this valuable experience. The children were actually dancing in the aisles thanks to Evan's encouragement.

Our thanks to the judges for their time and patience during the Science Fair. The children all did their very best and they all learned from each other.

Thank you to you, the parents, for your support and encouragement during this time.

Enjoy your time with your children - we do.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Musselman

At the beginning of this week we spent a portion of each day practicing for the Science Jamboree. All students had an opportunity to discuss their projects before the big day. On Thursday, we learned about magnetism, sound waves, static electricity, mold, and solar power. It was a very informative and fun day. We thank the judges for all of their work.

Congratulations to Alexa, Beenish, Danniell B., Kera, Lauren, Omar B., Adriana, Ammar, and Caitlyn. These students have learned the names and locations of all fifty states. Most students are working diligently on this map work. We have nineteen children who know at least half of the states. Good job!

Students have chosen books for the next book report which will be due on February 26th.

Have a good weekend.

NEWSLETTER STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Preschoolers, Jayden Marques and Patrick Ritter do work.



Seventh grader, Zachary Trumbull gives his science presentation.



Sophomore, Sabrina Jerrels gives her science demonstration.



UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Mrs. Graham,

Mrs. Petters, Mr. DeVore

After much practice for the Science Jamboree, all of our students successfully presented in front of the judges. We had many interesting projects experimenting and demonstrating with scientific principles such as: friction, magnetism, energy and fermentation.

Fifth and sixth graders have begun their studies of Ancient Egypt by sharing knowledge they already know and exploring new topics. We learned that the civilization of Egypt began 5,000 years ago when the ruler of Upper Egypt, Menes, conquered Lower Egypt and made it into one kingdom.

This year we have decided to make changes to our Friendship Lunch. The purpose of our Friendship Lunch was for our students to prepare a lunch for one of their classmates. Instead of preparing lunches for their classmates, most students were ordering Subway. This year as an alternative to the traditional lunch swap, we are going to focus on doing acts of kindness for each other. We will also write notes of kindness, prepare a special treat as a class and enjoy it after lunch. Our Friendship Lunch will take place on Friday, February 12th.

We would like to congratulate Jonathan Chase for completing Saxon math book 6/5!

Please remember, our next book report will be due on February 15th.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

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

The Science fair was a very interesting day. We all learned scientific material in various areas of science. We learned about information from Earth science, Physics, Botany, Chemistry, and Social Science. It was a very informative Science fair and the students learned a great deal of concepts and information on proving or disproving their hypotheses.

Spirit week will take place next week and while we will be having a fun time, there will also be learning and regular scheduled classes. Next Thursday we will be having a meeting on Thursday night. The P-HCC students will be here to speak to the audience and questions will be open for discussion.

Have a great weekend!

PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs Wagner

Despite the rain and gloomy skies, the creative spirits were flowing in after school play. We brought out the puppet stage and had puppet plays and songs. We had music through rhythm bands and Michaela Courtney even made a poster of a rock band to hang for our "Stars" backdrop. We talked about shadows and light on Feb 2, Groundhog Day. We made shadow pictures using flashlights. We heard a Groundhog Day story. With Valentine's Day approaching we made some heart stencil cards in crafts.

UPPER LEVEL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

On the playground this week the children played games such as hide and seek, tag, Mother May I, kick ball and dodge ball. On the rainy days the children played inside games such as doggie, doggie and 7 up.

During circle time this week we discussed the solar system. The children had to research and report back to the group, 3 facts about the planets, stars or any other heavenly body in our solar system.

In art the children were asked to draw their interpretation of what they think our solar system looks like. They also made a crayon resist constellation.

For cooking this week we made chocolate chocolate chip cookies.

Have a nice weekend.

kj WHS used similar criteria in the past where all students had to have an experiment and only an experiment. We realized that science is more than merely experiments. What is more important for a genuine celebration of science is to have children learn something and enjoy science. It should not be static and confining. Science is a very exciting subject to study given the opportunity to do so.

From the teacher's point of view this is one of the best science days we have had because almost all of the presentations were really done by the children. The teachers were pleased with the knowledge and the poise of the children. The enjoyment the student gets from learning to speak in front of an audience is one of the main purposes of such an educational day.

The parent judges are a very important part of our fairs. They make the day more special by their presence in each classroom. We feel it is important for the judges to ask question of the students, not to confuse or upset them but to help them relax, expand on what they learned and to improve their speaking ability. Remember poise in public speaking is a major reason for having the Biography and Science Festivals.