

Wider Horizons School

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



Lots of Fun and School Spirit

Students Enjoy the Spirit Week Special Activities

First grader Kazandra Crisostomo wears a spectacular hat on Funny Hat Day.



Lower elementary students get into the spirit of Dress Up Day.



Eighth grader, Colin Brickman, shows spirit on Dress Up Day.

STUDENTS SCORE BIG- Annual Parent Meeting



Sophomores, Sabrina Jerrels and Melissa Holgado with sign holder, Mr. Earl, remind parents about the meeting.

WE THANK ALL WHO ATTENDED!!

Parents, students and teachers gathered last evening for the WHS annual parent meeting to celebrate the success of our high school students.

Four dual enrolled students were able to attend. The students spoke about how attending WHS has helped them to be prepared for the courses they are taking at P-HCC. They explained how their math, English and science preparation is really comprehensive here and puts them far ahead of the other students they see at P-HCC. All of the student speakers were very poised and articulate and we thank them for coming to speak.

Many parents told interesting stories about their children's education at WHS. Several told how their children have been helped by coming here from other schools.

Many teachers spoke about what they do to make our educational system work so well for the students.

News from the office

IMPORTANT DATES:

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

February 15: Presidents Day- *no school*

February 18 Chinese New Year
lunch

March 5: Father's Breakfast

Chinese New Year Lunch

Thursday, February 18

CHINA ONE BUFFET-MARINER
BLVD

Jr/Sr and 5th/6th grade students will begin leaving from school at 10:30am. Lower elementary and 4th graders will leave school about 11:00am and Primary students will leave school around 11:20am.

Since this restaurant is a little closer, the turn around time will be less.

We hope you will join us for this annual festive celebration.

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Thornton, and
Mrs. Cornelius

This week in Pre-K we have been talking about Presidents Washington and Lincoln for President's Day.

We learned that Lincoln was called "Honest Abe."

We had such a great time with spirit week. The students really got involved. We are very proud of our school spirit.

In science this week we demonstrated a science experiment where we saw things that float and things that sink. We discussed why things float and sink.

We are learning about living creatures in the water. We will also be learning about water animals for the next few weeks.

Most of the students are now reading in the "Bob Books."

Have a great weekend!

PRIMARY

Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Korthas

What great presentations and experiments everybody presented for the Science Jamboree. The children did a great job .

This week many 1st graders began to work on their Emotion journals. The children were a little surprised how hard it is to put thoughts on paper- all of a sudden they disappear!

We also added new, more advanced reading work to the shelves, designed to help reading comprehension.

In science we are speaking about plants and trees. We learned what the trees do for us and how we can help save trees by recycling and not wasting paper.

The work sheets checked off by the teachers are being collected at the end of each day and kept in class.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and enjoy your long week-end.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Musselman

School Spirit week was a great deal of fun and was enjoyed by all. On mismatch day the children showed once again just how creative they can be. We saw some zany clothing combinations and hairstyles. We used morning circle time to appreciate the creativity and then brought the focus back to class work. On Friday students decorated cupcakes for each other in honor of Valentine's Day. Later in the day, they wrapped up School Spirit week by making ice cream sundaes.

Third grade students continued to learn mapping skills. This week they used the symbols found in a map key to interpret the information on a map. In language, many are learning to identify the different parts of speech in sentences.

All students continue to work on improving their writing skills. The composition for February 17th will be written in class

Enjoy your long weekend

Reminder : The next book report is due on February 26th.

NEWSLETTER STUDENT NEWSLETTER

[Danah Bakdash models her own creation on Funny Hat Day.](#)



[Junior High students looking good on Dress Up Day](#)



[Primary students Dominic Nardini and Brandon Armstrong show off their cool hats.](#)



UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

This week our students demonstrated their school spirit by participating in Spirit Week activities. Every day was a different theme with mismatched apparel, funny hats, and dressy outfits, and ended on Friday with the Friendship Lunch and an ice cream social.

The fourth and fifth grade writing group continues to expand on developing sentences. Last week we reviewed the usage of adjectives and adverbs. This week we will focus on organizing ideas by space. Some common spatial words are above, beside, beyond, next to, through, under, and etc.

In language, sixth graders are learning about subject and verb agreement while fifth graders are learning the importance of constructing paragraphs with a topic sentence and supporting details.

We would like to congratulate Julian and Patrick for scoring the two top scores in our last history test. Sanjay just completed Saxon math book 7/6 and is attending math classes in the Jr. H.S.!

Due to the President's Day Observance, our next book report will be due on Tuesday, February 16th.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

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

All of the students had a great time this week following the daily schedule of Spirit Week! Mismatched day was sincerely mismatched, and the dressy clothes day was like the rich and famous!

We have three weeks left in this third quarter and then a week of finals. The finals will be during the week of March 9th. It is unbelievable how fast this year is going by.

Thank you to all the parents for attending our Thursday night meeting. Hopefully everyone walked away a little more knowledgeable about what our school is trying to accomplish with each and every student.

Congratulations, one more time, to all of the Juniors and Seniors for their fantastic scores on the SATs. We are all proud of you!

Enjoy your three day weekend!

New SAT scores: Conor Zhang - 2040
Aarish Hasan - 2030
Tylor Hubbard - 1670

PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs Wagner

The children received two new coloring books this week. One was a book of princesses; the other a Disney coloring and activity book. The girls never seem to tire of drawing and tracing princesses. We decorated crowns for our Kings and Queens of hearts. We used stamps and stencils along with drawing, to make and exchange cards, and we made mailboxes to put them in. We also heard a story called Clifford's Valentines and a story about a mysterious valentine.

UPPER LEVEL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

This week the children participated in games such as relay races, Mother May I, football, and Spud. On Friday the children had their choice of what they would like to play and of course dodge ball won the majority of the votes.

In circle the topic was ways to be kind to others. The children thought of different ways to be nice, from helping with chores to helping with homework. The children had many wonderful ideas. The students were asked to perform a random act of kindness for another person. We discussed that when we do kind things for others, it should not be about being recognized for the action, it should come from our heart.

In cooking the children made mini heart shaped cakes and then decorated them.

Have a wonderful weekend and Happy Valentine's day.

