

Wider Horizons School

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



Celebrate Montessori Week- 100+ Years

STUDENTS SHOW PARENTS THEIR WORK



Preschooler, Jayden Marques shows his mother some work.

News from the office

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 5: Father's Breakfast
- March 18- Report Cards
- March 19- Professional Day - no school
- March 24- applications for Student Treasure Books
- March 25- Class Pictures

WIDER HORIZONS SCHOOL SUFFERING VANDALISM

Earlier this year we have had trouble with vandals breaking into the bus and causing damage. We fitted the bus with a special lock that has helped.

For the past two weekends WHS has had the problem of vandalism inside and outside of the school. The vandals have caused significant damage as well as making a huge mess for us to clean up.

If you hear anything or about anyone who might know something, please let the office know. We are tired of coming to school to clean instead of teach the children.

Why Wider Horizons School is the Best
by Taylor Blacklidge

The school I go to is Wider Horizons School. Wider Horizons is a Montessori school. I love WHS because you are always busy doing something also because the teachers are always so nice to me.

The teachers at Wider Horizons are so nice and they always try to help. Our principal is Dr. Maglio. Some of my favorite teachers are: Mrs. Petters, Mrs. Iannone, Mr. Devore, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Gutierrez. All the teachers care about you and always help you on your work when you are confused.

The work we do at WHS is very challenging. My favorite subject is math. The math we work on is called Saxon Math. It is very challenging but fun. My other favorite subject is science. Science is very exciting and educational.

My favorite time of the school year is Spirit Week. Everyday of that week there is a different theme. My favorite themes are to wear the t-shirts we make and Funny Hat Day. My least favorite time of the school year is the end when summer starts.

There are all different reasons why WHS is the best school ever.

FATHER'S DAY ON FRIDAY

Fathers are invited to their special day from 8-8:30am on Friday, March 5th. Students will serve a snack and give their fathers a special gift.



Mr. Adlao and Mr. Chua work with their sons, Giles and Kobe in the primary class.

Montessori Week is a special week when the children have the opportunity to show their parents the work they do everyday at school.

Since many of the materials and activities are different from what the parents remember, it is a chance for the parents to learn them too.

Everyone loves Montessori Week.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

If kids can watch TV, talk on the phone, and do their homework all at the same time, then they can surely learn to put their names in the upper right hand corner of their papers.

Not only is there an art in knowing a thing, but also a certain art in teaching it.

Cicero

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Thornton, and
Mrs. Cornelius

This week in Pre-K we are learning about whales and other ocean animals. We even measured to see how big a whale really is.

The children learned the different ways ocean animals breathe, move, and eat. They are different in many ways from land animals. They are also coloring booklets of ocean animals.

At the math table we are learning how to fill in the missing number. We are also doing new work with bead counting.

Thank you, parents, for visiting our class this week. The students always love to have the parents see what they are doing in class.

Next week we will be exploring the Polar Regions.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

PRIMARY

Mrs. Iannone and Mrs. Korthas

Thanks to all the parents who came to visit our class and work with your child on Tuesday. The children were so excited all last week waiting to show off their skills for you.

As we mentioned we have been working with maps in our geography / cultural lessons. The children have been enthusiastic about the lives of the early settlers and their children. We have been tracing their move westward and talking about the hardships they endured. In addition to our expanded studies on bones we have been working with our land forms material. There are many parts and steps to take when identifying these land and water masses. Finding these on a map is really difficult. But the students really enjoy this work.

Enjoy your time together this weekend.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Musselman

Everyone was so excited to welcome parents into the classroom this week. Students proudly showed off their subject folders. They were eager to show all the work they have completed. The children enjoyed sharing a part of their work day with their parents.

Work has begun on the class book. Each child wrote a story about his or her favorite pet. Those who do not own a pet wrote about the pet they would most like to have. Next week the students will begin to illustrate their stories.

The children are also busily working on a special gift for dad. Each child was asked to bring in an empty can for the project. The can should be the size of a soup can or a 16 oz tomato can. We will be celebrating fathers on March 5th.

Have a great weekend

Reminder: the next book report is due March 15th.

NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Student Editor: Ji Hye (Grace)
Yang

[Lower elementary students show their parents their work .](#)



[Brendan Young and his dad and Katherine Ringo and her grandparents enjoy Montessori Week.](#)



[Taylor Johnson shows her first grade work to her grandparents.](#)



UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

Invitations for our Father's Day have gone out. Fathers, please join us in our classroom at 8:00 A.M. on Friday, March 5th. The children will serve their dads snacks and present their handmade gifts.

The fourth and fifth grade writing group is working on comparing two, and more than two items, using "er" or "est," or more and most. They were really surprised to learn that there are rules for determining when to use the different endings, and more or most.

Our art for the next few weeks will be focused around our study of Egypt. We are currently creating hieroglyphics books and painting with water colors.

We ended the week with our parents joining us during Montessori week. The children especially enjoyed sharing their work with their parents.

Our next book report will be due on March 1st.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

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

We are very busy in our classroom. Along with our third quarter daily workload, we are having lessons and testing in preparation for the IOWA tests. Most of the preparations, for the IOWA tests, are covered in our everyday workload.

The seventh grade students have completed their book reports and will be given a new novel this week. The eighth grade student's book reports will be due next Friday.

Final tests for the quarter will be given in the first part of the second week in March. Report cards will follow and go out on March 18th.

Our class will be having another game night on March 5th from 6:00 to 9:00 . Please be sure to be at the school by 9:00 to pick up your students.

Congratulations to Declan Zhang (7th grade) for taking the ACT and pulling a '30' - the average score for a high school student is between 19-22. Great job !

Enjoy your weekend.

PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs Wagner

The children participated in some outdoor games this week. We played doggie doggie where's your bone, and run for home. These are very active running games and wore off some pent up energy. We had fun with cheerios this week in crafts. We made some underwater pictures using cheerios as bubbles and made an octopus and used the cheerios as suction cups. The children used their imaginations on cheerios in other art work of their choosing. We also managed to eat a lot of them as well.

UPPER LEVEL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

This week we welcomed back the warm weather by extending our playground time. The children were excited to be able to stay outdoors for longer periods of time. Some of the games the children enjoyed were dodge ball, bocce ball, spud and red rover. On Friday the children were able to choose the games they wanted to play.

In arts and crafts the children were given lessons on how to draw the human form. The children practiced drawing the shape of the human face and also features such as the eyes, nose and mouth.

In cooking this week the children made oatmeal cookies. They enjoyed eating them more than anything else.

Have a great weekend.

