

# Wider Horizons School

## Music in the Air!

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### 3/10 Report Cards go home

5/1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week  
(5/5 **FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**)

5/10 World Culture Day

5/12 Mother's Day Visit  
(8-8:30am)

### MUSIC LESSONS AT WHS

Mr. Scaglione teaches students on many different musical instruments during their afterschool music lessons.



Zarah Sorensen is graduating this year and has already been accepted at St. Leo's University.

Zarah has become a good student in the five years since she came from Tennessee. Zarah is the editor of this year's yearbook and has developed an affinity for computer graphic design.

We expect to hear lots of good things about Zarah's future successes.

### WHAT IS FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE?

For the first time in three years WHS will be able to perform our annual school performance **FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE** at Springstead Theater on May 5th at 7pm.

This well attended event includes every student who attends WHS. The younger students have whole class songs or short plays. Upper classes put on skits, songs and other types of entertainment.

### Government Control of the Media = Totalitarianism

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

The former head of the general counsel of the FBI, James Baker, met with Clinton lawyer Mr. Sussmann and helped him pass the false claim that the Trump org was secretly communicating with the Russian Alpha Bank. James Baker then took a similar role with social media giant, Twitter. By determining what should be censored or highlighted, he was able to control a large segment of the flow of national news. His influence and that of other top government officials now in the corporate world, had the ability to control what is reported and not reported. Twitter's hierarchy included more than 12 former FBI agents who had incredible influence on the national reporting of the news. Before Elon Musk took over Twitter, 99% of the employees gave donations to the democrat party. It was obvious that this social media site favored a socialist view.

This infiltration of democrat government operatives in the media has had a profound effect on the type of flow of information that reaches the American public. Without the free dissemination of all viewpoints of an issue, citizens are robbed from making an educated decision on the direction of our nation.

The head of any nation that seizes control of the media is frightening as this leader is on the way to become a powerful dictator. At this juncture in our history, journalists have been primarily taught by university programs that are extremely progressive leaning.

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## PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez and Ms. Wallace

This week in preschool, the students continue to learn about land formations: like lake, island, peninsula, bay, strait and isthmus. We added sets of Land and Water forms in the Geography area that will help the children identify each of the land formations. At the art table, the students completed a book on these land formations and are making Mother's Day crafts.

The students continued working really hard with their daily work. In math some children are adding, while others are learning to identify numbers. During language we introduced new two part matching about musical instruments. The students are also working on their penmanship, reading skills and sounds. With all of their studies and Friday Night Live rehearsals, they are happy and excited that all of their hard work will soon pay off.

We sent a notice about what your child needs to wear for Friday Night Live. If you did not get a notice please let us know and we will give you a copy.

Have a great weekend!



Lower Elementary (As well as preschool and primary) had their game night last Thursday and the kids had a blast!

## PRIMARY

Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

Welcome back, we hope everyone had a restful Easter weekend. Primary students were hard at work this week with practicing linear counting, identifying numbers, and writing numbers. Although this may seem simple, some students struggle with these concepts so all have been practicing these foundational skills they will need to be moving forward. Students wrote their numbers 1-1,000 to help them learn.

Country selections were due today for Cultural Fair on May 10th. If no country was turned in or approved, we have assigned countries and sent them home today.

Additionally, we began to discuss Earth Day with the student and the importance of taking care of the environment. We read the book "Michael Recycle" and discussed the ways they can help take care of the Earth.

Logan moved on in multiplication, and Kendra and Adelina memorized their subtraction facts and James completed the series reading books and will begin GPS cards next week. Congratulations!

Have a nice weekend!

STUDENT EDITOR

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## LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Welcome back students! We hope you had a restful Easter break.

Students completed the IOWA testing this week. The tests are an opportunity to measure year-to-year individual growth and compare their skills to other students in their grade level nationwide. It also indicates gaps in learning that require more work.

This week the students began work on afternoon work., which consists of botany, history, and geography. Some students continued to work on math and language.

Students began a twenty-one-day activity this week following a chick's life from the day it is laid to the day of it hatching. Get ready to hear lots of interesting chick facts!

The students are learning about the human body. Last week we talked about how amazing the body is. This week the students have learned about the eyes, ears, and the heart.

Spring fever sent the students outside to plant seeds and continue to work in the garden.

Have an amazing weekend!

## UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

The Iowa Basic Skills Test was the main event on the agenda this week. Most of the mornings were spent on testing and the afternoons were used to practice for *Friday Night Live*.

Proposals went out last week for the World Culture Fair. Most of our students have already submitted a proposal. If the proposal is lost, a note simply stating the students' choices of countries and a parent's signature will suffice. Proposals must be signed by a parent because this fair requires the assistance of a parent to prepare a dish on the day of the fair.

Fourth graders completed Iowa testing this week so much of our normal school work was put on hold so they could do their best. They did however complete a few math sets, and continued work on reading the book they chose from the Narnia series written by C.S. Lewis. Their book report is due April 17th. Many also wrapped up their US state research reports and we look forward to their in-class presentations in the upcoming weeks.

Once fifth grade finished their Iowa Tests, they reviewed the language shelf material and had a review on capitalization, where they were tasked with showing their proficiency in identifying capitalization errors. Students also had a greater opportunity this week to work on botany and geography related activities and materials. The book report for *Rascal* and *Enemy From Above* is due on April 17th, and their final book report of the year will be on a book of their choice.

Sixth graders completed the battery of Iowa tests on Wednesday and Thursday. Although the majority of the week was spent on testing, they still managed to conclude their studies on heating and cooling systems in Physical Science. This quarter sixth graders will focus on perfecting their composition skills. Learning to combine sentences,

utilizing colorful adjectives and adverbs, and adding more details to their writing will help to elevate their skills and will add more interest to their written assignments. We would like to congratulate Haley and Matthew D. for moving on to the junior high school math class.

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Ms. Sanchez, and Miss Finnerty

This week our junior high students complete their IOWA testing. When the scores are returned we will go over them with the students. If a parent would like a copy of their student's test scores please call the front office after the scores are received in a month or so. Please give the front office a few days after the request has been made before the parent picks them up.

The students are also preparing for the play. Skits and songs are being practiced, but we are relying on the students to also practice at home. We are asking each student to please bring in a white tee shirt. In the classroom, the students will make a tie-dyed tee shirt to wear for a class skit. Next week, we will also be talking about individual items that may be needed for your student's skit. Thank you for your help in getting these items.

On Monday, April 17th, the junior and senior high students will be going on a field trip. Mrs. Bermudez will be taking all of her Spanish students to Pueblo Viejo. The students will only speak Spanish at the restaurant and that includes ordering their meal. The students love this field trip! What a great way to learn and improve their Spanish speaking skills.

A note has gone home with details for the play. Although we will be practicing for the play, students will need to keep up with their current daily work.

IN CASE OF A STORM OR STATE OF EMERGENCY WHERE THERE IS NO POWER - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL POWER IS RESTORED

## AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer

During circle time, it was decided that we had to go over some very important lessons from previous weeks. We discussed the importance of good sportsmanship during the circle again. The reason for this conversation was to remind the children that we have to have a positive attitude when playing group activities and that we do not always have to win. We should be happy for those who did, and we should just do our best. We also learned about animals that are nocturnal, however, we focused on Florida's nocturnal animals.

While in the playground, the children participate in games such as Red Light, Green Light, and Hide and Seek. Some play in the sandbox and other were trying very hard to collect baby grasshoppers. It was fun to watch.

Have a wonderful weekend!



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Conservative leaning students are either not accepted into these programs or are weeded out by the political “woke” demands of the program. This gives rise to strong positive bias towards the left and a negative one against conservatives.

Most news reported by the media today supports far left ideas while news that is not supportive of the left is buried. This biased press encourages the administration to accumulate more power which leads to more censorship of any political opposition and thus greater power. This creates an arrogant presidential leader who walks away from answering pertinent questions that should be answered.

The control of the press by one political group leads to propagandizing the people that is essential to creating a one-party government. A courageous free press is essential to keep any government on the right course to protect the people’s freedom and economic prosperity not on selling the regime’s public relation campaign to retain power.

The government controls the media by inserting certain ex-government officials into power positions in the media, thus allowing them to control the message. This takeover of media corporations by ex-officials to do the bidding of the administration is a censorship of free speech. They can do this because of their control over breaking stories and which stories are covered.

These public relations techniques were initiated by Sigmund Freud’s nephew, Edward Bernay, and used by Josef Goebbels in Nazi Germany to shape public opinion. They were effective in Nazi Germany as well as selling products in our modern consumer advertising world and presently in mainstream politics.

Our nation no longer possesses a free press. It should not matter if a progressive or conservative party is in power. The function of the press is to report all the viable news to the public. The integrity of the reporter to state all the accurate news regardless of political implications is essential for a functioning republic.

Once the mass media chooses sides in the political arena by censoring the news and embellishing the positives of their allies, the media becomes an arm of the ruling class. In a representative government, a corrupt mass media that has sold its integrity for political favors serves as an accomplice in undermining the democratic process. In essence the media becomes a propaganda bureau for the ruling party. This arrangement cannot coexist within a constitutional republic.

This sell out by the mass media can only be rectified by morally courageous people correcting the record. This will encourage other honest reporters to overcome their fears of being cancelled. Through their tenacity of asking specific and difficult questions, reporters can keep politicians on both sides of the aisle honest. These comprehensive and penetrating questions will initially prevent politicians and spokesmen from talking in generalities and preventing them from “circling back” to cleverly repeat another avoidance message.

By uncovering the true stories of what is happening, individual journalists will start unraveling the lies of the party in power. This will allow better understanding by citizens of the politicians’ motivation and allow the citizens to choose the best candidates to represent them and preserve our constitution.

Instead of slick, false, public relations techniques that can undermine truth, honest facts will defeat a potential dictator. This will protect all the positive institutions that have kept the country strong for the people.

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