



Wider Horizons School

SCHOOL YEAR DRAWING TO A CLOSE

DATES TO REMEMBER

6/3 Summer Camp Begins

8/9 Meet the teachers (1:00P.M.)

8/12 Back to School

Yanneisy Ferrer Graduates!

This year Yanneisy has completed her high school requirements to graduate.



Yanneisy received a two year scholarship to Pasco-Hernando State College from Wider Horizons School.

She has been doing a semester of Dual Enrollment and will continue at P-HSC in the fall.



STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN FIELD DAY

This is an annual activity at the end of the school year. The jr/sr students man the various activities helping the younger students do the activity. The 6th graders each had a group of younger students they took around to do each thing.



It was a great time for all!



TRADITIONAL FATHERS DEMAND HONESTY

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

In the traditional, two parent family the father usually played the major role of enforcing telling the truth. Often it was not done intellectually or subtly. Instead it was an absolute, non-negotiable pronouncement. "My child will not grow up to be a liar!" Any attempt to justify any lie was rejected with a resounding "no"! There were no ifs, ands or buts. It was imperative that his child tell the truth. Truth was celebrated as a guiding principle for an honorable person's life. Lying comes naturally to toddlers while telling the truth has to be taught.

Young children usually attempt to avoid punishment by denying they did a misdeed even when the parent witnessed the incident. A spontaneous lying incident is a moment for a firm intervention that should begin as early as possible. Certainly, toddlers need to be reprimanded and corrected for defiance and inappropriate behavior. Setting limits for inappropriate behavior especially for lying is imperative for the child and future family stability.

The Bible is full of proverbs and passages describing the father's duty as enforcing moral values that lead their children away from evil and toward Godliness. Psalm 103:13 "As a father shows compassion to his children so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him." At times fathers must be feared to demonstrate to their child that if they disobey his word there will be significant consequences. Proverb 22-6: Train up your child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Being honest to self and others keeps a person on the right path.

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PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez and Ms. Rios

Happy last day of school! It has been a great year and as I type this, I can not believe it is the last day of school. The preschool students have been very busy this week. On Monday and Wednesday the students enjoyed working in all areas of the classroom, no paperwork required. On Tuesday they got to participate in our annual field day, the children had a blast! On Thursday the students cleaned their classroom.

We are so proud of all of the preschoolers and all of their accomplishments this year. The Preschoolers did a great job and we know they will be successful next year and beyond.

I hope that your summer is filled with cherished time with your family while making wonderful memories and do not forget to sign up for summer camp. The children are going to be exposed to more math, language, reading and the topic of the week. They will focus on reading and math facts skills. Also every Friday is water day. Do not forget your bathing suit and towel.

Preschoolers I will miss you forever! Thank you for all of your support and letting me be part of your child's life, it was an honor. From the bottom of my heart I wish everyone lots of love, happiness, and success. Love always, Mrs. Bermudez.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

PRIMARY

Miss Finnerty and Ms. Wallace

We are so proud of all the achievements that the children

have accomplished this year. They have worked very hard and challenged themselves.

As the children prepare for the summer, we ask that they continue to practice math facts, reading, and sight words. This will help them retain all of the knowledge they have gained and help them next year.

We had a lot of fun on Field Day and enjoyed all of the activities. We would like to thank the older students for helping make Field Day happen.

We will miss our first graders as they move up to the second grade, but we know they will continue to advance and grow! We look forward to seeing the kindergarteners move up to the first grade!

We hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. We look forward to seeing you all back in August!

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Giovanna, Jace, and Kinsley for getting perfect scores on their reading sheets this week. Congratulations to Chad and Michael for moving up to mixed facts. Congratulations to Giovanna for moving up in her times tables.

We have completed another school year, that familiar time when we reminisce about the year ending and look forward to summer and moving up to the next grade. Our mission is to foster self-competence, and we thank you for providing a home environment that encourages your child to develop his or her work ethic.

STUDENT EDITOR

Chase Ghingher

Students may be apprehensive about the upcoming school year. What can you do for your child? Preparation is the key: you can help your child be prepared by requiring your child to read for pleasure and practice math facts over the summer. It is very frustrating for a child to have to re-learn math facts.

Please remember that there are summer camps for math and language with sign-ups in the lobby.

This week some students finished up any remaining work.

We had a fun and competitive Field Day. There may be some aches and pains from a little too much fun.

Report cards were passed out today. If for some reason your student did not receive theirs, please contact us and pick it up at the office.

We would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and thank you for your support during the school year.

Have a great summer!

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini,
Ms. Russell

We are very proud of how hard Upper Elementary worked to end the quarter strong. We appreciate how supportive the parents and students were in making this year successful. As the school year ends, we'd like to remind everyone that the WHS Summer Program can allow students to fill in gaps or keep their skills strong. Future seventh graders will also have the opportunity to participate in a math program, to help them advance in the Saxon Math 8/7 Math Textbook. The available weeks are June 10-13, 17-21, and 24-28, you can call the office to sign up.

It has been a great year, and we wish everyone a happy and healthy summer!

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Mrs. Sanchez, Ms. Wheeler

We are now at the end of another successful school year. Our class has had tremendous academic growth throughout the year. We are so proud of our students' accomplishments.

This week has been jam packed as our students started the week with some completing Math books and others going to Pine Island. Congratulations to

Emily De Los Rios and William McGrogan for completing Algebra 2. In addition, Chase Ghingher, Julie Maglio and Olivia Simmons have completed Advanced Math and are going to dual enroll next year! This is an incredible achievement! Tuesday was fun-filled with Field Day. Our class ran the activities and then enjoyed them at the end with a class water balloon fight. Wednesday began with a reptile presentation and students had the opportunity to see some snakes up close. Thursday was a clean up day and our students cleaned our classroom and emptied their desks.

We want to thank you all for coming to our student recognition this year. We know the students feel very accomplished with meeting their goals of National Honors Society and Honor Roll. We wish everyone a restful and rejuvenating summer break! See you all in August!

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

During circle time, we read The Language of Friendship. It was about a giant tortoise and a young hippo. When the hippo was stranded on a coral reef and could not get back to shore, the 130 year old grumpy tortoise came to rescue him. The tortoise tried hard to free

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the hippo and eventually helped him get free. After this, they became friends, made a secret language, and shared meals.

While on the playground, some children sang the Wheels on the Bus, played Green Light, Red Light and Simon Says. The rest were very busy using the playground equipment and collecting grasshoppers.

Once inside, all the children had the chance to work with any activity of their choice.

Have a wonderful summer!

Raymond helping younger students with chin ups on Field Day.



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Advertising and politics in our modern world are full of out-of-control flagrant lies. “This product can reduce your weight by 45 pounds.” “This face cream will make you appear decades younger.” Besides pharmaceutical drugs claim they will cure everything under the sun from heart disease to sagging jowls. In U.S. politicians lying has become so common that truthful statements are rare and shocking. In today’s culture honesty is out of vogue and lying is in.

Every day the world seems more upside-down than the previous day. It is hard to comprehend what is false but most importantly, what is true and real. Our present culture has shifted towards materialism and not developing the next generation of outstanding citizens. When it comes to raising a child, anything goes as long as the child is happy. Since there is hardly any unity among parents, they often give in to the child’s desires rather than take the more difficult road of disciplining the child. Keeping the child out of the parent’s hair has become more important than teaching life’s lessons.

The conflicting childrearing philosophies have one thing in common, they are weakening the father’s authoritarian role in the family and society. Of course, the mother and father must be on the same page and seek out others who possess similar moral values. Without being able to believe in the child’s word, one’s family life becomes just as stressful and chaotic as our culture. Honesty allows us to feel secure in our interactions with others. Dishonesty breeds uncertainty in our lives.

Productive citizens need to have the ability to decipher truth from lies to bring us back to sanity. Inculcating honesty and truth into every fiber of a person is the antidote to self-destructive behavior. Lies seduce people down the path of evil behavior. Major addictions like gambling, drugging, robbing, and cheating can only be promoted by the individual deceiving self and others. After many denials of the obvious negative consequences of these deleterious behaviors, the youngster becomes delusional believing that he can beat the odds to his own detrimental choices.

Parents should desperately want their children to be honest. Most traditional mothers take a reactive role in reinforcing this moral value. Traditional fathers usually take a more harsh and proactive approach. Lying to oneself is a serious personal flaw that needs to be corrected as quickly and forcefully as possible to place the child on a protected, righteous path.

Many traditional men attempt to eradicate dishonesty immediately. The men are considered cruel and mean individuals who do not love their children. Instead of being mean spirited, they were fathers who comprehended dishonesty opens the doors to future evil and loss of one’s sense of self awareness. It does not matter what permissive adults think if the child understands that this corrosive lying behavior will not be permitted in their life.

Strong fathers have a negative profile in our present immoral culture. If they are joined by other strong men who believe in disciplining their children to tell the truth we will regain our moral strength to overcome evil.

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