



Wider Horizons

GRADUATION AND STUDENT RECOGNITION

DATES TO REMEMBER:

5/5/27 Student Recognition and Graduation
Graduation Ceremony starts at 9am sharp
6/6-6/10 Summer Camps Begin

SUMMER CAMP

Each week will have a special focus as well as the academic components of the program.

June 6-17 JR/SR High SAT Prep

June 6-10 Arts and Crafts

June 13-17 Everything Bubbles

June 20-24 Science/STEM

June 27-July 1 Fiesta/Spanish

July 5-8 Artists (\$20 DISC)

July 11-15 Cooking

July 18-22 Space/Solar system

July 25-29 Gardening

August 1-5 Jungle/Safari

August 8-12 No Camps/Meet the Teacher
1pm 8/12

ANNUAL FIELD DAY

All students participated in Field Day on Tuesday. This is a favorite day for many children. They participated in many activities directed by Ms. Bennett.



TRAVIS COLLER GRADUATES

Travis Coller is this year's graduate from Wider Horizons School. Travis has been here since third grade and has decided to become a good student. He was the creator of this year's yearbook.

Travis has been accepted to each of the Universities he applied to. He has chosen the University of South Florida where he will be studying Art and Computer Science.

We wish Travis the best !!



MODERN PARENTING PHILOSOPHY IS MISSING THE POINT

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD. Traditional Realist

Modern childrearing is focusing on ensuring the happiness of children from infancy to exiting the parent's home as an independent person. Through the school years the child should be blissful. It is the responsibility of the parents to supply objects, positive experiences and most importantly the parent to have a bubbly, upbeat personality for the child to prosper. The modern childrearing message to today's parents is that their duty is to create a happy environment which will ensure their child's ability to succeed.

Today's modern parents do everything to put their child in a positive mood. This includes trips to Disney World or Sea world, extravagant birthday parties and providing opportunities for their child to play with their friends. If the child demands anything, it is the parent's responsibility to provide it. Even if the child has not earned it, especially when other respected adults are involved. The child must be appeased at all costs.

Parents have even resorted to getting down to the child's level by becoming "buddies" to ease the child's natural fear of grown males. It places the child and his father on the same level. This is a quantum shift for the father and mother to become part time playmates for the child, especially in single child families.

This shift in the parental roles away from preparing the child to become a future adult has altered our culture. Many of the parents are consumed with ensuring their child's happiness while living in their home.

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PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez

This has been a very busy week for the preschool students. The children continued to learn and work in all areas of the classroom. On Tuesday they got to participate in our annual Field Day. The children had a blast! On Thursday they cleaned their classroom.

In the Science area, the students continued to learn about spring animals and how vegetables and fruit grow

We are so proud of all of the preschoolers.

Parents, we would like to thank you for a wonderful year and for all of your support.

Have a wonderful and a safe summer!



Hely, a first grader, is participating in the frisbee toss activity on Field Day.

PRIMARY

Mrs. Youse and Ms. Finnerty

We are so proud of all of 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 the children continue to practice math facts, reading, and sight words. This will help them retain all of the knowledge they have gained and put them in a good position next year.



All children participated in field day activities, including the primary classroom.

We had a lot of fun on Field Day and enjoyed all of the activities Ms. Bennett prepared. We would like to thank her and the older children for helping make Field Day happen! We would like to thank the parents and Dr. and Mrs. Maglio for the opportunity to teach the primary children. We have enjoyed watching them grow and look forward to continuing to be a part of their journey.

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

Have a great summer!

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

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

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 their math facts over the summer. It is very frustrating and time consuming for a

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child to have to re-learn math facts. Please ask your child to answer random facts as you are driving around this summer!

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

This week some students finished up their 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, the student did not receive theirs, please pick it up at the office.

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

Have a great summer!!



The students enjoyed activities that they played on Field Day. One activity that was popular was basketball.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Ms. Hilgemburg

Fourth graders agree that this was an awesome year, and that they are ready to be fifth graders. They finished up last minute work, played many educational games, and cleaned the room. Field Day was a success though they wanted to get wetter than they did. Please remember to read and practice math facts over the summer to be ready to hit the ground running in August.

Fifth grade students spent the week wrapping up any assignments that were due. On Wednesday they presented and played their homemade board games with fellow students. They had so much fun sharing what they had learned. Please practice language and math concepts over the summer to be prepared for sixth grade work.

Sixth graders completed and presented their science projects this week. On Tuesday they were all ready for fun and games during Field Day. There was a lot of excitement in the air as they demonstrated their athletic abilities. Students should continue to read, practice their fractions and decimal skills, and memorize facts and formulas during the summer. This will ensure that all they have learned will not be forgotten. Please remember, there is a two week summer program available for sixth graders to help them advance in Saxon Math 8/7.

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

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Ms. Doman, Ms. Sanchez

This was our last week of the school year and we had a lot of things going on! Our class went on a trip to Pine Island on Monday! Students played volleyball, got food and "slushies" from the snack bar and swam and played in the ocean!

The rest of the week was full of events as well, Tuesday our class helped Ms. Bennett setup and run Field/Water day. Wednesday we had a game day in our classroom. We practiced for graduation Thursday and also cleaned our classroom and returned books!

Friday is graduation where we will honor, say congrats and goodbye to our senior, Travis!

Congrats to all students who receive National Honors or Honor Role!

Also, congratulations to all students here at Wider Horizon School for all their hard work this year paying off!

Great job! We hope you all have a great summer and hope to see you here for summer school!



Chase, William, Reagan, Travis, Hanna, Maximo, Madison, Sylvia, Kristina, Yanneisy, Janae, Julie, Amanda, and David all managed to get National Honor Society!

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Bennett

During this last week of the school year, the children enjoyed playing games and activities on the playground (as well as indoors).

We had a fun and interesting time in after school this year.

We are amazed with all of the progress that was made this year by the children. They have grown and matured, not only physically but academically as well. I feel lucky to have been able to be a part of that process.

Have a happy and safe summer. Remember to take time to learn!

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

PRESCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer

This week during circle time, we reviewed several important topics that we have learned over the year. Some examples are simple such as sharing, not being greedy, be good, be kind, be polite, never go swimming alone, never take things from or follow a stranger, and be helpful and respectful towards our family, friends, and neighbors. The children we also given a friendly reminder about the rules while inside the classroom and outside on the playground. All of the children had the chance to express their opinion and feelings towards each subject we covered.

The children also did some artwork using paint. The artwork was called the "Jungle". They painted all kinds of wild animals as well.

On the playground, some children were playing inside the sandbox. Other children were playing with the slide or watering the plants that we planted last week. They all did a great job.

Enjoy your weekend!



Riley, Christian, Caleb, Michael, Raymond, Hayden, Olivia, and Jayden all managed to get Honor Role!

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The emphasis on preparing the child to be a successful and independent adult is now an outdated concept. Most parents are working and have very little time or energy to dedicate to the mundane issues of children.

The history of ancient times is often accurately found in the Bible. The focus was not about a parent providing a cheerful environment, instead, the Bible emphasizes the parents' responsibility to ingrain discipline in a child. Learning right from wrong was a major emphasis helping them arrive at the path of virtue. Too many children are left on their own to deal with interpersonal issues since the parents have their own issues to deal with. A child raising himself is a recipe for disaster.

Proverb 29:17, "Discipline your child and they will give you peace of mind and make your heart glad."

Proverb 19-18, "Train a child the way he should go even if he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverb 29-15, "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."

These Biblical proverbs are not about the emotional state of the child. It is not about the happiness of the child but training them to learn the work ethic and wisdom to live a strong, free, moral life. Keeping a child on the straight and narrow limits their exposure to events that could seduce them into performing harmful or destructive acts to self or others.

Our modern parenting is absolutely missing the point. It is not about raising a self-absorbed, reckless individual, but a mature adult who makes selfless, beneficial choices for themselves and others. The parent should require the child to learn to make the best decisions they can make.

Parents should not be afraid of shattering a child's phony world of false esteem. Modern adults should not shield and protect their child from overcoming challenging times but show them how they can overcome the harsh realities of life. Encouraging our children to feel they have the mental toughness to face difficult situations is a wonderful gift to give.

Proverb 13:24, "Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but who loves him is diligent to discipline him."

Modern parents should stop listening to progressive, "brat enhancing parenting." This rarely bears good fruit. Our children should be taught that overcoming their mistakes is a great learning opportunity. It is necessary to give the child an important early lesson that "mistakes are our friend." They show us what not to do allowing us to make better choices.

All modern parents should stop feeling sorry for their children when they punish them.

Proverb 23:13, "Do not withhold discipline from a child: if you strike him with a rod, he will not die."

Modern parents should realize that life is unpredictable and often difficult when raising a child in a bubble of bliss. This approach is short sighted and mean leaving one's child without the ability and knowledge to become a mature doer.

Remember Big Government's promises of utopia are a mirage. Parents' function is to prepare children to think and have the strength to do whatever is necessary to live the best life in whatever culture exists at any historical point.

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