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

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 6, 2026

Wider Horizons School

Annual Biography Fair



DATES TO REMEMBER:

11/10 Veteran Tribute 9:00am All parents, veterans and family members are invited

11/11 Veterans Day-No Classes

11/16-20 Parent Visits in Classrooms from 8:00-8:30 AM

11/20 Student Thanksgiving Luncheon

11/23-30 Thanksgiving Break

High School Spanish classes had a special luncheon with Spanish food and language. Students were selected to be the waiters in the restaurant setting or the customers. Below the waiters check the menu while the customers wait to have their orders taken- all spoken in Spanish.





Parade of Historical Characters is a wonderful learning experience for all. Students chose historical figures from many eras.



Each person gives our students a glimpse into a specific time period and historical events of the time.



Students improve their poise and public speaking ability.



PLEASE SAVE AND DONATE FOR US:

-Baby food jars with lids

-Yarn

Choices of Biography Fair Personalities

The annual WHS Biography Fair was held on Friday, October 30.

Once again there were many really important historical persons portrayed and unfortunately some who hardly counted. The Biography Fair was begun years ago to help children understand history through the people who were there for the significant events.

Every year the students choose a person to portray who will give them a glimpse into the events of the time. Through learning about the person and inevitably what was going on at the time the time period is better understood.

The problem becomes when a little known person is selected to be researched for the presentation. Their real significance to history is minimal in the grand scheme of things so all the time and effort of writing a report and creating a speech is not significant.

For the reasons given above we want the students to pick an important historical person when they are choosing who they want to portray for the yearly Biography Fair.

PRIMARY
Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Gustafson

This week we are practicing our annual Veterans Day Songs, and we hope to see you on November 10th at 9 am.

In language, preschool students were introduced to matching objects to other objects, pictures to pictures, and objects to words. They are also practicing their vowel sounds A, E, I, O, and U, and some students are reading words with double letters. Some students learned the farm lesson and how to set up and label items on a farm. We continue to read Bob Books, welcome aboard Michael to our reading group, and congratulations Zella, Abrah, and Gabriela on moving up in their Bob Books.

In art, students are creating a special flower in honor of our veterans.

In math, some students were introduced to the multiplication board to practice solving multiplication facts 1-10. Some students were introduced to working with the addition chart; this is when students move from sensorial to a more abstract form of addition. The students are practicing tracing and writing their numbers from 1-10, 11-20.

In culture studies, students were introduced to a three part lesson about corn and another on Thanksgiving.

LOWER ELEMENTARY 1 and 2
Mrs. Urbanek, Ms. Skiff, Ms. Tejeda, Ms. Finnerty and Mr. Garrand

We had another busy week in Lower Elementary 1 and 2 with plenty of lessons, activities, and preparations for our upcoming Veterans Day event!

In language, we continued working with prefixes and suffixes and explored the history of written language, looking at how writing has changed over time. Some students also used stamps to create their own stories, while others worked with animal cards and used their imaginations to write about the lives and adventures of their animals.

In math, students have been taking weekly timed tests to see how well they are retaining their addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts. We encourage you to practice flashcards with your child at home, even for just a few minutes each day. Knowing these facts will help them work through more challenging math problems with greater ease and confidence.
In science, we introduced animal adaptations and discussed how different features help animals survive in their environments. We took a closer look at bird beaks and how their shapes relate to the types of food birds eat.

In geography, we learned how to identify and label the different parts of a flag, including the hoist, fly, halyard, and canton. The students became familiar with the terminology used to describe flags from around the world.

The children have also been practicing their patriotic songs in preparation for our annual Veterans Day Tribute. We hope to see you all there next Tuesday as we come together to honor those who have served our country!

A huge round of applause to all of our students for their Biography Fair presentations! They did such a wonderful job sharing what they learned, and we are so proud of the effort and courage they showed while presenting.

We also enjoyed celebrating Joedaniel's birthday this week! Happy Birthday, Joedaniel!

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you at our Veterans Day celebration next week!

UPPER ELEMENTARY
Mrs. Gutierrez, Miss Bandini, and Ms. Russell

Everyone did a wonderful job presenting this week for the Biography Fair, but we would like to mention Josephina, Jaxson, Kinsley, Bailey, Thomas and Hely for receiving a perfect ten on their presentations! Congratulations!

With the Biography Fair over, now it is time to focus on the Veteran Tribute which will take place on Tuesday, November 10th. The Upper Elementary is working very hard on practicing songs and writing letters of appreciation to our veterans. They will also make posters to welcome their guests.

Fourth graders continued to learn about verbs, particularly action, bring, and linking verbs. Many students are progressing nicely through the language tower and will have a test on verbs once all lessons are given. In math, we reviewed fractions and were able to identify mixed numbers on a number line.

In botany, the fifth graders are learning how to root plants to get them ready for planting. The students really enjoy looking at the plants, leaves, and stems as well. We plan on making pumpkin pie and pumpkin bread. In math the students continue to hand in at least one math set a day. In language the fifth graders are learning how to write a friendly letter. The children are writing letters to the Veterans. This will help them write them.

This week in Physical Science, sixth graders continued their exploration of the periodic table. They reviewed electron configurations and were introduced to the different types of chemical bonding, building on their understanding of how atoms interact to form compounds. Congratulations to Thomas and Logan for earning the highest scores on their recent language test! Keep up the excellent work! In Geography, students are continuing their presentations on indigenous cultures from around the world, sharing what they have learned about the traditions, customs, and lifestyles of various cultural groups. A reminder to all sixth graders: Please keep your vocabulary index cards organized and continue reviewing them in preparation for next Friday's cumulative vocabulary test. This assessment will cover Chapters 1–9, so students are encouraged to begin studying early and review a few chapters each day rather than waiting until the last minute. Consistent preparation will be the key to success!

HIGH SCHOOL
Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Youse, and Miss Wheeler

It has been another productive week in the Junior and Senior High classroom! Along with their regular coursework, students have been busy preparing for our upcoming Veterans Day presentation. We warmly invite everyone who is able to attend to join us on Tuesday as we honor those who have served our country.

In Earth Science, seventh graders have been exploring plate tectonics and the forces that shape Earth's surface. Eighth graders have been learning about the structure and functions of the United States government. Meanwhile, ninth and tenth graders have begun studying cellular respiration in Biology, while tenth graders have been strengthening their grammar skills by identifying different types of verbs and understanding their roles in sentences.

Finally, our ninth and tenth graders completed the CLT10 examination on Thursday. Students can expect to receive their scores next Wednesday.

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 and Ms. Russell

This week during circle time, we reviewed several important topics that we have learned over the year. For example; sharing, helping others to be good, never speaking to or taking anything from strangers, and being kind, helpful, polite, and respectful towards our family, friends, and neighbors. We also had a chance to mention classroom and playground rules again. All the children had the chance to express their opinions and feeling towards the subjects we discussed.

While on the playground, some children were using the playground equipment while the rest of the children were collecting dried pinecones to paint as Thanksgiving decorations.

Have a fun filled weekend!

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

***Music Lessons with Mike Scaglione, musician extraordinaire, will begin this week. Mr. Scaglione is a well known musician who has played with the Miami Sound Machine for years.**

Inquire at the office as to what instrument and day you would like your child to begin.

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Yearly Pizza Payment

It has become a bit confusing with so many recurring orders for pizza. Some parents have started to pay for the rest of the year rather than try to come up with the cash each week.

For the 28 Fridays left of the year, one slice is $84, two slices is $112. Please communicate with Mrs. Hobbs if you want this option.

Once in awhile orders still use the weekly slips.

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First graders now need to wear a belt and have their shirts tucked in like the second and third graders in their room.