

# Wider Horizons School

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**11/19-28 *Thanksgiving Vacation***

**Return to school 11/29**

**12/14 Holiday Gift giving**

**1/16 Carol Sing for all 2pm**

**12/19-1/2 *Winter Break***

**1/3 Return to school**

### CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

This year we are partnering with the foster children organization to give our gifts.

Each class has been assigned different children to buy gifts for.

The gifts will be picked up on December 14th so be sure to bring the gifts in before that day.

Thanks you in advance for making these children's Christmas a good one.

Every year at Thanksgiving time each class cooks a dish to share with the other classes during our special Thanksgiving Dinner.

Preschool cooks cornbread, primary prepares green beans, lower elementary makes the cranberry sauce and enough cookies for everyone. Upper elementary peels potatoes, cooks and mashes them. Junior high and high school students bring stuffing.

On Friday we all make a circle on the field to give thanks for all our blessings and then the upper classes serve everyone their special dinner. It is a time enjoyed by all and the food is always delicious.

**THANK YOU to all the parents who cooked the turkeys. They were wonderful.**

### PAPER BALLOTS ARE NEEDED TO PRESERVE OUR CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.,

Here was another federal election where more than a week has passed without candidates knowing if they won or lost. Citizens are told they must wait to know the results. During this uncertain time, we are supposed to wait silently for the "valid" results. However, the more time and more officials that have access to the electronic machines and ballots means more opportunity for falsifying the results. The head of the elections in Arizona is running for governor and chose not to recuse herself from directing the election process that she supposedly won.

We were told by President Biden and his party that there could be no questioning of the election by anyone. We were supposed to ignore obvious questionable practices. However, this election elicits many questions because there is no finality to the election. Remember the old days, not that many years ago when we had results in hours, not days after the polls closed. Florida did it this year. When you voted in a voting precinct with a photo identification and address, with familiar poll watchers the voter felt more confident their vote would be counted.

In many voting districts no photo ID is required, and unsigned and undated mail-in ballots were stuffed into drop boxes to be counted. Other reported issues of electronically changing vote tallies, ballot harvesting or voting under an alias have become common. There is no longer quality control in this voting farce.

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Students had lots of fun today during our Thanksgiving festivities, including preparing the food, the parade, and the feast!



## PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez, Miss Brown

This week we continued our studies on Veterans's Day, pilgrims, Indians, and why we celebrate Thanksgiving. The students are also learning lots of Thanksgiving songs. During art, the children made a turkey, a pilgrim, and an Indian out of paper plates, feathers, and construction paper.

During math the children had lessons with the teen frame, the ten board, and the 9-tray decimal equipment again. This purpose is to show children the concrete representation of the decimal system from 1 to 1000 and to demonstrate place value and the concept that a decimal category cannot exceed nine.

In language, all sound work was changed for new objects. We are working on penmanship and the children are encouraged to find challenging work. At the science area, the children had a chance to see and learn about the life cycle of a plant.

Two Fridays ago, the children had a lesson on how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The children learned to spread peanut butter and jelly on a piece of bread, while using a plastic knife. They cut the slice into two to create a sandwich.

## PRIMARY

Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

Students learned many new things over the last week and a half. In math, students learned dynamic addition and static subtraction using the decimal system. They also learned how to use multiplication boards and math stamps for addition and subtraction exercises. In language students learned about what nouns are and how to identify them in their own work. They are now expected to draw a black triangle above all nouns in their work day to day to solidify their

understanding. As the year progresses, they will learn more types of words and identify those as well.

For science, they learned about parts of the orange and the life cycle of an orange. The students also learned about different Thanksgiving concepts. They painted a turkey and made a bracelet with bead colors representing the first Thanksgiving story. They also completed a thankfulness activity in which they wrote about what they are thankful for. For the Thanksgiving Dinner, primary prepared green beans by helping remove the stems.

The students sang patriotic songs to honor our veterans on Tuesday. We hope all who attended enjoyed seeing their presentation of these songs. We thank our veterans for your service.

Congratulations to Chad and Christian who completed reading Bob books this week. Kenneth memorized his addition facts, and Logan memorized his 5 times tables. Jace memorized his 4 times tables. Chad memorized his subtraction facts. Good job!

Have an amazing break!

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

We would like to thank all of the veterans taking the time to come visit us for our annual songfest!

This week the students have been organizing and cleaning their cubbies. They are working on a November poem to add to their poem book.

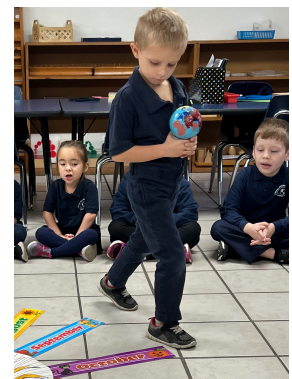
This week the class made cookies and cranberry sauce for our Thanksgiving dinner. The students also created their own Thanksgiving story.

The book report was due November 18th. New books went home today.

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YANNEISY FERRER



This week on Tuesday, we had our Veteran's Day Song Fest. We honored our veterans by singing an array of different songs.



Mark and Chad (primary) had their birthday walk this week. They walked around the sun repressing every year he has been alive.



## UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

This week our class participated in our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. Upper Elementary was responsible for preparing the mash potatoes for the whole school. Everyone worked hard to make the luncheon a success. After the festivities we cleaned up and played chess at the end of the day.

This week fourth graders gave their thank you letters to the veterans on Tuesday at the annual Veterans Day song fest. They also handed in a book report and chose a new book to read over the Thanksgiving break! They continue to learn more spelling words and master the parts of speech via the language tower. This week many students were investigating measurement comparisons; how many cups in a pint, how many pints in a quart etc as well as how to understand and use decimal numbers. In zoology they reviewed the external parts of the sponge and how Tarpon Springs is famous worldwide for the harvesting of natural sea sponges. In geography they reviewed the 50 states that make up America and their state capitals. We hope you all have a restful and grateful Thanksgiving!

This week fifth graders reviewed and tested on different map projections to reinforce what they learned prior to the biography fair. Students also have been monitoring the growth of their Golden Pothos and are researching Longevity Spinach. Once students finish their reports they may take cuttings home. Students were given their instructions for the next book report and assigned mystery as their genre.

Great news, Matthew Ni completed the Saxon math book this week and has started taking classes in the junior high school classroom! For Geography sixth graders completed their brochures on Central America, and some were able to present to their classmates. Their peers gave critiques of the presentations with good positive feedback. Sixth graders also completed their unit on characteristics of chemical reactions. This unit focused on chemical equations, types of chemical reactions and rates of chemical reactions.

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Miss Finnerty, Ms. Sanchez

We want to thank all those who showed up for the Veteran's Day Song Fest and helped us honor those who have served our great country. The students did a great job! We are grateful for the sacrifices our service men and women make so that we may have the freedoms we hold so dear.

This week as a class, we discussed our voting/polling system amidst the election result delays that took place after last Tuesday. Not letting the media or others dictate what you do and using critical thinking were topics we talked about at length. We believe it is important for all of our students to be aware of what is going on in the world and to make informed opinions on some of the more controversial topics plaguing our culture and society.

As we head into Thanksgiving break, we have reminded students that the second quarter is almost over and that they are responsible for keeping their grades up.

In Earth Science, the 7th graders participated in a lab that used Oreo cookies to depict the tectonic plates moving. They were asked to move the cookies against each other and got to see the land formations being created.

Congratulations to Zoe and Sofia in seventh grade for moving up to Algebra 1/2 in math, and congratulations to sixth grader Matthew for started math 8/7 with us!

We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving break filled with friends, family, and yummy food!

## AFTER SCHOOL

Day care will be open and available for November 21-23rd, and Monday November 28th.

## PRESCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer

During circle time, we read a book called "Stay Safe, Play Safe". It is a book about safety rules and to make sure our friends and family stay safe and

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play safe. It discussed rules such as buckling your seat belt as soon as you get in the car, always waiting until it is safe to cross the road, always wearing your life jacket when you get in a boat, and never playing with fire. We also read a book called "Amazing Manatees". We learned that manatees live in warm waters and their bodies are covered in whiskers. The short hairs help the manatee feel for food and other things. The manatee has an upper lip that has two parts, each part works like a finger to grip food.

While on the playground, some children sang "Way Up on the Apple Tree" and played Hide and Seek. Others spent some time chasing a grasshopper to safety, and some played in the sand box. When the children come inside from the playground, they painted a butterfly and decided to mix the colors together to make a beautiful butterfly out of coffee filters. After that, the children played with different activities or games of their choice.

Have a great weekend!



With December quickly approaching, Junior high and high school students have begun decorating their classroom for Christmas, and begun putting the Christmas tree!

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Our covid epidemic is over. We need to change back to paper ballots, photo IDs, and a voting system that prevents voter fraud. Paper ballots are the gold standard of voting. In many places this did not happen and has undermined our November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, election.

France uses only paper ballots; people vote in person and ballots are counted by hand. There are no mail-in ballots nor electronic voting machines that can be rigged with the stroke of a key or hacked from another computer from anywhere. France is touted with having one of the most accurate voting systems in the world.

The purpose of voting is to give a voice to citizens in the republic to choose the representatives they want to make the governing decisions for them. After considerable investigation a candidate running for office should have their record and character scrutinized. This process is ultimately important for retaining a Constitutional Republic. All conscientious citizens should not demand that voting be made as easy and simple as voting for your favorite singing contestant on a tv show. Voting for a political representative who decides on our laws is much more consequential for the future of the nation than the supposed convenience of the voter.

Without an accurate tally of eligible voters, the election is not an accurate vote by the citizens. It is a charade of an election that places a group of charlatans who cannot be viewed as legitimate representatives. It is a silent coup where politicians have no allegiance to the people only to the politicians' self-interest. It eventually evolves to where a person steps forward to be the head of an oligarchy, or even become a dictator.

The difference between an open and fair election and a fraudulent one is like night and day. When elections are held honestly, the citizens should be convinced the politicians will represent the people well. If the ruling class used illegal means to win the election and citizens believe it can be duplicated in another election the citizens will lose any belief in the election system. Dishonest elections make a mockery of any representative government.

The use of photo IDs is a means of documenting that the voter is legitimately the same person they say they are. Not showing a valid ID is a recipe for massive fraud. Yet mostly democratic politicians are in unison that using identification is discrimination against the poor and people of color. This is ridiculous since every adult also must use identification to live in our modern world. We use a photo identification if stopped by the police, to buy alcohol or to enter entertainment venues. Every legal person in the US in order to function has to have a photo ID in business transactions and even to rent a hotel room.

The US must get back to pre-covid epidemic voting to regain the citizens faith in the sanctity of our elections. All citizens, whatever their political preference, should want careful scrutiny of their documentation being a legal citizen before their vote should count.

All Americans should insist every political election is an accurate voice of the people to preserve our constitutional Republic.

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