

# Wider Horizons School

Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/15 Martin Luther King Day
- 2/9 Science Fair (Half Day)
- 2/12-16 Spirit Week

### WHS STUDENT RECEIVES NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECOGNITION



Maximo Maglio, a junior, recognition by getting a high score on the the PSAT.

### WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCY- FOLLOW HERNANDO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

When a situation arises where public schools are closed or closing for half day we follow their guidelines. Half days end at 12noon.

Please be sure you have an emergency person who can always pick up your child if you are unable.

We will post on Facebook and send Emails when possible as well when school is interrupted.



Students learn about old tools used by the Native Florida Indians. This is made from a conch shell.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE IS ANTI-AMERICAN

By Domenick J. Maglio, PhD., Traditional Realist

Our nation was founded to free people from England’s tyrannical laws. These freedom seekers who settled along the eastern coast of North America and moved into the interior were industrious and brave people. They did not receive English government assistance. The settlers were on their own developing their homesteads and struggling with natives and nature.

These independent settlers were on their own to create their own destiny with their own work ethic and expanding vision of their future goals. These pioneers were self-made men, women, and children. Some came with money to our new country but most who traveled to the interior were courageous souls who developed their own destiny with nothing but their own labor. Most were not wealthy, but they hoped to create a better life.

There was no concept of social justice as the settlers were independent people who developed their land and property by their own hands. They had too many hardships to list but accepted them and motivated themselves to do whatever they needed to do to survive and prosper.

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### WHS STUDENTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION IN THE VFW ESSAY CONTEST 2023

Eighth graders, Sophia Howes and Nicolas Claffley, and seventh grader Matthew Ni placed in the local Patriot Pen contest sponsored by the VFW held this fall. There will be an award ceremony on January 24th where they will learn more.



## PRESCHOOL Mrs. Bermudez

Welcome back preschoolers and new students! This week, the children were very excited and happy to return to the classroom and quickly got back into their daily routine. We began learning about the animals that inhabit the Antarctica. At the art table, the children made a penguin and a snowman.

During circle time the children had lessons on different animals around the world. In language we have different children working with sounds, blending sounds, short vowels and long vowels.

At the math and practical life areas, the students were excited to see the new winter themed work. The students also had a lesson with the Snake Game. The purpose of this equipment is to familiarize the children with the different equations that equal 10.

During circle time the children are learning how to pronounce fruit and vegetables names in Spanish. For music, children are learning various Valentine's Day songs.

## PRIMARY Miss Finnerty and Ms Wallace

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fun and relaxing holiday break. Seeing the smiles on the primary students faces warmed our hearts. Students have not missed a beat, jumping back

into our daily routine without needing constant reminders.

We began our week reminding students that half of the school year is over and we really want to see each child challenge themselves.

During circle, we discussed the start of the new year and the importance of independence. We also read about Martin Luther King Jr. and wrote a poem about equality.

Students received a new practical life lesson as well as science and geography lessons. In science, we are learning about ocean life. In geography, the students are learning about Antarctica.

Congratulations to Christopher and Kota for memorizing addition facts 1-10. Congratulations to Bella for memorizing the 6 times tables and Aryana for passing the 3 times tables!

## LOWER ELEMENTARY Ms. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

We would like to welcome students back from Christmas break. We hope everyone is well rested.

We are starting the second half of the school year. The students are starting to do more work to get prepared for next year.

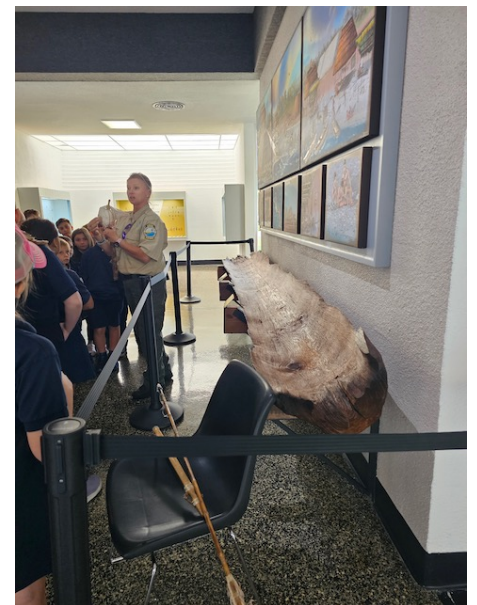
Congratulations to Mark, Richard, Caden, Alexander, James W, Bailey, Michael, Stefan, and Alexandra for

moving up in their times tables. Congratulations to Michael, Caden, and James W. For mastering subtraction 1-10. Congratulations to Giovanna for mastering subtraction 11-20.

This week was a short week on top of the storm. We are all getting back into the swing of working and completing daily work.

Compositions are due on January 17th and Book reports are due on January 26th. The book report will be a diorama. The states test will also be on the 26th, make sure your students are studying their states. New states will be added next week.

*Students learn about this canoe made from a log.*





## UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Ms Russell

Science Expo proposals were sent out this week. We are happy to say many of our students are excited about the Science Expo and have already submitted their proposals. The Science Expo will be held on Friday, February 9th. Please note topics are approved on a first come; first serve basis, so any students that have not handed in their proposals should give them in as soon as possible.

Fourth graders reviewed concepts that they learned in the last quarter, such as subject complements and compound sentences. Students are also learning how to identify different types of sentences like interrogative, exclamatory, declarative and imperative sentences. In math, students need to make sure they are focusing on producing quality work, using their ruler, and labeling properly. In science this week, students were given an overview on the increased expectations that come with the Science Expo in Upper Elementary.

Fifth graders are now more than halfway complete with their spelling books. Their spelling words are getting more challenging but students should now have the study skills and habits to do well. In math, students had a review on time as well as the vocabulary for the four operations. Students also learned the difference between a theory and a law in science. Students also related this to the scientific method and the importance of using evidence to disprove or support a theory. This is especially important with their current unit on tectonic plates. Students also reviewed the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and why his holiday is considered a national day of service.

Sixth graders settled into their daily routine fairly quickly this week. They were introduced to the usage of pronouns practice using the correct pronouns in a sentence.

They are learning how to distinguish the difference between subject pronouns and object pronouns. Some may need to memorize the different pronouns before the test next week. Now that we are entering the third quarter, we discussed how essential it was for them to demonstrate growth in their work. We all agreed that correcting bad habits and implementing all they have learned so far will surely accomplish this goal.

## JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Mrs. Sanchez, Ms. Wheeler

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a fun and safe break and have hit the ground running.

Science Fair preparations are underway. Students have turned in project proposals and their main question and background. All students have been given a timeline for all upcoming due dates for each piece of the project. Please ensure students have a large tri-fold project board and clear portfolio holder for the day of the Science Fair.

With the new year, our class has had slight schedule changes. Each student has a copy of the new schedule.

In this short week, our 7th grade has finished their chapter on the six layers of the earth in earth Science. 8th grade Life Science is working on diagrams explaining different types of plants. 9th grade Heath Science is studying family relationships. 10th grade Biology is learning about DNA and RNA.

High school has registered for the CLT10 website. 9th and 10th grade will be taking a practice exam on January 18th. Please ensure your students are on time as this is a timed exam.

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 / Ms Wallace

This week at circle time all the children were very excited speaking about the Christmas traditions and also the gifts they received. They discussed about spending time with their family and friends. We also discussed how we can help our Mom and Dad by doing chores around the house. I was happy to learn that some of the children do help their parents.

During playground time, some children played in the sand box, we were also singing, playing Red Light Green Light, Simon Says ,and Hid-and-Seek. The rest of the children were enjoying the playground equipment. Wishing you the best new year!

Parents please do not enter the after school classrooms. Please knock and your child will be sent out once they have cleaned up any activities they were using. Thank you for your cooperation.

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As the nation grew so did the ability of Americans to produce food and products on large tracts of land. At this juncture there was more need for cheap labor, and it was available in the form of slaves, poor whites, and new immigrants.

Slavery existed before Biblical times and exists all over the world in larger numbers today than at any other time in our history. There were slave owners who were reasonable humans and there were despicable ones in any country where slavery existed. Being a slave is never an admirable position to be in. Few slaves had better living conditions than free city dwelling immigrants in the north. Some would eagerly change positions with the people in terrible living conditions who were called "free."

Many early immigrants were indentured servants who had to earn enough credit to pay their debt to earn their freedom. During the late 1800s and early 1900s there were some immigrants who were sent back to their country of origin for various reasons. Many immigrants lived with two or three families in one flat. The children as early as three years old did simple errands or begged for coins. These immigrants willingly paid the price of being temporarily exploited for the chance to blend in and become American citizens.

Many citizens who live in major metropolitan centers today also pay the price of moving where wages are higher than wages in small towns. Riots, robbery, looting, drugs, drunks living on the street and random physical attacks are more common living in an urban center than rural communities. Every citizen had the freedom to move where they desired as long as they could do it.

The greatness of America is based on our freedoms. To live and do with our lives what we want has attracted people worldwide. Some citizens have suffered from an abusive lifestyle. Life is a difficult and torturous journey for many of us.

"Social justice" is a communist concept to divide us and turn us against each other. Once you go down this road citizens will question why aren't their injustices worthy of compensation by the state? Social justice cannot be for just one group while leaving out many others who suffered but includes others who do not deserve to be on the list. Social injustice is determined by government bureaucrats who have no accurate or unbiased method of evaluating every citizen who should be on a fair and honest list.

Americans have the freedom to choose their lifestyle through their choices and work ethic. This is why US citizens are the backbone of the greatest and freest nation in the world. Once people line up and receive government goodies (like cell phones and free rent) the line becomes longer, easier, and less shameful for non-workers to take without a twinge of guilt that they did not contribute. This guilt fades as appetites increase. This is an effective communist method of capturing the support of once virtuous people.

When a person accepts as normal the process of getting bribes for their vote, the person has surrendered his proud American citizenship for a ticket to a new world of communist "social justice." Entering this world means a person gives up their freedom for a second-class existence. These people accept the decisions of bureaucrats to determine their status and most importantly, their freedoms. This is the opposite of freedom and is anti-American to surrender one's freedom for short term government bribes and long-term servitude.

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