



# Wider Horizons School

## Fall-ing Into Second Quarter

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

*Picture Retake Day 11/2*

*Veteran's Ceremony 11/10 9:00 AM*

*All parents, veterans and family members are invited*

*Lesson Demonstration Mornings 11/16-20 from 8:00-8:30 AM*

### Cultural Studies through the different aged classes



In Primary, a favorite lesson is testing items to see what is magnetic.



In Lower Elementary, students sort animals to their native continent. This lesson leads into both geography studies of the continents and zoology studies of Animal research.

Cultural Studies encompasses the subjects of Geography, History and Science. It the cornerstone of the classroom.



Upper Elementary students are labeling the constellations and the major stars as part of an ancient civilization study.



In Junior and Senior high, the students are completing a science lab. Pictured here students are using an iodine solution to model selective permeability. They saw the iodine particles were able to permeate the material of the plastic bag, but the water particles were not.

### The Importance of the Biography Fair

For many decades Wider Horizons School has held a Biography Fair on the last day of October. The students from Primary through high school choose a person from history who has made positive contributions to the world. The student researches, and depending on the age, writes a research paper on their subject. This project culminates in the Biography Fair where the students come to school, dressed as the person and assumes their persona. In class, the students present to their classmates and parent judges, or dual enrolled high school students. The finale of the day is the "Parade of Historians", where all parents are invited to meet these historical figures and hear a short synopsis of their speech.

When meeting with Upper Elementary students, many who have been part of five or more Biography Fairs, had interesting things to share about the annual experience. Many students mentioned learning about historical people and sharing their knowledge with classmates, judges and parents.

Joemanuel said a purpose of the Biography Fair is to be grateful to the people who created things we have today. Bailey said the Biography Fair helps encourage people to do better things and succeed. Hely said public speaking makes us more confident. Elliott pointed out the need for public speaking through his daily life. Chad summed up the experience with saying parents and judges can see what they learned and we teach classmates about historical people.

## PRIMARY

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Gustafson

This week primary students focused on challenging themselves in all areas of the classroom. We want to encourage each student to become well-rounded with multiple interests.

During circle time the class enjoyed listening to, and learning new Halloween songs and stories. They have also been working with new material in math and practical life.

In language we continue working with sound repetition, blending sound together, spelling, and penmanship. We also continue to read Bob Books daily. Aubree has finished Bob Books and is moving to Big Books.

In math, students learned how to use the stamp game, other slanted how to add using the stamp game. They both help make a connection between the quantities represented by the Golden Bead Material, and the numbers and quantities by the individual titles of the stamp game.

In art, students learned to make spider webs. They also made paper mummies to celebrate a little Halloween spirit.

In sensorial, students were introduced to a bell lesson where they listen to the different sound and watch to the correct bell.

We hope you have a great weekend. Don't forget, this Sunday is Daylight Saving so all the clocks move back an hour. We hope everyone has a safe and fun Halloween!

## LOWER ELEMENTARY 1 and 2

Mrs. Urbanek, Ms. Skiff, Ms. Tejada, Ms. Finnerty and Mr. Garrand

This week in Lower Elementary students practiced their speeches for Biography fair on Friday. Teachers gave suggestions and helped students to strengthen their public speaking skills. Students also dug their hands into the center of the pumpkin and hollowed it out by removing the pulp and seeds. They got to share their experience with classmates and created a list of adjectives of what it felt like. Students were also introduced to material where they labeled the parts of the pumpkin, parts of the leaf, and matched different seeds with types of plants.

In Language, students participated in an activity where they discussed the number of syllables in a word. Grade one categorized word(s) between one and three syllables and second and third grade categorized words between one to six syllables. Third graders were also given lessons on suffixes.

In Math, students were given a lesson on liquid measurements. They were also given a lesson in problem solving. Starting this weekend, students will be required to write their multiplication facts and bring them to school on Monday. Students were tested to determine where they needed to start with repetitious writing of facts.

Lastly, Students were given a lesson on the parts of the flag. Mrs. Urbanek's class celebrated Ashley on her birthday with a song and wishes for another year of academic achievement and growth. Happy Birthday Ashley!

We want to thank all those who attended the Biography Fair and parade on Friday and all those who volunteered to judge. Your presence and participation were appreciated by students and staff. Students did a fantastic job. The effort they put into it was evident in their presentations. Have a safe and wonderful weekend!

## UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Miss Bandini, and Ms. Russell

With the Biography Fair behind us, we are now turning our focus to the Veterans Tribute, which will take place on Monday, November 10th. The Upper Elementary students are working diligently as they practice songs, write letters of appreciation to our veterans, and create posters to welcome our honored guests.

In language, fourth graders are reviewing the different types of nouns, particularly irregular plural nouns. Many students are making great progress through the Language Tower, and an assessment will be given once all lessons are complete. In math, students learned how to use a calculator and read decimal numbers.

The fifth graders have been busy practicing for the Biography Fair. It has been a fun experience for them and the teachers! It is so important that the children learn how to speak in front of others. Many of them are looking forward to it.

The fifth graders continue to work in their Map Skills book. They are learning how to read a map and knowing what the symbols mean and how to navigate one. In botany, the fifth graders are learning how to root plants, pot them and watch them grow.

In Physical Science, sixth graders continued exploring the periodic table and were introduced to three types of atomic bonding: ionic, covalent, and metallic. Sixth graders completed Unit 9 in Vocabulary, though they were not tested this week. Next week's assessment will be a comprehensive unit test covering Units 1 through 9. In cultural studies, students have also finished their projects on Indigenous cultures around the world and will present their work to their classmates next week.

All Upper Elementary students have been assigned novels; their next book report will be due on **Monday, November 17th**.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Youse, and Miss Wheeler

It has been an exciting and eventful week in the Junior and Senior High School room! We were very pleased with the success of this year's Biography Fair and enjoyed seeing so many parents, family members, and members of the community come out to support our students. After spending the past couple of months preparing their projects, the students were excited to finally share all of their hard work. We would like to thank everyone who helped and encouraged them throughout the process and contributed to making the event such a success.

In the classroom this week, the seventh graders learned about half-lives in Earth Science. The eighth graders have been studying how animals adapt and evolve in response to their environments over time. In Biology, the students have been learning about photosynthesis and the important role it plays in living systems.

We would also like to wish the best of luck to all of our students who submitted essays to this year's VFW essay contests. We are looking forward to hearing the results and hope to once again celebrate several winners from our classroom!

#### AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer and Ms. Russell

During circle time we read a book called "The Amazing Life of Giraffes". For starters, there are nine kinds of giraffes in the world. We also learned that each giraffe has its own pattern of darker spots, and light yellow, or white fur. We also learned that giraffes have the longest necks of any animal in the world, and they have long legs. Giraffes mainly eat leaves and some students asked if they eat dried leaves; the giraffes prefer to pull the leaves off the top of trees. After that we also worked with different shapes and objects and tried to match each group.

Before we went outside, we had a friendly reminder about the importance of sportsmanship during playtime. This was to reinforce to the children that we have positive attitudes when we play group activities and we do not always win, but we should be happy for those who do.

Enjoy your weekend!

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



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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.**

