

Wider Horizons School

Annual Biography Fair



WHS held the annual Biography Fair on Tuesday. This event is always held on Halloween so costumes can be purchased.

Students choose an important person from history to learn about and portray. The rationale behind this event is that students will get a firmer grip on historical events if they have learned about the people associated with them.



Lower elementary boys above and girls below are dressed for the Biography Fair



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/9 Veteran's Day Tribute.
- 11/10 Veteran's Day- no school.
- 11/17 Student Thanksgiving

DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO, I'LL TELL YOU

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

Modern children frequently do the exact opposite of what parents tell them to do. The children go on their merry way doing what they want to do. In other words, modern children do not listen well to commands from authority figures, including parents. This phenomenon has been going on for many generations since the late 1950s. Parents lost their power during the era of Dr. Benjamin Spock and his "bible", Baby and Child Care. This practically eliminated the practice of spanking a child on the behind to get his attention so he would listen to the parents.

This loss of power by parents changed the American family's discipline creating a revolution in the American culture. Children started to talk back to their parents and even punished them by being more contrary and even screaming back at the parents' commands.

Children became empowered to challenge their parents by not listening to them. Parents turned to soft, gentle, loving suggestions that were still ignored. This did much more than change the American families, it created a drastic change in the American culture. continued *on the last page*

PRESCHOOL
Mrs. Bermudez

This week the preschool students learned about The First Thanksgiving. We discussed why the pilgrims sailed to America and the reasons they embarked on their historic journey. We are also reviewing what we learned last week about mammals and we are talking about arachnids as well.

On Wednesday, the children were introduced to Fall themed work. The math area has lots of new autumn number set baskets and Practical Life has all new work added as well. Some children had a lesson combining the decimal system beads material and number cards. The purpose of this work is to reinforce the relationship between the concrete (quantity) and the abstract (written) decimal system. Congratulations to Zoe, Bjorn and Althaea for completing their addition book! Congratulation to Emma for completing her subtraction book!

In Science, we introduced three part matching showing the parts of the turkey and the parts of the corn. At the language area, we added Thanksgiving vocabulary words.

During the work cycle the children continued working in all areas of the classroom. We are encouraging the children to challenge themselves, concentrate, and take pride in their work.

Congratulations to Althaea, Lincoln, Angelica, Roman, Soren, Noah, Zoe, and Abigail for doing an amazing job reciting their speeches!

Have a great weekend!

PRIMARY
Miss Finnerty and Ms Wallace

Wow! The Biography Fair was a major success. The children did a phenomenal job memorizing, presenting, and portraying their historical figures. Their costumes were beautiful. Thank you to our judges for taking time out of their day to help make this a memorable day for our students.

In language we began working on a Veteran's Day poem and talked about how to form a sentence, using proper capitalization and aiming to use five

words. Students also received a lesson on middle sounds.

In math, we covered dynamic addition and subtraction. This lesson helps the children learn how to borrow when a number exceeds 10. This is another foundational lesson that is essential for them to master as they progress.

We are practicing Veteran's Day songs and working on creating a poppy craft.

Primary students also received a lesson on daylight savings time. They learned about why we change the clock back in the fall and forward in the spring.

LOWER ELEMENTARY
Ms. Urbaneck and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Brent, Nova, Giovanna, Chad, Alexander, Bailey, Mark, Quindolyn Jax, Richard, Logan, Carter, Adelina, Liam, and Jace for moving up in their multiplication facts. Congratulations to Kinsley, Mark, Hely, and Nova for having perfect reading sheets last week. Congratulations to Alexander and Joemanuel for mastering subtraction 1-10. Congratulations to Molly for completing mixed multiplication.

The Biography Fair was this week on Tuesday. We would like to thank the judges for donating their time. The students looked great all dressed up as their character. It was amazing how hard most of the students worked to remember their speeches. We would like to thank all the parents that joined us on the lawn for the parade.

In math, students learned about greater than, less than, and equal to. They also continue to work on geometry cards, applications, and booklets.

STUDENT EDITOR
Chase Ghingher

In spelling, most students had a special spelling list. We decided to do something different. The students had cards flipped upside down on a table and every day they would choose a different card. It could be a story, alphabetical order, word search, word web, stamping, newspaper, sentences, colored pencil, stairs, and others.

In language arts, the students learned the difference between which and witch.

The students have learned two different types of poems Haiku, and Acrostic. They started to create their own Haiku Thanksgiving poem.

In history, the students are working on completing the California, Great Plains, and Northwest regions.

In geography, the students are working hard on completing the animals of the continents and finishing their solar system books.

In science, the students are working on part 2 of the mammal, bird, and fish. Students also had a lesson on the amphibian.

Have a safe weekend!

Even some preschoolers took part in the Biography Fair



UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Ms Russell

Everyone did a wonderful job presenting for the Biography Fair, but we would like to mention James, Janie, Maximilian, Victoria, Claire Hadley, and Ethan for receiving a perfect 10 on the presentations! Congratulations!

With the Biography Fair over, it is now time to focus on the Veterans Tribute which will take place on Thursday, November 10th. The Upper Elementary is working very hard on practicing songs and writing letters of appreciation to our veterans.

Students in fourth grade continued to learn about verbs, particularly irregular and regular 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 being able to identify mixed numbers on a number line. In geography, students presented their state reports for the southeast region.

Fifth graders are reviewing plurals and nouns in language and are working on converting mixed numbers to improper fractions in math. The students received cabbage seeds for Botany, where they learned about the other plants and vegetables within the Brassicaceae family.

This week in Physical Science, sixth graders continued to explore the periodic table and were introduced to different classifications of atomic bonding. They learned about ionic, covalent, and metallic bonding. Those students who have completed their United States projects presented this week and began their brochure for a Central American country or Caribbean island. They will work on this project in class during Geography time. The novel,

Black Beauty was assigned for the next book report due on November 17th.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Mrs. Sanchez, Ms. Wheeler

This past weekend, Mrs Sanchez celebrated her wedding! We would like to congratulate her and wish her a very happy life with her new husband.

This week we welcomed Sebastian, a new seventh grade student who has joined our classroom! We look forward to getting to know him.

On Tuesday, our students participated in the yearly Biography Fair. We had the pleasure of observing the students present their essays and speeches portraying such important figures as former presidents, figures from the revolution of our great country, military heroes, and pioneers in various integral fields. It went incredibly well and we are thrilled with the effort and progress everyone displayed. Thank you to their families for assisting them with preparation.

We continue to progress and build upon fundamentals in academics. All grades have begun delving into new and exciting subjects. In Earth Science, seventh graders are studying our planet and its layers. Eighth graders have started reading a new novel, The Outsiders. Ninth graders are moving on in their Physical Science book to lessons on solutions. In Financial Literacy, our tenth graders are exploring different educational institutions and what schooling they will need to complete to hold various careers.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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 during circle time, all the children had a chance to work with math and shapes. I could tell by their faces that they were having fun. We also read a book called See and Slide. I described a type of animal in the book and had the children guess what animal it was. All kinds of animals were involved

While on the playground, some children had fun with the playground equipment while others were playing hide-and-seek and red light green light while the rest were collecting dried cones. Once inside, the older students worked on their homework and the rest of the children were busy painting Halloween crafts.

Have a fun weekend!

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 ridiculous message of becoming a friend with your child was reinforced by so-called child development experts, it gained almost biblical certitude. The traditional spank became a vicious act. The ineffective “loving chat” with the child ended with a smirk on the child’s face. Almost as soon as the child escaped from the “loving chat” they immediately returned to their antics. Even with obtaining specific bribes promised by the mother, the child went right back to destructive behavior but with greater intensity.

The gentle approach of authorities: grandparents, law enforcement, and others does not work in our modern culture since this gentle and sweet approach to discipline has turned adults into more non-compliant citizens. “Don’t tell me what to do, I’ll tell you,” has become an increasingly voiced attitude of citizens towards any authority figure that attempts to tell them what to do. The children who were allowed to get in the last word now are adults who are doing the same thing.

“My child should not lose privileges for annoying behavior and deserves special treatment to succeed which ultimately is the teachers’ responsibility.” To these parents this means it is the teacher’s job to be sure my child gets higher grades. No extra homework or consequences should be assigned.

Powerful organizations have started to dictate to opposing groups or people that they will prevent them from operating by cancelling them. Celebrities, politicians, products, and even historical figures have received attempts to eliminate them, some attempts are successful. We see tearing down beautiful historical statues to eliminate their historical significance and hear reporting of ugly rumors and lies to downgrade the reputation of opposing people or groups.

Cancel culture is an attempt to eliminate anyone who says something contrary and damaging to a particular person or group. It can be a company like Parler, specific celebrities, or politicians who support a cause that is offensive to another’s interest. It can be a political idea like stopping tearing down statues. Rather than discussing the idea like mature adults, cancel culture requires that we must destroy those who believe or think differently.

In the past when parents were the boss in no uncertain terms, teachers, police officers, judges and the majority of governmental officials stood on the side of order and justice. They were backed by the majority of Americans who understood the importance of law and order even when the decision went against their own cause. The entire concept of authority figures is not just being questioned but disregarded as not worthwhile.

Where did this disrespect of authority figures come from? The lack of fathers or mothers, dysfunctional families, the disrespect of male discipline, not following the Biblical discipline of children, and the ridiculous psychological diagnosis of children with no plan of how to remedy the misbehavior. Creation of disorders by withdrawing traditional discipline is the driving force of much adult disobedience.

Instead of civil, peaceful discussions, we have tantrums similar to what a child does with his parents. We too often do not discuss, just demand what we want instead of weighing what is best for solving a particular dilemma.

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