

Wider Horizons School

Parents Visits In Preschool and Primary

DATES TO REMEMBER:

12/14 Holiday Gift giving

12/16 Carol Sing for all 2pm

12/19-1/2 Christmas Break

1/3 Return to school

January Geography Bee
(Middle to end of the month)

Christmas Angel gifts need to be by
Tuesday, December 13 in the morning.

Students prepare many gifts and
crafts for their parents, grandparents
and friends.



Children of all grade levels
are working on holiday crafts
and gifts.



We finally were able to schedule
our annual fall visits for preschool
and primary parents- no hurricane
this week!!



Primary and preschool parents
were invited to come watch their
children work in the classroom.
They were very excited to show
their parents what they have
learned thus far.



COME AND SING CHRISTMAS
CAROLS. WITH US ON FRIDAY AT
2PM. Then everyone will be dismissed for
Christmas Break.

CORRUPT POLITICIANS WILL LIE
TO CREATE AN EPIDEMIC TO
INCREASE POWER

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Traditional Realist

During the Covid epidemic the mass
media had experts like Dr. Anthony
Fauci and Dr. Deborah Brix who were
initially anointed sole experts of the
Corona virus epidemic. Many of the
decisions these scientists made turned
out to be incorrect. Other scientists
investigating Covid worldwide
demonstrated the ineffectiveness of
their early mandates and approach.

The 2020 Covid epidemic mandated a
total national lockdown as compared to
the seven previous ones. The 1918
influenza virus was a failure of
coercion and quarantining as the people
did not sufficiently comply. The 2020
Covid epidemic produced economic
calamity that allowed the government
to print trillions of dollars conning the
citizens with stimulus checks while
increasing their taxes. With government
money comes control.

The number of people with Covid-19
increased as the government
incentivized the hospitals with
additional funds for any patient, they
stated died of Covid. This false increase
in Covid-19 deaths increased fear that
the government exploited to increase
their power. The fear factor gave
governments the power to limit our
freedoms. This was the first time a
quarantine included physically well
people.

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PRESCHOOL
Mrs. Bermudez

This week in preschool, we continued learning about holidays from around the world. The students have learned about Hanukkah (Jewish holiday), Kwanzaa (African American holiday), Diwali (Indian holiday), and Christmas. The students have lots of fun singing traditional holiday songs, listening to stories, and making crafts.

During language, the children had a lesson with the three part matching and they continued to work with sound work and the pink series. Some of the students are also working with the blue series, reading Bob Books, and practicing their penmanship.

In math, we are reviewing ten numbers, the decimal system, writing numbers, and adding and subtracting. The children had a lesson on adding with the decimal system and we introduced fractions as well.

At the practical life area, the children learned how to decorate a tree, how to use a dreidel, and how to hang stockings.

Academically, the children continue to work hard and they are expected to work in all areas in the classroom despite our hectic mornings.

We would like to say thank you to all the parents for coming in and working with their child during National Education Week. The children took pride in showing off what they have learned and enjoyed spending time with you in the classroom.

We would also like to thank all the parents that brought gifts for the Pre-K Christmas family. We appreciate your kindness. The last day for donations is December 13th.

PRIMARY
Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

Thank you to those who were able to make it to our parent's visit this week in primary. We hope all of our families who attended enjoyed getting to see their children hard at work in the classroom. Our students enjoy their ability to challenge themselves and choose their work for the level they are.

This week, students received lessons on several holiday and winter-themed works such as the parts of poinsettias and Rudolph kinds of arctic animals, and the dreidel game. Students continue to work hard on their holiday crafts that they will bring home for families next week. They have also continued practicing songs for our school wide caroling. Families are encouraged to come and enjoy the festivities and singing on December 16th. On this day students may wear a Christmas sweater or shirt.

Spelling lists will resume after our winter break. Students still utilize spelling in their daily language work and we have played the Sparkle game. In the game, the students must spell words one letter per student at a time. This is a fun way for them to practice their spelling and they enjoy competing to be the last student standing without making any spelling errors. Our Sparkle winner was Jace and our 'Around the World' winner was Gideon. Great job!

Kenneth finished the Bob Books this week! Amazing job!

LOWER ELEMENTARY
Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Tara, Gianna, Braylen, Stefan, and Alexander for having perfect reading sheets!

In spelling the students learned definitions verbally, had fun with competitions using white boards, and played roll the dice.

STUDENT EDITOR
YANNEISY FERRER

In math the students continued to learn about inches and half inches, worked in booklets, geometry cards, and applications.

In language the students are working from the tower. Second graders are learning the different types of plurals. Third grade is working on either contractions or suffixes.

In history the students continue to work days of the week or months of the year.

In science, students continued working on parts of the tree, flower, or leaf.

In geography the students are working to finish their landforms, water forms, wetlands, clouds, or weather.

Next book report is a diorama and is due December 18th. Since the book report is a diorama, no written book report is due. Please note, starting January, the length of book reports and compositions will be increasing. To better prepare the students for the next grade, second grade will change from 1/2 of a page to a full page and third grade will change from a full page to 1 and 1/2 pages.

In the afternoon they enjoyed singing Christmas Carols.

We enjoyed our afternoon pj party on Friday.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

We are all counting down the days until the Christmas break and everyone seems to be very excited about the upcoming holidays. There are many important dates coming up next week. The gifts for the Christmas Angels should be in by Tuesday morning, December 13th. Please remember to label each present.

Each child has randomly picked a name from the class and will be presented with a handmade gift from their Secret Santa during our Christmas party on Friday, December 16th. Students will be allowed to bring in board games to play with their classmates on this date. The entire school will also gather on the 16th at 2:00 P.M. to sing Christmas carols with families and friends, so please join us.

This week fourth graders continued work on vocabulary, spelling and math. They did an investigation into the concepts of percents, fractions and decimals. They read through "Call It Courage" and began their book report. They memorized how to spell the eleven states and their capitals for the western region of the USA and they are preparing for a test in Florida History. In zoology they were busy creating a diagram of the many internal parts of the sea sponge. It was a very productive week.

As the quarter comes to a close, fifth graders are working diligently to either maintain or increase their grades. Students continue to complete a daily math set. In language, students are learning to differentiate between determiners and other parts of speech. With the activity of Mauna Loa, the class also discussed different types of volcanoes and how they form. In Botany, students are studying the characteristics of Amaryllis and how to identify the plant. They will be working in the garden with them next week.

Forming compound sentences and learning to distinguish between simple sentences and complex sentences were the sixth graders' focus in language

this week. These lessons are designed to help our students avoid fragments and run on sentences in their writing assignments. In Geography they are creating pin maps of South America identifying important features of each country.

All students were asked to bring in a small gift/ shopping bag to house all of their handmade crafts for the holidays.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Miss Finnerty, Ms. Sanchez

In the blink of an eye, we have finished the second quarter. Report cards will be sent out Friday, December 16th. Students received information packets for Science Fair. The packet included a timeline for project due dates. The first due date is January 3rd. This is for project proposal and hypotheses. Projects for Science Fair must be on grade level. Proposals for projects that are not on grade level will be rejected and the student will have to find a new project.

For math class news, Chase Ghingher and Micheal McGrogan completed Algebra 1, and have started Algebra 2! This week, 100% of students turned in their math binder to improve their math scores in the second quarter. We are very happy to have met our goal, and expect the same amount of participation next quarter!

In the holiday spirit, gifts are due next week. Foster care children's gifts are due Tuesday, December 13th. These gifts must be brought in unwrapped. Secret Santa gifts are due Wednesday, December 14th. Our class will be exchanging gifts on Friday, December 16th. Our students will be singing Christmas carols with the whole school, Friday, December 16th. They can wear a red or holiday top that day with uniform bottoms.

This evening, our students are having their Winter Dance from

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

6-9 PM. Photos will be shared next week!

We are proud of our students' accomplishments this quarter and are excited to see what they do in the next quarter!

AFTER SCHOOL

This week in after school, children have been given ample time in the afternoon to complete their homework. They also enjoyed playing a multitude of games outside. After coming back inside, students were given the option of board games and puzzles of their choice.

PRESCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer

This week during circle time, we discussed the meaning of Christmas with the children. The first thing some children said was "we get presents". We discussed that was true but it is not only about Christmas trees and exchanging gifts. It is more than that. It is a time that we get together with our family. We should also think of others whom are less fortunate than us. We sang several Christmas songs but their favorite songs were "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman". The children also worked on some Christmas crafts.

Before we went to the playground, the children had a friendly reminder again about the playground rules. Some children sang and danced to "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" and "Here Comes Santa Claus", while other children were hopping around the playground like Reindeers. Other children were making Christmas trees using sticks. They have a great imagination.

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Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, highly recognized research expert on infectious diseases, questioned the methodology and reported studies contained questionable results that the CDC relied on to create requirements and practices. Dr. Scott Atlas, an advisor to the Trump administration, and Victor David Hanson both Hoover senior fellow became critics of many practices and mandates of the CDC and NIH, which turned out to be correct. Dr. Vladimir Zelenko, world renown physician and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and Dr. Joseph Mercola both confirmed that Ivermectin was an effective part of the protocol to combat the Corona virus. They received ridicule for their statements. The NY Times reported ivermectin was not beneficial against Covid-19. This fact is being called into question. The FDA now says they only recommended that individuals not take ivermectin.

The obvious shortcoming of the CDC was that there were few scientific control studies done in the United States. Without scientific substantiation of the CDC recommendations, they were at best, questionable and some counterproductive. On other hand, Israel, had scientific studies whose results guided their Covid policies. There should have been open questioning and debate about any procedures and the results, which is how science is supposed to work. As of today, there have been no long-term studies of the Covid vaccine efficacy or long-term effects on human health.

Dr. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) falsely stated that the covid vaccine gave more immunity than recovering from the disease itself This ridiculous statement was finally reversed to conform to well established medical knowledge. Dr. Fauci went so far as to call himself “the high priest of science” where an attack on him is an “attack on science.”

Alex Berenson, an expert on disease research, was originally cancelled from Twitter by pressure from the Biden administration. His statements of the efficiency of various practices to curtail the epidemic was based on scientific studies done worldwide. The woke media would not recognize his expertise and disregarded his statements. He went on the offensive and sued Twitter for being removed from the platform and won. He demonstrated he was not a charlatan or conspiracy theorist but a truth teller.

The covid policies such as staying 6 feet apart, mandated masks, closed gyms, and nationwide church and school closure were found to be unnecessary. Unvaccinated people were removed from their jobs as the vaccine was mandated. These corrupt fiats from our government bureaucracy created false science to sell their political agenda. The practice of using questionable science to attain political goals has gone on for years. Corrupt governments use scientific lies to force their radical political agenda down the throats of citizens.

Any so called “deniers” have the protection of the First Amendment of the United States constitution: Freedom of Speech. This allows all citizens to express their ideas. Once our government denies the expressing of our opinions, we are no longer a free nation. The use of our government to cancel people for opinions that disagree with government policy supported by our corporate/mass media cartel must be stopped. The citizens should be encouraged to voice their opinion not be ridiculed, cancelled, fined, or jailed. The First Amendment is the foundation of all our freedoms.

According to our constitution our citizens direct representatives to do what the citizens want, not the government manipulating the people what to think and do. Controlling citizens by intimidation through agencies and personal attacks on people’s character needs to end.

The use of capricious government mandates during any crises only increases the government power to repress the people. Let us not give up our rights and freedoms under the guise of corrupt politicians frightening us to allow them to be tyrants to gain more power and money. Unregulated political power leads to totalitarianism.

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