

Wider Horizons School

Students are Back at Work!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1/18 January Geography Bee
1/16 M.L King Day (NO SCHOOL)
2/10 Science Fair (EARLY RELEASE)
2/13-2/17 Spirit Week



STUDENTS RETURN FOR A HOLIDAY VISIT

Matina Kanchanatip who graduated in 2019 and is now attending the University of Thailand studying architecture, Lindsay Chua who also graduated in 2018 and has since graduated from USF in nursing and is currently working as a nurse before going back to USF to further her education, Giles and Kobe also attended WHS. They visited the school before break and spoke to Junior high and High school of how they are doing and their vast accomplishments.

WHERE IS MELISSA HOLGADO, 2012 WHS GRADUATE NOW?



Melissa sent us her story.
"I enrolled at University of Central Florida and graduated with my bachelors in nursing with a biology minor in 2017! I worked as a telemetry nurse over at Advent Health East Orlando for a couple of years before deciding to become a travel nurse in September 2019. COVID was and still is a scary and wild time to work through but hospitals are adapting all the time. I've worked in Seattle, San Antonio and mostly California. I just finished a contract in Los Angeles in October and currently I'm on vacation until I find a new contract next year. In between I've been trying to travel more both in and out of the country but obviously COVID slowed those plans down. Next year maybe Jay and I can join our parents to go to the Philippines!"

PARENTS NEED TO PREVENT CULTURAL DAMAGE TO THE SOULS OF CHILDREN

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.
Traditional Realist

Most adolescents say they will not have children, nor do they desire to get married. Why should they want to bring children into this uncertain, painful, and unjust world? Families in the movies, on television and in the media are portrayed as dysfunctional and tragic figures. Love, joy, and happy endings are no longer common. Rather, most of the relationships are laced with suffering, betrayal, and violence. Instead of being a sanctuary of stability, the institution of marriage and love are now portrayed as a hell on earth.

In the past marriage had a simple script. Fathers worked outside the home. Mothers took care of the home, the meals, and the children. Fathers came home after work and were greeted by the wife and children. The father's role was to be the ultimate disciplinarian. The family was centered in the home and around the extended family. It was a simple lifestyle. Choices were limited as compared to today's lifestyle.

The options modern families have are greater, more confusing, and dangerous than ever. Young children, some as early as preschool, are introduced to sexual acts by people who simulate these acts in front of them in many settings.

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Students are getting back into their normal routines as we end inter break and begin the third quarter. They are readjusting to their schedules wonderfully.



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 Arctic Circle. 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 animal names in Spanish. For music, children are learning various Valentine's Day songs.

Have a great weekend!

PRIMARY
Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful winter break spent with family and friends. Primary was excited to be back for the second half of our school year. Students enjoyed being back in their school routine and seeing their friends again. They completed a new years poem and we began discussing the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In science, we began to learn about space. Students received a lesson on our solar system that included the planets, stars, comets, asteroids, and the sun.

Spelling lists resumed this week and all students in our classroom have began weekly spelling at this time. In primary, spelling lists are

given out on Wednesday. Students copy the spelling words for the level they are at and use them in sentences each day. When folders go home on Friday, families can see the current spelling list for their students to work on. Wednesday is also our spelling test day, so lists are given weekly.

Gideon mastered his addition facts this week. Great job!

Have a great weekend!

LOWER ELEMENTARY
Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

We would like to welcome back all the students. We hope that break was a safe and restful one. There is an excitement in the air that comes with a new beginning. Let's make 2023 a successful one!

This week in spelling the students worked in packets and went over their words verbally.

In math the students worked in their math booklets, solved applications, and continued to learn about 1/2 inch measurements.

This week in language the students worked from the tower.

This week in geography the students continued to work on landforms.

In history the student continued to work on needs of man and finishing up the months.

The students are working on all areas of botany.

The students did not have any multiplication test before break. We started again this week.

Congratulation to Brianna, James, Gianna, and Giovanna for perfect reading sheets this week! Keep up the good work!

Have an amazing weekend!

STUDENT EDITOR
YANNEISY FERRER



Christian, Logan (Primary), and Finn (Preschool) had their birthday walks! They walked around the sun once representing each year they've been alive.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

This week fourth graders start their new language book. This book will teach them more about the structure of words and how to use them. They continue on in spelling, and writing compositions, this week they write about what improvements they want to make this year.

In math students learned about four different types of graphs; pictographs, bar graphs, line graphs and pie charts. In geography they began mapping out the main geological features of the western states. We had a good start in our new semester!

Fifth graders had a wonderful start to the third quarter. They worked diligently on their new spelling and vocabulary. Their first composition of the new year was to explain any goals they had for themselves this year both personally and academically. In math, students has a review on how to properly read a math lesson. This will be important as students come across new concepts. In geography, students are learning about tectonic plates to prepare for volcanoes. Students also were given a lesson about the scientific method and had a class experiment where they followed all the steps to the scientific method as well.

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.

Have a great weekend!

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Miss Finnerty, Ms. Sanchez

The students are working on their third quarter grades. The subjects in each grade level contain information that is typically new material to the students. The students have been working hard this week getting back to their daily routines.

Next week the junior high will begin practicing questions for the Geography Bee. The 4th through 8th grade will go over questions periodically throughout the week. A preliminary contest will be held to get the top five students to participate in the final contest. Then, on January 18th the finalists will compete for first, second, and third place. The students can get online practice at <http://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/student-experiences/geobee/study/>.

The seventh and eighth grade began new novels this week. Reading is extremely important.

The junior high made a New Years craft in art this week depicting the fireworks we just saw all around the world in the New Year.

Have a fantastic weekend!

AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs. Poole

Students in after school were given time to complete homework they were assigned throughout the week or read books from our library.

During recess, the children played an organized game and had free play after every game for a short while. When they came back inside, they helped clean up the after school classroom by vacuuming the front hall way, taking out garbage and sweeping the floor. Once the clean up was done they had the options to do art, play board games or complete puzzles of their choice.

Have a good weekend!

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

PRESCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer

This week during circle time, now that the holidays are over and a new year has started, we decided to review some important lessons that we learned and must keep practicing every single day if we can. The first thing we agreed on was to be kind, polite, helpful, and respectful, and trying not to be so greedy.

While at the playground, we all danced to "We're Going to Kentucky" and "Simon Says" songs. The children had a blast! After that, some children also had fun with the playground equipment, and some were very busy collecting dried leaves.

Have a safe, fun-filled weekend!



Avea (preschool) is getting back into the swing of her normal routine and is reading a book during her morning work time.

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Oral sex is graphically demonstrated to these innocent children. Some professional exotic dancers perform “twerking” in front of young children to begin the process of normalizing lewd acts. Tolerance for evil acts is part of the agenda for supposedly expanding and turning citizens against traditional religious behaviors.

Parents are waking up to our government schools, Hollywood, corporate heads, the media and woke politicians indoctrinating our citizens to accept and even encourage youngsters’ sexual confusion to change their sex. Actual sexual acts with props are demonstrated to students. These “lessons” are not only inappropriate but are damaging to the normal sexual development of our children. Deviant behaviors that our government is teaching in our schools is an attempt to normalize Biblically sinful behavior.

Our medical for-profit industry is advocating gender reassignment. This procedure currently costs about \$40,000 as stated by the Virginia Hospital and is a good moneymaker. The problem is the youngsters are choosing to have these physical changes during preteen years without the ability to understand the physical and psychological implications. This is medical malpractice. Furthermore, the hormones injected into their bodies and the amputations cannot be undone when they experience the damage done. The medical profession has not developed ethical guidelines for treating young patients’ sexual dysphoria.

The Supreme Court decision to leave abortion decisions to the states caused a firestorm. Killing human babies has become preferable to many young people than killing animals at animal control. Some people in favor of abortion want to murder a baby up to the day of birth and some insane adults advocate for up to two years of age. The estimated number of abortions in the USA yearly is approximately a million.

Throughout our nation children are being forced into child trafficking. These children are sexually abused by pedophiles for their pleasure with rarely any criminal prosecution. These innocent children’s futures are severely scarred. The media is not wanting to expose this story as so many are powerful people are involved in it.

Our children are also being propagandized by Internet influencers and content that is supportive of early sexual experimentation and drug use. This underground social culture undermines parental authority and condones evil acts of self-destruction as “cool.”

Our children are the future of the nation. However, these youngsters are pushed into an unjust cultural world where they do not have the ability and maturity to understand the implications of long-term deviant behavior. They cannot negotiate all the propaganda they are inundated with at home, on the Internet, through the mass media, and in school. They are the true victims.

It is the responsibility of all conscientious adults to set the example of what constitutes a healthy lifestyle- not the media. Our government schools should listen to the students’ parents as to what they want the children to learn. School officials should not be stating that they are more important than the parents in deciding what moral values and beliefs children should learn. The parents have always been important, now more than ever.

Instead of focusing on social injustices of the past, that cannot be corrected, we should focus on the children by shielding them from social decay which our culture is drowning in. This indicates parents must be vigilant in monitoring their children’s internet involvement and especially discuss the lessons and ideas that have been taught at school. Parents need to be involved in all aspects of what their child is involved in and who they are with to prevent the child from becoming addicted to unhealthy thinking and behavior.

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