

Wider Horizons School

Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1/16 M.L King Day (NO SCHOOL)

1/18 January Geography Bee

2/10 Science Fair (EARLY RELEASE)

2/13-2/17 Spirit Week

AMERICAN HEROES NEED TO BE REMEMBERED

The Civil Rights leaders made a difference in American history. They helped to make necessary changes for all people to have the opportunity to gain the American Dream.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of these people who led the Civil Rights Movement and helped citizens in the United States to be able to work hard to better themselves.

Too often in today's world significant people are forgotten to be replaced by others less significant but current and politically correct. We have to work to maintain our real history.

WHY ARE THE CHINESE POLICE STATIONS STILL IN THE USA?

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD. Traditional Realist

Over a year ago we became aware of the presence of the Chinese Police Stations through news reports. The American ChangLe Association in New York City was found to house the Fuzhou Chinese Police Overseas Service Station. It claims to be a nonprofit group, however the IRS revoked the group's status. Its main purpose supposedly was to track down illegal transactions and activities of Chinese who have been critical of Premier Xi Jinping and his administration.

The Chinese government denies running these stations although many countries have reported through, local and national police investigations that these stations are policing Chinese nationals. Numerous immigrants have been monitored, blackmailed, and harassed for being critical of China's administration. *The main purpose seems to be to track down dissenters and send them back to China.* Many Chinese expatriates have left China to escape its policies, draining the nation's manpower and its best and brightest. China sees this diaspora as a critical problem and is attempting to prevent it by policing in other sovereign nations.

These police stations are on five continents with at least one hundred and ten identified police stations. This has been done without these nation's public notice or approval. China downplays these police stations as centers for Chinese immigrants to be assisted in getting passports and access for driver's licenses and helping their transition into another nation. These practices were already functions of the Chinese embassy.

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Students across all grade levels have been learning about MLK this week, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday. Many classes have created art work based on his ideologies as well as his famous "I Had A Dream" speech.



Students write about their own, I have a dream and illustrate their story.



PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez

This week in preschool we continued to talk about the Arctic Circle and we are learning about Antarctica as well. We also discussed Martin L. King Day. At the art table the children made various penguins, a polar bear and decorated a Martin L. King paper with their handprints.

During circle time the children had various lessons again. They had a lesson with the Spindle Box. The purpose of this material is to introduce the concept of “zero” as one box remains empty while the others are filled. They also has a lesson with the Number Rods. With this material they are exposed to the the length of the wooden rods progress from the smallest rod (10cm long) to the longest rod (1m) and are marked in colored sections from one to ten.

For language, the children had a lesson on finding missing letter sounds. The children also had another lesson that involved matching capital letters with lowercase letters.

PRIMARY

Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the students worked on two language assignments. Also, we read a book about Dr. King’s life.

In math, the students continued working with the decimal system. Lessons were given on the “Bring Me Game.” The students were introduced to the short bead chains. This activity promotes order and sequencing, as well as fine and gross motor movement. Also it reinforces linear counting and teaches the child skip counting (which is preparation for multiplication).

For science, the students explored the solar system more in depth: terrestrial vs giant planets;

Asteroid and Kuiper belt; Supernova; Constellations/ astronomy and space exploration (astronauts, satellites, rockets, etc.)

Congratulations to Caden for memorizing all of his addition facts to ten!



Ezra in primary had his birthday walk! He walked around the sun to represent each year he has been alive.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

This week Hadley, Riley, Braylen, Gianna, Victoria, Oscar, Aryan, Brianna, Javier, and Ethan had perfect reading sheets. Great job!

This week in math the students worked on their booklets, application, geometry cards, and measurement.

In spelling this week the students worked in their packet and we went over their words verbally.

In language the students worked from the tower. The second graders had a lesson on verbs and verb tense (past, present, and future). The third grade had a lesson on subject and predicate.

STUDENT EDITOR

YANNEISY FERRER

In art the students worked on a project for Martin Luther King Day.

In science the students continued to work on different types of leaves in botany.

In history students continue to work on needs of man. The students have several extensions on this work that they will be able to start upon completion of the work.

The student should be working on their Science Fair project. All topics were due this Friday. The students will bring their projects or boards to school and practice in class starting January 23rd (if possible). This will help the students be more prepared and confident.



Preschoolers have been working hard this New Year! Most recognize letters and letter sounds! And many more are reading words, sentences and even Bob Books.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

We are happy to say many of our students are excited about the upcoming Science Expo and have already submitted their proposals. 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.

This week fourth graders learned the synonyms and antonyms of 20 words, learned to spell 15 more and used their new words to write a fable. They have begun their book reports on a book of their own choosing. In math, students became acquainted with polygons, and did more work in long division. On Friday they took Saxon math test 11 over lessons 60-65. In zoology students learned the five external parts of the platyhelminth (flat worm) and in geography they reproduced two new maps of western states. On Friday all upper elementary students together created a huge mural of Martin Luther King Jr. to celebrate his life and fight for freedom.

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 continued to practice using the correct pronouns in a sentence, and tested on Thursday. After their assessment, they moved on to the next unit where they learned to make main verbs and helping verbs agree with their subjects in a sentence. In Physical Science sixth grade is exploring frame of reference

and are also learning to calculate speed. Europe is the next destination in geography. Each sixth grader has chosen a topic to present on a European country. Some chose to make a dish to share with their classmates. We would like to thank Mr. Difilippo (Matthew's dad) for making a delicious lasagna for us to enjoy!

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Miss Finnerty, Ms. Sanchez

This week our students hit the ground running. They all turned in their Science Fair questions and background. Next due date is Friday, January 20th, 2023. They will need to hand in their material list and procedure. We recommend the students do their experiments over the long weekend ahead.

Seventh grade Earth Science covered weathering and soil formation. They illustrated the layering of soil and watched a video explaining these concepts. Eighth grade Life Science began their introduction to plants. Ninth grade Physical Science illustrated gravitational and potential energy. Tenth grade Biology completed their chapter on mitosis and cytokinesis. They have started their lesson on the heart to soon be able to complete their first dissection. They will be dissecting a cow heart.

For MLK Day ahead, junior high watched a documentary explaining his life and work. 8th grade Civics began a power point project showcasing research they found about MLK Jr.'s influence on the civil rights movement.

Next week our junior high students will take part in the Geography Bee. On January 18th, 2023.

We all hope you have a safe long weekend. See you all on Tuesday.

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. Lundmark

This week in after school students were given time to work on homework or read. We enjoyed the nice weather outside by playing dodgeball, basketball, spud, and free play day on Friday. Students were also able to play games such as chess or draw.

PRESCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer

During our time inside, we read a book called "The Language of Friendship". It was about a giant tortoise and a young hippo. When the hippo was stranded on a coral reef and could not reach the shore, this 130 year old grumpy tortoise came to his rescue. The tortoise tried to push the hippo as hard as she could to get him free. After several tries, the hippo was freed and they became very good friends and had a "secret way" to communicate and they even shared their meals and slept next to each other.

While on the playground some children sang "Simon Says" and "Green Light, Red Light". Others were very busy using the playground equipment while others were playing in the sandbox. Once inside, the children worked with different activities of their choice.

Have a great weekend!

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China adamantly denies they are attempting to track, intimidate, and force Chinese to return to China for crimes against the state and putting fear into the hearts of any person that is contemplating escaping from Chinese control. Furthermore, they state, the United States should stop making groundless accusations against China to create false issues to profile China as a totalitarian state. Yet, the behavior of China continues to demonstrate a total disregard for other nation's legal systems.

FBI director, Christopher Wray, has stated: "The United States is deeply concerned with the Chinese government's setting up unauthorized police stations in the US cities to possibly pursue influence operations: the report said the stations were an extension of Beijing's effort to pressure some Chinese nationals or their relatives abroad to return to China to face criminal charges."

The Human Rights NGO, Safeguard Defenders, has documented numerous incidents of Chinese nationals in other countries being abused, intimidated, and threatened if they did not want to leave. This Chinese policy is a method to prevent "diaspora," the large scale leaving of one's country for another one, in this case by the Chinese people. The knowledge that the Chinese who have left China are still under immense scrutiny by Chinese agents in most of the advanced nations throughout the world is a deterrent to leaving China.

Safeguard Defenders have stated from April 2021 to July 2022 Chinese have been tracked down by CCP agents and have intimidated and persuaded 230,000 expatriates to return to China. This stunning reality is that the United States and other nations have not stood up to China and demanded that these Chinese Police Stations be vacated immediately. Instead, Chinese overseas police stations are still operating as if they have the right to do so on another nation's soil.

The establishment of separate police operations in a sovereign nation makes a mockery of the laws and power of that nation to rule its citizens. This is not happening just in the United States but in many other nations. Has China gained significant power over the nations of the world to dictate their policies to other nations? Is China now in a positive position to demand other countries accept and follow their lead even in those supposedly independent nation states?

It is a frightening proposition that no national government has publicly addressed this international overreach by the Xi Jinping government. Is it that China has such enormous economic, military, and political power over nations that allows them to disregard the sovereignty of that nation? In other words, is China the ultimate leader of a one-world government?

Are Chinese Police Stations throughout the world, with their own laws being accepted by all nations as only a temporary phase of international relationships? If it is an acknowledgement that China has the right to dictate and establish a separate and legal system above other nations, then China has supreme power over any other nation that accepts the Chinese Police Stations on their soil.

American politicians: do your job and rule on China's violations of our national sovereignty and rid them of their ability to exist in foreign countries. To remain silent on this affront to the United States, is to admit Chinese power over American law and dominance.

American citizens need to demand our leaders respond to this absurd and offensive behavior by Premier Xi before it is too late. China needs to understand they must remove their Police Service Stations immediately from the United States to preserve our nation's autonomy.

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