

Wider Horizons School

WHS SPIRIT WEEK



DATES TO REMEMBER

2/19 **President's Day- no school**

3/1 Father's Day Visit

3/8 Class Photos

3/13 World Culture Day

3/15 Report Cards

3/15-26 Spring Break

SPIRIT WEEK FUN

We adopted Spirit Week many years ago. This is a fun dress up week that most of the students enjoy. Usually the students just continue working as usual despite the unusual way they are dressed.

They enjoy seeing the outfits their classmates create for the different days.

PUNISHMENT IS BECOMING ILLEGAL IN OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR NATION
BY Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

Our national policies are naive, illogical, and create the exact opposite effect of what was supposed to be achieved. It is happening in our school, judicial, and political systems. Instead of raising the standards of proper behavior, our leaders are lowering our expectations and standards and therefore more negative behavior and values have become acceptable.

Our traditional biblical standards are being replaced by what was once sinful. Lying, cheating, stealing, adultery, carjacking, kidnapping, killing unborn babies, beating police officers, squatting in homes, have all become prevalent. Taking advantage of the defenseless is glorified in Hollywood, the media, politics, and business on both the national and local level. Practically our entire culture is honoring anyone that "gets over" on the others and blames them for being naïve or just plain stupid.

The abusers of power or the exploiters of the unsophisticated if they are successfully ripping off their victims, are honored as a success. The perpetrators are seen as con artists who receive no negative consequences for their underhanded businesses, political, and educational practices. *Continued on last page*

SOCCKER GOAL BUILDERS



Lynus, Matthew, Barrett and Alexander put together new soccer goals for the classes to use on the field.



PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez and Ms. Rios

This week in Preschool, we continued working with Valentine's Day themed work and the children learned about President's Day. During circle, the class enjoyed listening to and learning new Valentine songs and stories. At the art table, the children made various Valentine crafts and a mask for President's Day. The children had lots of fun giving their friends Valentine cards.

During Science the children had lessons on different animals from around the world and where they come from. They also learned about and watched a short video on volcanoes. The children also got to erupt their own volcano. It was very exciting and they had lots of fun!

In Language and Math, we continued reviewing and practicing daily. We introduced new sound work for those that are still learning sounds and some students had a lesson on rhyming words. In math, Eduardo, Abigail, and Oliver have started working on their addition book. Congratulations to Bjorn for completing his mixed extension book! We continue to encourage each child to do their best and challenge themselves to do more everyday.

PRIMARY

Miss Finnerty and Ms. Wallace

This week in Primary, we had a wonderful time celebrating

Valentine's Day and the love and kindness in represents.

We also began discussing Presidents Day and the importance of our Founding Fathers. We remember them for their great efforts so that we may have freedom. To honor this day, the children copied a poem about Abraham Lincoln.

In math, students learned the names and values of each coin. To help them remember, they learned a song.

During circle, we played the adjective game. Each student had to come up with a kind, descriptive word for the person sitting next to them. This was a great language and kindness exercise, and helped the students show their love for their classmates.

We had a busy week in art, students completed cards and special Valentine's magnets for their families.

Congratulations to Skylar for passing the four times tables.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Mark, Quindolyn, James W., Adelina, Taj, and Joemanuel for moving up in their times tables. Congratulations to Liam, Bentley, and Jace for moving up to division. Congratulations to Jax and Logan for mastering all mixed facts.

STUDENT EDITOR

Chase Ghingher

In spelling this week, the students worked on their packets.

In math, the students worked on applications booklets, and rounding to the nearest thousand. They also had a lesson on extension math, which is made up of three part matching cards. The lesson was on application problems. The students also have to read the application, find the equation that matches, and find the answer.

In language, the students are working from the tower.

This week was Spirit Week. We were happy to see the students participating.

In history, the students continue to work and have lessons on on Native American history. Next week we will be making food related to the Southeast Region. Please look for volunteer papers that went home last week for bringing in the ingredients needed.

In geography, most students have finished the continents and are working on states. The students get to learn interesting facts about each state. Please note that the students should now have a list of 30 states in their homework folder.

In science, the students continue to work on vertebrates.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini,
Ms. Russell

Proposals for the World Culture Fair were distributed this Tuesday, and the majority of our students have already submitted theirs. In the event of a lost proposal, a note indicating the student's chosen country along with a parent signature will be sufficient. Parental signatures are necessary as this fair entails parental assistance in preparing a dish on the day of the event.

Fourth graders were assigned a new state from the New England region of the United States. Students were told to emphasize the culture and landmarks of their chosen state. Students learned about congruent and similar shapes in math, and should be doing research on their Culture Fair countries.

This week the 5th graders are learning about intensive and reflexive pronouns, as well as antecedents. They are on lesson 20 of their spelling books and continuing with their vocabulary words. The children enjoyed the Science Fair on Friday. They all did such a wonderful job! This week in botany we'll be planting milkweed seeds for monarch butterflies. The President's Day Research Paper is due on February 23rd.

The sixth graders' upcoming focus is on Europe. They are currently delving into cultural facts about their selected countries and will also incorporate a special topic, ranging from fashion to food or even sports. In physical science, they are studying friction, motion, inertia, and have begun exploring Newton's Laws of Motion. Due to the Science Expo, scorecards were delayed last week; however, they

will be distributed today. Apologies for any inconvenience.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Mrs. Sanchez, Ms. Wheeler

Another week has flown by! We would like to thank everyone for assisting our students with the preparation of their Science Expo projects. We were very impressed with everyone's hard work and would like to congratulate them on a job well done. We would also like to thank all family members who came into our classroom to observe the projects and ask questions about them. Your participation is invaluable and appreciated.

We would like to congratulate Reagan Wilkie and David Khaidov for finishing Advanced Math! They have now completed their high school math requirements and are eligible for Dual Enrollment. We are very proud of their progress and the head start they have given themselves by being so productive.

This week, the 7th graders are reading The Call of the Wild by Jack London. The novel follows a St. Bernard and Scotch collie mix throughout his journey as a sled dog. Eighth grade students are still reading War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells. They will be analyzing what genre they would classify the novel as and what they feel is successful and unsuccessful about the work. In American History, 9th grade students are studying the Mexican Cession and the formative years of the state of Texas. In World History, 10th graders are studying China and its most successful dynasties.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in Spirit Week. We all had a lot of fun with this activity and are glad the students seemed to enjoy the opportunity to express themselves. Please

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

remember that the dress code goes back to normal when we return to school on Tuesday the 20th, following our break on Monday the 19th for Presidents' Day.

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

This week during circle time, we had a lesson on recycling. Most of the children already knew about recycling and why we do it. All of the children were given a pageful of different objects and had to circle the ones that they thought could be recycled. They all tried their hardest and did a great job.

We also read a book about gorillas and their behaviors. Some are almost as smart as humans. They are intelligent and like to take naps when they eat a lot. The children also learned that gorillas can be very gentle and that baby gorillas liked to play.

While outdoors, some children were playing Red Light, Green Light, some of the others were playing on the sand box while the rest played on the playground equipment.

Enjoy your weekend!

Our public schools are receiving an exorbitant amount of money for each student attending their so-called educational programs which is estimated to be around \$40,000 per pupil. The effectiveness of the educational programs has declined according to educational testing as compared to other countries.

Our police officers are sitting ducks. Many of these would be gangsters use their fists and whatever is at hand to beat officers. These vicious physical attacks are often witnessed by citizens who ignore the violence, take videos, or just walk away instead of seeking help. Even if the incident is reported, today's justice system may release the criminal back into the community with no legal consequences for their crimes. Similarly, judges are not following through on election law crimes by politicians who are not following the laws. Citizens cannot even discuss possible election fraud and illegal practices without the threat of suffering criminal consequences such as jail time for questioning election practices.

Commentators are questioning if we now have a two-tier legal system. The party in power can use many internal agencies such as the justice department, FBI, CIA, the IRS and even the media to convict whoever they want by distorting whatever they supposedly did to appear as a crime.

Even our local school board superintendents are more political operatives than educators. Most school superintendents can justify their new policies by emphasizing the financial effectiveness of these practices and the potential positives. Each new year the focus is on how much better the educational program is going to be but not on how last year's program increased the learning of the students.

The increase in school violence, lower test scores and resignations of teachers is not closely reviewed. It is interesting that a similar practice happens with politicians responsible for counties, cities, and states and even the presidency of the United States. The discussion is not about their success, but the focus is on what they are going to do. The same political tactics are used in our justice system, our law enforcement, and our elections for high political office. The two-tiered judicial system currently in place favors certain political party affiliates, ethnicities, and other protected groups. Promises of great change in their political organizations is held up as the solution to better results. Yet the same end game brazenly appears.