

Wider Horizons School

Annual Science Expo!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

2/10 Science Expo (EARLY RELEASE)

2/13-2/17 Spirit Week

2/20 President's Day NO SCHOOL

(5/5 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE date)

It has come to our attention that there are a lot of younger students (and older ones) who are viewing inappropriate (evil) videos and music online, on phones and on television. The problem is once you see awful things you can not "unsee" it. Please check on your child.

ANNUAL SCIENCE EXPO

Students in every grade prepared a project to present to their class and the judges who came in today.

This is a special day for the students to practice their public speaking skills and learn to present something to a group of people. There are a lot of skills that need to be mastered to become skilled at public speaking.

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS WHO CAME IN TO JUDGE THE SCIENCE EXPO TODAY !!



Students in all classrooms and across all grade levels did amazing at the Science Expo and spent all week practicing their speeches to ensure their perfection!



THE LACK OF RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY IS THE ISSUE

By Domenick J. Maglio Ph.D.

Today's children act as if they are on the same level as their parents or are even "the boss." Too many children disobey or shout at their parents in public places. There are few parameters and demands placed on modern children by their parents. Frequently the reverse is true, that the children make the demands. Parents often feel guilty for not being there like their parents were for them. Guilt prevents many parents from saying "no" to these ever-increasing demanding children.

Our present authority figures such as teachers, ministers, coaches, business owners, and even police have lost the respect of the general public. Our news media is constantly exposing every authority figure's misdeed. The media rarely highlights the wonderful and honorable deeds of the majority of these powerful role models.

Police who put their lives on the line everyday are being portrayed not as role models by the media and race hustlers but as racist: whether the police are black or white. The BLM movement after George Floyd's tragic death inspired the slogan and movement: Defund the Police. This idea was glorified by the media although 80% of blacks are in favor of the police presence as they understand the absence of police increases crime in their community. Blacks in high crime neighborhoods know police officers are not perfect but they are better than out of-control teenagers and hardened criminals randomly shooting innocent people.

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PRESCHOOL
Mrs. Bermudez

This week in Preschool, we continued working with Valentine's Day themed work. During circle time, the class enjoyed listening and learning new Valentine songs and stories. On the art table the children painted hearts on a paper bag and completed their groundhog from last week.

For Language we continue reviewing and practicing everyday. We introduced new sound work for those that are still learning sounds and we introduced two part matching sentences for those that are reading. During circle time, the children had a lesson on how to make phrases using the Movable Alphabet. We also added a book with sight words which some children are writing.

In the Math area, the children had a lesson again on Formation of Quantities 11 to 99 with the Bead Material. The purpose is to teach children the numbers from 11 to 99 using the Bead Material. Some students also had a lesson on multiplying with the decimal system and the multiplying board.

We continue to encourage each child to do their best and challenge themselves to do more everyday. In a Montessori classroom children are developing a positive attitude toward school, assisting each child in building the habit of concentration, developing habits of initiative and persistence, fostering inner security and a sense of order, helping develop sensory motor skills, sharpening the ability to discriminate and judge the materials, helping the child develop socially, develop creative intelligence and imagination and the most important being independent. Being independent is an essential part of life. Here are some ideas that parents can use.

For example, parents can help by letting them dress themselves, eat on their own, pick up their own mess and at school let them walk in by themselves from the front door.

REMINDER: Parents, next week is Spirit week and if you want your child to bring Valentine cards to share with their friends on Valentine's Day (February 14), please send 30 cards with only your child's name on it. NO

CUPCAKES or COOKIES please.
Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend!

PRIMARY
Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

Science Expo was a successful event. The students enjoyed each other's demonstrations and presentations. We would like to thank our parents for helping your child succeed. We hope you enjoyed walking around and looking at the science projects.

Next week is Spirit Week! Please remember no denim is to be worn on any day. If your child chooses not to participate, he/she needs to wear the school uniform. If your child chooses to bring in Valentines for Valentine's Day, please send in 31 with only your child's name on it. If there are not 31 cards, they will not be passed out. Each child must receive one.

For the past few weeks or so, we have been re-emphasizing the importance of working independently, making good choices and accepting accountability for the choices made, being kind, and treating everyone respectfully. During one of the circles the students were asked to say something kind and nice to the peer sitting next to them. Some children used beautiful adjectives describing their peer, and some had a difficult time with the activity. We will continue with similar activities. It is important for the children to realize that there is good in everyone, though everyone is different.

In honor of Presidents Day we began reading books about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We put together a language activity. Afterwards, the children created a portrait of each president using construction paper. Because this weekend is the Super Bowl, and the Eagles are in the Super Bowl again, we had a tutorial on how to draw a football, and the children chose their favorite team (Eagles) to root for. Just for fun, we are keeping track of their vote. We shall see Monday who the winner is. Fly Eagles, fly!

STUDENT EDITOR

YANNEISY FERRER

Brent completed all the series reading books. He will now move on to the GPS- Reading Cards.

LOWER ELEMENTARY
Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Riley, Carter, Aryeh, and Molly for having perfect reading sheets this week!

We would like to thank the judges that came to our classroom to judge the students. The Science Expo was a great success. It was interesting to see their creative minds shine.

In spelling this week the students repeated their words and went over them with verbal definitions and worked in their packets.

In math this week the students worked on geometry cards, applications, and booklets. The students had a lesson on fact families.

In language the students are working from the tower and doing extension cards to review previous language.

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

In geography, the students worked on weather, clouds, landforms, wetlands, and water forms, coastline, bodies of water, and glaciers.

In social studies the students continued to learn about Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest and reviewed N, W, S, and E. They also had a lesson on solids, liquids, and gases.

In science the students continued to work on leaves, plants, stems, and different styles of roots.

In art, the student worked on President's Day crafts.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

The afternoons this week were mainly spent in preparation of our school's annual Science Expo. There were so many great projects this year. Claire's "Five Second Rule" project had her peers thinking twice about eating something that fell on the floor; Robert's "Mitigating Hurricane Winds" was also very impressive, while Mason's RC car and Matthew D.'s helicopter were hits with the boys. Parents and friends were invited to visit our classroom today and many were impressed with our projects. We would like to thank the judges for their participation.

This week fourth graders prepared for the science fair by practicing their presentations and creating beautiful and informative displays. They also did several sets of math, and began writing their book reports for The Winter People, as well as making good progress in their vocabulary workbooks and doing a language tower exercise each day. In the afternoon when students took turns presenting their science fair projects 4th graders prepared flash cards in preparation for a wrap up test happening next week on flat worms and students colored in topographic maps of the western states.

Fifth graders applied their science project skills to their vocabulary this week as they were given words commonly used with the scientific method. Students were encouraged to use some of these terms in their presentations as well in their everyday conversations going forward. With the completion of the Science Expo fifth grade will soon be tested on the theory of tectonic plates. Their book report on a biography of their choice is due next week on February 15th.

This week sixth graders began the unit on capitalization. In this unit they will learn to apply the rules of capitalization to their writing. These rules should be applied to all writing assignments. In Physical Science they explored the topic of fluid pressure. Not only did this chapter address Archimedes' principle and why things float or sink, but they also learned

about Bernoulli's principle which is used to explain flight.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Miss Finnerty, Ms. Sanchez

This week was a busy one. The Junior High and High schoolers participated in a field trip to the Dade Battle Field to witness old fashioned culture at the "Road Back in Time" exhibit. We learned about the customs and events of the time and enjoyed getting to participate in all of the hands-on activities.

In 9th grade, Physical Science students created an illustration of the Doppler Effect or the Decibel Scale. This activity helped them gain a deeper understanding of these concepts, while also enabling the students to express themselves artistically.

All students presented their Science Expo projects at our annual Science Expo in front of our judges. We are impressed with the effort shown by our students, and we want to give them a big shout out and a thank you to our judges for their time and participation.

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer

During circle time, the first thing we did was to review the proper way we should act and behave in the classroom, such as using quiet voices, and how we use the activities properly. The children also practiced how to walk indoors.

We read a book called "What's Inside"/ This is a story of an egg that hatches and the cracks were getting bigger and what can be braking the egg and what is making it crack? There is a little noise coming form inside the egg... tap, tap, tap. As the crack is getting bigger, the children were all wondering what kind of animal was trying to push out of the

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shell. What can it be? Can it be head or a beak? One child thought it was a horse, and who ever saw a horse with a beak? Finally we saw a beak and feathers and feet. The children faces and expressions were priceless. Finally a gosling was hatched and will grow up to be a big, white, fluffy goose.

While in the playground, some children participated in some games such as "drivers" for "Wheels on the Bus" and some children were the passengers. Some children helped by doing some weeding in our garden, they did a great job. Once inside, we finished the Valentine's Day crafts and after that, they played with board games, legos, etc..

This week the older students have the option to paint flowers using the celery stalk bottoms in different colors of paint for Valentine's Day. They can either draw stems for their flowers of make a vase with tissue paper. They were also given time to work on their studies and grow their mid.



Junior high and high school went on a field trip to the "Road Back in Time" where they were able to learn about life on the pioneer in early Florida. They did many activities including making corn meal, seeing how school houses were set up, learning how to use a spinning wheel, seeing how resin was made, and learning how trading worked.

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The disrespect towards the police is a dangerous aspect of our society. After WWII a large portion of citizens who were drafted into the military were very different when they returned from war. These US citizens passed the discipline and obedience that they learned in the military onto their children. These parents were stronger in their discipline than parents are today. Parents and children followed orders of authority instead of being verbally or physically hostile. Complying with the wishes of authority figures regardless of their negative attitude or demands de-escalated the anxiety of the police officers. Law enforcement members understand how quickly an arrest can escalate into a free for all.

While in office, President Obama spoke to the nation about the difficult conversation he had to have with his teenagers about being differential to the police if they were pulled over. He said to always keep your hands in view and be pleasant. Everyone regardless of color or ethnicity should have this same discussion with their children as soon as they can drive. When a police officer pulls a car over for a minor infraction the situation can escalate quickly depending on the driver's behavior.

Frequently in the media there are drive-by shootings, random killings of police officers for no reason other than their uniforms identify them as law officers. No one can deny that being a police officer is often a thankless and always a dangerous job. All police officers should be leery of people they encounter, especially when they single out a stranger they are going to question.

It is wise for anyone being approached by the police to realize the police officer is attempting to do his job of maintaining law and order. They have the legal authority to question a person of interest. Anyone who is disrespectful to a police officer is making a grievous error.

When a person is disrespectful to the police the emotions of both the policeman and the person being questioned escalate which is potentially dangerous for both. If the policeman or group of policemen are hostile it is best to control one's emotions so as not to cause an incident. There will be the next level of legal personnel you can speak with to correct any injustice.

Pro football players face physical dangers but receive great monetary rewards and accolades. Police officers face life and death threats daily in the line of duty but receive small monetary salaries and harassment instead of respect.

Respect makes sharing viewpoints easier. Lack of respect often ends in hostility or worse. The obvious disrespect of law enforcement, the most necessary position to maintain law and order, is being vilified by the media and politicians. "Defunding the police" has even been rejected by blacks in high crime areas. It is a nonsensical idea by affluent woke politicians who can hire their own armed guards for protection.

These educated woke people should be required to watch old westerns. They would realize when the sheriff's office is vacated town folks beg for a replacement. The police officer, not politicians, establish and maintain law and order.

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