

Wider Horizons School

Annual Spirit Week!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

2/20 President's Day NO SCHOOL

3/10 Report Cards go home

3/13-20 *Spring Break (return to school 3/21)*

3/29 Technology Day

3/30 Class Photos



Students across all grades had a blast participating in Spirit Week! They all were very creative with their outfits and looked amazing!



Years ago a parent suggested having a Spirit Week. The junior high class decides on which days will be the dress-up days and what they will wear.

The students have enjoyed this special week for many years now and it provides lots of colorful photos for the yearbook!

Most of the students took part in the different days and dressed in wonderful outfits. The little girls had a hard time not twirling every time they walked.



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.

OUR CULTURE HAS BEEN TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.,

The United States stood for God, country, and freedom. America was the leader of the free world and was the arch enemy of communism. We were family-oriented people who believed in Judaic-Christian principles and values. Men were men and women respected their differences and raised the children. Teachers used to begin the school day with a prayer and flag salute. Divorce was not considered a solution to marital problems but as the death of the family. Citizens were God loving patriots. Military strength and law and order were supported and respected. Babies were a blessing and the key to our future.

Preachers, teachers, and politicians were respected although citizens knew they might be faulty humans who could be tempted by evil. Those who went off the righteous and just path were vigorously punished by the public and the law. Treasonous or corrupt actions were severely handled in the military, the judicial system, and the mass media. There were no special protected classes or scapegoats. The media reported most of the evidence on both sides of the story.

Beginning in the late 1950s and early 60s our nation began on a journey to become a more tolerant society by attacking values and accepting anti-traditional and grossly deviant behavior. "Deviance Down" became an intellectual fad that poisoned our Judaic-Christian value system, that elevated satan above God in the minds and souls of our entertainment, mass media, political, corporate world, education, and even in the general population especially our children.

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PRESCHOOL
Mrs. Bermudez

This week in preschool, we added new St. Patrick's Day themed work to the shelves. At the art table, the children are working on Saint Patrick's Day and President' Day crafts. The children are also continuing to learn about fish, snails, and chickens.

In language, the children had lessons on sounds, short vowels (cat, bib), blends (frog) and digraphs (shell). A blend is two letters put together and you hear two sounds. A digraph is two letters put together and you hear one sound. Congratulations to Manny, Finn, Rylee, Zoe, and Althaea. They are reading Bob books now!

In math, some students are working with identifying numbers, writing numbers, addition, subtraction, teen board, the ten board, and the decimal system. Congratulations to Kyrii for completing an addition book, to Aurora, Masa, Eli, Juliet, Manny, and Kota for completing a subtraction book, and to Jacob and Rocco for completing a mixed addition and subtraction book!

In Practical Life, the children have learned how to pour water, how to clean a mirror, how to serve liquid, and many tea activities. Practical Life activities help assist the child in developing social skills and personal independence. They will learn to take better care of themselves and their environment. The indirect aim is to develop the child's fine motor movement, which involves the body, intellect, and will.

Have a wonderful weekend!



PRIMARY
Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

What a fun busy week we have had! Spirit week was a success! The children enjoyed participating and dressing up differently each day. They all looked adorable dressed up for our class picture!

Valentine' Day was as sweet as can be! The children shared Valentines amongst themselves. Each child took home a paper bag filled with Valentines from their classmates.

Math was a review this week. We asked the students to challenge themselves and move out of their comfort zone, try new materials, and memorize new facts.

For language this week, we finished up our President's Day studies. We learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and their importance in history.

We would like to congratulate Caden and Kinsley for completing the Bob Books and moving on to the next set of reading books.

Have a fun filled and safe long weekend!



Seventh and Eighth grade made maps for their Geography courses, Seventh grade made maps of North and South America, while Eighth grade made maps of Africa.

STUDENT EDITOR

YANNEISY FERRER

LOWER ELEMENTARY
Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

This week was Spirit Week and the students all looked great dressed up and most of all they enjoyed themselves.

In math, the students reviewed fact families, had a lesson on symmetry, completed math booklets, and $>$, $<$, and $=$. The students had a lesson on fact families and extension work on the shelf.

In language this week the students worked from the tower. Second grade is learning about synonyms. Third grade is working with subject and pronouns.

In spelling, the students talked about their spelling words and went over them verbally, and worked in their packet.

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

In social studies the students continued to learn about Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast, mapping, and use of a map and key.

In science, the students continued to learn about parts of a flower, stems, and leaves.

In art, the students will start crafts for Father's Day,

Have a safe weekend!

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

This week all of Upper Elementary enjoyed Spirit Week. We encouraged all students to participate and this gave them an opportunity to show their creative outfits. Thank you to all students who participated in Spirit Week!

Fourth graders in the morning worked on spelling, vocabulary, writing a friendly letter, completed a book report, and learned some of the parts of speech via the Montessori language tower. From 10:00 until recess and lunch students worked on a new math concept and then worked through 30 mixed problems that cover all of the concepts they have learned so far. They had the chance to explore graphing in math investigation #8. After lunch, the fourth graders did Spanish, Florida History, geography, and zoology. This week they completed their in-depth exploration of flatworms with a comprehensive test they took on Friday.

Fifth grade returned to their normal routine after having a different schedule for the Science Expo. Their book report was due this week and their next book is either *Rascal* or *A Family Apart*. It will be due February 28th. Students should now be getting closer to the end of their math textbook. Once students finish all of the lessons in the textbook, they will have to take the final exam before they move on to the sixth grade textbook. Students had to show the difference between transform, convergent, and divergent boundaries in geography. In Botany, students were paired into teams to see which group could research and name a plant brought into the classroom. Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Avery's team were the first group to successfully name the "*Dracaena fragrans* plant."

Sixth graders put their knowledge of Archimedes' principle to work for them last week in physical science. They worked on a challenge where they created their own boat and tested their design to see which one floated the best. Robert's design won the challenge because his boat was able to support the most weight. In Language

we continued to review the rules on capitalization; this unit is very important because there is a whole section dedicated to capitalization in the Iowa Basic Skills Test. Sixth graders are about to complete the last unit in their vocabulary book and should begin to study for the final exam next Friday. Next, they will work in the book, *A Hundred Words All Middle Schoolers Should Know*. A quick note about math; many of the sixth graders are very close to the end of the book. These lessons are new concepts and require more attention and focus. Lessons may need to be read a few times to fully understand or to memorize formulas. Rulers are a requirement for all straight lines, all work must be shown, and steps should be followed step by step to complete the book successfully.

Have a great weekend!

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Miss Finnerty, Ms. Sanchez

With the class field trip to Dade City for the Road Back in Time, the science fair, and spirit week over the students are working to finish up the third quarter. This quarter's grades close in two weeks. Report cards will go home on March 10th when we leave for Spring Break.

The seventh and eighth grade students have completed their maps for their geography courses. The maps coincided with the unit each grade level was working on.

There will be another field trip on March 3rd to PAW Materials, in Odessa, more details will be given out next week.

The students have been working on writing different skits. These skits should be turned into the office after they are completed on their computer. The students have been told to send the completed skits to the office e-mail.

Being toward the end of the quarter, math binders are due on Wednesday March 1st. We are encouraging all students to read

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their novels. Reading is essential in comprehending information in all facets of life.

Enjoy the three day weekend that is celebrating President's Day. We will see everyone back on Tuesday, February 21st.

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer

During circle time, now that the children have finished their artwork for Valentine's Day, they started working on their President's Day art. We also had a chance to work with math and shapes. It was easy to tell by their faces that they were having fun.

We read a book called "Desert Animals". One question was asked by several children, "What do animals drink in the desert?" Where water is scarce, sometimes no rain falls for months or even years. Desert creatures can get by on little or no water. We also learned that when it is very windy and sand is blowing, the camels close their nostrils between breaths to keep the sand out and their long eye lashes protect their eyes from blowing sand. The children were all asking very interesting questions.

In the playground, some children sang and played while singing "Ring-Around-the-Rosie" and playing Simon Says. Some played in the sandbox and were building sandcastles. Once inside the children had a choice to pick and work with any board game, lego puzzles or any game of their choice.

Have a safe, fun-filled weekend!

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With the woke Marxist culture, change has appeared to happen overnight although it has been metastasizing and fomenting underground for the last 50 years. These woke advocates are attempting to annihilate all aspects of our traditional history and culture.

The education indoctrination system in our public schools gained traction in the universities where socialist-communist professors openly shoved an anti-American interpretation of history down the throats of these adolescent students. As the process gained momentum in the 1960s so did the growth of our colleges. These institutions used their immense power to dictate the need for a college degree for almost every entry level job. It allowed our so-called "higher education" system to become brainwashing anti-American, pro-communist centers.

At the same interval, in the beginning of the 1960s, Dr. Spock, a physician and socialist candidate for president of the United States, wrote the book Baby and Child Care that was diametrically opposed to proven and well-established traditional child rearing principles. His influence has grown to the point that many of the anti-discipline techniques that he endorsed have created children that are out-of-control, lazy, unproductive adults. These people have not been taught to believe in the work ethic. In these easily influenced woke minds they have been taught that the government should provide for them instead of being free to apply their energies and mental acuity to create their own destiny.

The sanctity of human life is being relentlessly attacked from conception to death. The fanatically woke elite and their followers argue that the global population needs to be drastically lowered to preserve Mother Earth. Global warming panic is being utilized as a motivator to reverse overpopulation throughout the world. The viewing of a baby as a curse rather than a blessing is being pushed by the mass media, public school curriculum, and college educators.

Many woke politicians are advocating legalizing abortion up to the day of birth and some radicals up to two years old. On the other side of the life cycle, doctors are often independently determining how long to preserve a life.

We Americans are witnessing the attack by enemies inside and outside of our country. We see the near collapse of our traditional American values, our nation's economic and military strength. China, on the other hand, proceeds to ignore our nation's sovereignty by flying balloons or whatever else they want to do as if we are a paper tiger. The balloon incidents across the entire United States and the diplomatic insults by the Chinese officials towards our pathetic president and his administration demonstrate a demoralized, corrupt, defeated second rate nation.

We saw the Grammy's and the Superbowl half time show where lucifer is worshiped and God's laws are ridiculed and ignored. This dismantling of our great free nation must be turned around immediately, or the world will lose its only hope for freedom to exist and flourish.

No longer can we close our eyes to satan's destruction of the fabric of our beliefs, freedom, and our unity. Standing up to the evil that surrounds us is the only way to prevent the losing of our Judaic-Christian values, beliefs, and opportunity to be the best we can be.

Disciplining our children, loving our families and country, will defeat evil and will return us to our rightful place as the leader of the free world.

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