



Wider Horizons School

World Culture Day

DATES TO REMEMBER

3/17-3/24 Spring Break
3/25 Return to school
3/31 Upper elementary field trip to Three Sister Springs
3/31-4/4 IOWA TESTING
4/2 Primary field trip to Chinsegut Nature Center

IOWA TESTING 3/31-4/3

WHS will hold our annual National Iowa Testing on the above dates. It is imperative that ALL children grades 2-8 attend and take these tests.

We are required to send our scores to the state of Florida to comply with their Tuition Assistance Program.

Please be sure your child gets a good night sleep and a good breakfast before coming to school. Also please do not be late!

ANNUAL WORLD CULTURE DAY

Students in all grades chose a country to learn about and made a food to share from that country. This is an especially enjoyable day for all the students to share information and food together.



Many primary students dressed in the native costume of the country they studied. There were two tables laden with all the foods to share.

DEVELOPING A FAMILY TAKES TREMENDOUS SACRIFICE TO DO IT RIGHT

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

Many millennials are not only attracted to socialist ideas but also realize that raising a family takes more personal sacrifice than they are willing to consider. There is little immediate gratification to a long-term relationship. It is much more appealing to young adults to “hook up”, live together with no commitment, have serial marriages or just remain a self-serving, perennial adolescent.

When men can get all the “milk without buying the cow” and women can have random, carefree sex without worrying about having a “burden” of an unwanted pregnancy, marriage loses its appeal. This weakening of long-term commitment and a satisfying marriage has been going on for generations. Short-term romantic, emotional feelings are more seductive than rationally solving pragmatic issues for a successful long-term marriage.

In the past, family life in a free-market economy was attractive to parents and their children. They worked together to build a future through their industriousness and dedication.

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Lower elementary students had really good presentations of their country of choice and really good foods to share with classmates.



PRESCHOOL

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Nieves

Welcome to Spring! We are hoping to see nicer weather as Spring is here! This week we are discussing the different types of weather that we can have. We are also reading Dr. Seuss books that the students are bringing in. Last week, we encouraged our students to read more, and with that seven of our students moved up in Bob Books!

In math, we continue to learn different lessons on addition and subtraction, while some of our newer students are learning to trace numbers 1-5 and 1-10.

In language, we continue to learn to sound out our words and spell our objects with the moveable alphabet.

This week we are having the Culture Day, where our students have learned facts about a country they picked. We will also be exploring new foods from these different countries.

In art, we have created some fun Dr. Seuss crafts along with St. Patrick's Day art.

As next week is Spring Break, we hope everyone enjoys their time with their families and stays safe.

PRIMARY

Ms. Finnerty, Ms. Skiff, and Mr. Garrand

This week in Primary, students began the week practicing for the Culture Fair. Students shared with classmates their newfound knowledge about the country of their choosing.

For science, students read a book about the nervous system. They learned about the role of the nervous system, and how it's connected to the brain and the movements of the human body.

In math, students learned how to use mathematical beads to execute subtraction problem solving.

On Tuesday, Primary celebrated another birthday. Happy 7th birthday Grace! Your teachers and classmates loved being a part of your special day.

Wednesday was Culture Fair Day. Students gave their presentations and shared a delicious treat associated with the country they spoke about. Some students also dressed in attire that represented their country. All students expanded their knowledge about the world in which they live in. Over all, it was an exciting day for Primary.

Primary students ended the week with a St. Patricks Day craft. Report cards went home and the much anticipated Spring Break had finally arrived. On behalf of Miss Finnerty, Miss Skiff, and Mr. Garrand we look forward to seeing all primary students again on March 25th and wish all families a safe and happy Spring Break!

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Ms. Russell

Congratulations to Frank and Yvnicka for perfect reading sheets. Congratulations to Payton for mastering addition facts 1-10. Congratulations to Yvnicka, Isabelle, Milana, and Emme for moving up on times tables. Congratulations to Cora and Annabelle for moving up to mixed times table. Congratulations to Christian, Gideon, Katherine, Kendra, Joemanuel, and Bailey for moving up to division.

New reading books went out today for the next book report which will be due on the 17th since there is no school April 18th.

During the last few weeks the students have been doing work to help them prepare for the IOWA testing. This work consists of math,

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language, spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

In language, the students are working from the tower and completing additional review work.

In math the students worked on booklets, applications, and this week they had a lesson on area and perimeter.

In spelling this week the students had specialty words. They did stars, chalk board, word searches, and stamps.

In geography the students worked on weather, clouds, landforms, wetlands, and water forms. Some can start making their own landforms with salt dough once they have completed all the landforms.

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

In science the students continue to work on trees, leaf characteristics, flowers, and leaves.



Two birthdays

To celebrate this week.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Miss. Bandini, & Ms. Smith

During the World Culture Fair on Wednesday, the Upper Elementary students embarked on a journey around the world, sampling dishes from thirty-two different countries! It was a delightful experience as everyone enjoyed listening to their classmates' presentations and marveling at their display boards, adorned with stunning photographs and informative content.

Fourth graders learned all about the different types of adverbs this week. Students should now be able to identify adverbs of time, manner, place, and degree. Students also learned how to write a skit for their composition, particularly how to correctly label dialogue. Students were very creative in their submissions this week. In math, students had lessons in adding and subtracting fractions. Students who are behind in math will have to complete math assignments during spring break. As a reminder, their book report will be due on April 1st.

Fifth graders in language went through exercises where they combined sentences into one sentence using a compound subject or a compound verb. In botany, students learned the parts of the root system and their functions. Fifth graders also presented their special research project on a plant this week. Congratulations Xavier for completing 6/5 Math this week!

Sixth graders had a bustling week as they wrapped up loose ends before the quarter's end. In language class, they learned how to differentiate between subject and object pronouns and how to utilize them accurately in sentences. Meanwhile, in physical science, they explored concepts of power, work, and simple machines. We would like to congratulate Janie and Samuel for earning the highest grade on their last science test.

The next book report is due on April 1st.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, & Ms. Wheeler

We are thrilled to share that our annual Cultural Fair, held on Wednesday, was a great success! Students put in tremendous effort researching, preparing, and presenting their projects, and the delicious international dishes were a highlight of the day. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, guardians, and family friends who supported the students in their presentations and meal preparations. Your help made this event both educational and memorable.

Spring Break is just around the corner! There will be no school from March 17th through March 24th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 25th. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and returns refreshed for the remainder of the school year.

Once we return from Spring Break, we will begin preparing for this year's IOWA testing. This important assessment helps us track students' academic progress and identify areas for continued growth. We appreciate your support in ensuring students are well-rested and ready to do their best!

Rehearsals for our much-anticipated Friday Night Live are already underway! This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and talents. We encourage families and friends to support their students by allowing them to practice their performances at home. Your enthusiasm and encouragement make all the difference!

**SNACKS WILL NOW BE
\$0.75 FOR ALL ROOMS**

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

Happy spring everyone! In after school we are enjoying the warm weather and signing our favorite songs.

In circle, this week we talked about the different animals we will see in the spring time. We also had a volunteer student that came to read Dr. Seuss books.

As the older students make sure they get their homework completed, the children pick an activity to play as a group.



Thank you, Mr. Waskey for sharing your experiences with us.

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The energy of the family was employed doing mundane things like maintaining the home, cooking, cleaning, babysitting, shopping, and other necessary chores. Furthermore, there were home improvement projects that added value to the property such as building additional living spaces, sheds, play areas, beautification and upgrading of the home to improve its capabilities and efficiency.

A spouse and children is a tremendous asset to the long- range emotional and material future of the family. Strong role models trained the children in thinking skills, moral values and competition. The family provided physical security, pragmatic and inspirational knowledge of what works in the real world throughout all the developmental stages of its members. The elders passed on their wisdom to the family and community to guide them through difficult periods in life.

Presently in the urban, progressive culture children are considered to be a sacrifice costing at least \$250,000 to raise and have many other potential financial liabilities. Marriage itself is considered an antiquated institution that stifles an ever-changing person's ability to become self-actualized. According to the intellectuals, a person should molt their old relationships into a new and better one. This message is subliminal in advertising and in your face from Hollywood stars that spout their disdain of the traditional family.

The significance of benefits to the family is not realized in the early years. These years are an investment in the husband and wife's relationship and in loving and training their children. There is some gradual gratification when the parents witness the growth of their relationship and their children's development. Most of the time the parents are completing the necessary checklist to stay afloat and strive to better their family economically. The pace of time quickens as the years rush by until the nest begins to empty itself.

When the children turn into young adults, the value of delayed gratification becomes apparent. Once offspring begin to make their mark in their chosen careers, marriage and begin their own families the parents see the fruits of their sacrifice. Finally, if they are fortunate enough to become grandparents, they can feast on the undeniable impact they had on their extended family.

This gratification is a long time coming and that makes it all the sweeter. The parents provided the foundation of another generation for the family to build the next chapter in the family's history. The extended family weaves itself into the community fabric making it easier for all members to reap opportunities.

At this point, the satisfaction becomes fast and evident. The family holidays are filled with joy and happiness. The grandchildren's love towards each other and all the other family members brings everyone closer together. The personal pleasures are spiritual and inspirational and worth more than all the money in the world.

The progressive, urban side of this equation is just the opposite. The self- centered adult lifestyle, which was based on immediate gratification, eventually ends and reality appears. There are no immediate family members to visit on special occasions. The person's outward physical appearance grows old even with all the cosmetic surgeries. The most devastating thing is there is no one to share and continue the family line.

The future is for each of us to define for our own lives. The choice is between "live for today and do not worry about tomorrow" or "plan for tomorrow by making hard sacrificial decisions to better the prospects of the family's future." Delaying gratification to maximize one's personal growth is a clear sign of wisdom.

There is no better institution than the traditional family. It establishes a foundation for the development of a person's character, productivity, caring for loved ones and commitment to the community.

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