

Wider Horizons School

Have a Great Spring Break

DATES TO REMEMBER:

3/10 Report Cards go home

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

3/29 Technology Day

3/30 Class Photos

4/7-4/10 Easter break (Return 4/11)

(5/5 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE date)

Sixth graders constructed their own Roller Coasters. High school students judged the innovative construction, attractiveness and speed of the marble. Matthew D and Beatrice won first place overall. Haley and Barrett won for speed.



Thank you to all the fathers who took time from their day to attend the WHS FATHERS SPECIAL DAY

Junior/Senior High visits Paw Materials construction site in Pasco County and learned a lot about the machines and careers.



AMERICAN CITIZENS LAST

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

Our America policies seem to be more concerned about other nation's feelings rather than our citizen's interests. Our "woke" administration is allowing our southern and northern borders to remain wide open to allow anyone to enter our nation. The US landowner's private property on the borders is being invaded by foreigners. They are breaking into homes, robbing, and destroying crops or using weapons to terrorize them. A significant number of these illegals are drug cartel infiltrators, child traffickers, and vicious terrorists. Our own citizen's lives, and property are being sacrificed by our governmental policy.

The reality is the state and local governments are providing these illegals hotel residency, food, and transportation to those who demand it. These invaders are being treated better than law abiding US citizens. These priorities are upside-down making no sense. The immigrant's needs first, citizens last.

The people in East Palestine, a small town in Ohio had a train derailment of hazardous chemicals which contaminated the vicinity. Many affected citizens were seen on TV suffering from serious ailments. They were told by federal officials that there was nothing to worry about as there was no contamination of soil or water. The federal government including FEMA, the present administration, and the state government of Ohio did little to nothing to intervene while claiming to the people that everything was under control.

President Biden has not yet visited this contaminated city or showed them any economic package to aid their suffering. Yet, President Biden went to Ukraine to visit with President Zelensky highlighting a billion dollars and weapons to support this foreign nation. The President did this while ignoring East Palestine's serious issues. US citizens last, President Biden's business associates first.

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PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez and Ms. Wallace

This week in preschool, we continued learning about snails, fish, and chickens. At the art table the children are making Easter and St. Patrick's Day crafts.

During circle time the children had lessons on 3 part matching, the movable alphabet, and all sound work was changed with new objects. In this activity, children match objects to corresponding picture cards. Visual discrimination and vocabulary are built through this matching activity.

For math, the children had lessons with 1 to 5, 1 to 10, teen numbers, 1-50, and 1-100. Congratulations to Rocco and Manny for writing 1-100! Congratulations to Haven and Kyrie for completing their subtraction book and to Juliet for completing an addition and subtraction mixed book!

For Practical Life, the children were taught how to properly sort cutlery, how to use a dustpan and brush, how to water plants, how to cut produce, and how to dial 911 in case of a real emergency. These activities are uniquely purposeful and calming. They appear very simple and repetitive but these skills and characteristics are essential to a child's progress in a Montessori classroom. They will develop a high level of concentration; a developing sense of order; pride in their work; taking responsibility for any necessary clean up; an increasing sense of independence through care for themselves and their environment; respect for their community, classmates, and teachers; and the development of fine motor movement.

Have a great and safe Spring Break!

PRIMARY

Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

This week concluded our parent visits. We enjoyed seeing so many parents. The students loved the time spent with you.

This week we had a day where the students spent all day in the math area. Some worked on memorizing facts (addition or subtraction). Some students worked on perfecting the use of certain Montessori manipulatives. As a result, we have had the following students master their facts: Quindolyn and Colton memorized addition facts, and Jace keeps tackling multiplication tables, and Gideon is the first kindergartener to memorize addition and subtraction facts and is now moving on to multiplication tables. Katherine completed the reading series books!

Our praying mantises have hatched during one of our parent visits this week. The children were ecstatic to watch them hatch and see how many mantises there were. A few fun facts, according to National Geographic: praying mantises or mantids can turn their head 180 degrees, they can grow up to 18 inches long, and they are carnivores.

We wish everyone a safe and fun filled spring break!

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Hadley, Moly, and Stefan for having a perfect reading sheet!

During the last few weeks the students have been doing board work in the morning to help them prepare for the IOWA testing. This consists of math, language, spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

STUDENT EDITOR

YANNEISY FERRER

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

In math, the students worked on booklets, Symmetry, rounding to the nearest tens, and place value.

In spelling this week the students worked on stamped words, used the word in a picture and a sentence, and completed a word search.

In art the students worked on dimensional art.

In geography the students worked on weather, clouds, landforms, wetland, and water forms. Some will start making their own landforms with salt dough.

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

In science the students continue to work on tree, leaf, and flower characteristics.

Written book reports due March 31st.

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Jace had his birthday walk this week! His birthday is really February 29th! He is really very young!

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

On Monday we had a speaker visit our classroom. Mr. Fulkerson, a Civil Engineer, told us about the Withlacoochee River. He shared various slides of his exploration of the river and its inhabitants. Upper Elementary made a model of an aquifer to take home. This model demonstrated how surface water can contaminate aquifers. At the end of the presentation, he was very impressed with Teja's presentation of our classroom material "Parts of a River".

Fourth graders have been doing well on reading sheets that are handed out at the beginning of each school day. Several students have moved up one or two books since the beginning of the year! Students this week completed a book report on a biography of their choosing, and completed another spelling lesson which covered words with prefixes dis- and mis-. Students are encouraged to go at their own pace in math. After spring break she will be taking their math final and moving on. Students also took a Spanish test and began a new investigation in zoology of the plum annelids (worms). Students learned the six external parts of annelids and after spring break will explore the internal parts.

Fifth graders should be more than half way done with their books, and are expected to finish reading over spring break. Students who have already finished their book have been assigned their next book so they may get a head start. In spelling, students were given a review on homophones. Students have also done significant research on the types of volcanoes, and the viscosity of lava flows. We would like to congratulate Claire and David on completing Saxon Math Book 6/5.

Sixth graders are learning to use apostrophes correctly with contractions and how to form the possessive of singular and plural nouns. They are also learning how to use quotation marks correctly with direct quotations and how to punctuate direct quotes. Sixth graders have been excitedly working on their paper rollercoasters in teams of two for

about two weeks now. On Wednesday, we were able to test them out for our roller coaster challenge. Each roller coaster had their own unique look. Matthew D and Beatrice won the challenge by the high school students who were judges. We would also like to congratulate Barrett on completing Saxon Math Book 7/6.

Have a great Spring Break!

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Miss Finnerty, Ms. Sanchez

The students had a great field trip to PAW Demolition and Materials in Odessa. The students learned about the effect of supply and demand on the products and services needed in the business. They learned the importance of having a good work ethic, having a good attitude, and being respectful to authority figures. The company extended their hospitality by providing a great lunch for the students, along with handing out company tee shirts, hats, and sunglasses to all of the students. Thank you to PAW's company for a great time.

The high school American history class presented their projects "Road to the Civil War" maps to the class. Many different events were shown on their road leading to the Civil War.

We would like to congratulate eighth grader Ryleigh Leyton for completing the Pre-Algebra book and moving into Algebra I! Seventh graders William Wilkie and Nickolas Claffey also completed their math book and they are moving into Pre-Algebra. It is a very big accomplishment for many students fulfilling their year's goals!



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

The students are taking their report cards home today. We have begun our fourth and last quarter of the year. After we return from our vacation we will have TE Day, which is optional, practice for the IOWA testing, which is given in April, and working on the play. This is a very busy time of the year with many events on the calendar.

We wish everyone a great Spring Break, and we will see you back Tuesday, March 21st!

AFTER SCHOOL
Ms. Brewer

This week during circle time, we discussed farm life. We read a book about farms and talked about the importance of farmers and how the food we eat comes from farms. We all discussed why the farmers use scarecrows and the purpose for them. We also learned about some of the vegetables and fruits that are planted in the farm.

On the playground, the children enjoyed participating in games such as Simon Says, an Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes. Others were trying to build castles in the sandbox. They really enjoyed their time on the playground since the weather was perfect. Once inside, the children had a chance to work with new and more challenging puzzles. They all did a great job!

Enjoy your weekend!

Junior high and High school got to take home shirts from their field trip to PAW Demolition and Materials, which taught the students about the how the company works and all the factors that play into it.

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President Biden's concern for China's reaction to shooting China's spy balloon before it went across the entire USA was more important than sending a strong message to China that we are a sovereign nation. The president projected weakness, not strength as the leader of the free world.

The Wuhan virus which many scientific experts initially indicated originated in China and now the FBI has definitive evidence demonstrating that it did come from the Wuhan lab. This is still denied and downplayed by the administration and press. Once again, the USA is acting subservient to the CCP. American sovereignty comes last compared to China's provocative spying on our nation.

On the domestic front, many blue states and federal agencies are conceding power to the pro-riot groups and hardened criminals. After the 2020 riots "Defunding the Police" had the result of losing thousands of police officers making our streets even more unsafe. The infamous George Soros has financed the elections of woke attorney generals sympathetic to criminals. He persuaded them to release the criminals back into the public without serving any sentence. This means a criminal who commits a violent crime is back on the street the next day to continue committing crimes. This is the reason why so many of our cities are seeing rising crime rates. Criminals first: citizens last.

After the Supreme Court decision to send the issue back to the states, pro-abortion rioters marched in front of Supreme Court justice's homes. They particularly honed in on Justice Kavanaugh's home. This is against our established laws yet Attorney General Garland, the head of the Department of Justice, refused to enforce their law. This was a partisan move from the head of our justice department.

Almost all of our US policy decisions are not percolating up from citizens to their representatives. Instead, they are being mandated from the White House down to citizens. This authoritarian process from the top down to the people is un-American.

Global warming assumptions are coming from the globalist elites to our federal government. Our mandated Covid-19 shots came from government bureaucrats, not from a consensus of the scientific community. The support of the Ukrainian war came from the administration not the consensus of the people. Our public-school curriculum is not from the parents (who have been arrested for expressing their opinions) but from the teacher's unions. Forgiveness of those who did not pay student loans was a method of the executive branch to gain votes. CRT, reparations, and DEI are also ways to gain popularity and votes of blacks. EGS Environmental Social Governance, is a concession to the worldwide corporations who will be major elite partners in the emerging one-world government.

WE THE PEOPLE have an immense amount to lose if we do not stand up to the disregarding of the rule of law. Our constitutional republic's brilliant checks and balances to keep citizens in control of the US government is essential.

American citizens first, not last.

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