



Wider Horizons School

PREK FARM VISIT AND PARENT VISIT

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5/3 Friday Night Live
- 5/6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5-10 Mother's Day
- 5/24 Student Recognition Day

PRESCHOOL PARENTS VISIT

This week was the spring visit for parents to the preschool classroom. The children love showing their parents what they are learning.



PRESCHOOLERS VISIT A FARM

The preschool class had a special field trip on Thursday to the farm owned by the family of several students. They had a great time seeing the animals, planting potatoes and enjoying the farm.



Planting potatoes



Seeing a baby emu.



Petting a baby goat.

TODAY'S "NORMAL" WAS YESTERDAY'S "ABNORMAL"

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

Everyday our traditional accepted values have been changed by adding many abnormal thoughts and behaviors to the acceptable list. Divorce was considered a failure of two people who were not sufficiently mature enough to compromise and to reach an agreement to satisfy both. It was much more of a rarity than it is today.

People who had severe mental dysfunction are no longer put in a lockdown facility to receive therapy but are now released back to their neighborhood home. Often, they go back to bizarre or criminal behavior. Today many are medicated and allowed to roam the streets even after being charged with serious crimes and erratic behavior. They often are released on their own recognizance. This lack of punishment is a missed opportunity for changing the thinking and behavior of these anti-social people.

In our ultra-woke culture the goalposts have been moved to readily accept divorce. The impact on the children has been downplayed and the benefits of reentering the dating world is sugar coated. The media embraces the positive transfer of reentering the new divorce playing field. Divorce has even become chic without noting the devastating effects on the family especially the children.

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PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez and Ms. Rios

This week in preschool, the students learned about land formations: lake, island, peninsula, bay, strait and isthmus. We added sets of land and water forms in the geography area that will help the children identify each of the land formations. We also continue our discussion on planets and spring animals. At the art table, the students are making a book on these land formations, spring crafts, and Mother's Day crafts.

The students continued working really hard with their daily work. In math some children are adding, while others are learning to identify numbers. Congratulations to Angelica and Remington for completing their multiplication books! Congratulation to Roman for completing her addition book! During language we introduced new sound work. The students are also working on their penmanship, reading skills and sounds. With all of their studies and Friday Night Live rehearsals, they are happy and excited that all of their hard work will soon pay off.

We sent a notice last week detailing what your child needs to wear for Friday Night Live. Please let us know if you have other questions about Friday Night Live. We would also like to say thank you to all of the parents for attending our annual Montessori week. The children had an amazing time working and showing their parents everything that they have learned.

PRIMARY

Miss Finnerty and Ms. Wallace

This week started our Earth Day celebration. We had dirt worm pudding cups that we made with supplies provided by the parents. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

In language, the students completed Bio-Poems. These are poems that allow the students to be creative when describing themselves. We also discussed how advanced students should be by this point in the year in terms of sentence formation and reading fluently. We acknowledged students who really put effort into learning and practicing their reading. We encourage students to ask questions and think about their work so that they can master the lesson.

In math, students were encouraged to continue working on squaring with different Montessori materials. Primary students continue to practice their addition and subtraction facts to ensure they do not forget their foundational math concepts.

In geography, we have begun to explore the continent of Africa. Students have been working on their postcards and facts.

Congratulations to Grace, Nathan, and Jacob for mastering the next multiplication fact family. Congratulations to Karolyn, Katherine, and Aryana for mastering the next division family.

STUDENT EDITOR

Chase Ghingher

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Jax for mastering all math facts. Congratulations to Alexandra for moving up to mixed times tables. Congratulations to Quindolyn and Taj for mastering subtraction 1-10 and to Christian for mastering subtraction 11-20.

This week, students have been going outside to practice for Friday Night Live. FNL will be May 3rd this year. Notices went home to let parents know what time they should arrive at the theater. Tickets can be purchased at the front office.

The students have been working on spelling, language tower, and math booklets. This is the time to focus and get their work completed to be ready for next year.

It is important that your child gets to school on time. When a student is late, they miss important information and lessons given promptly at 8:30A.M.

Students are required to wear uniform bottoms and a patriotic shirt for Friday Night Live. The girls in the hula dance will need uniform bottoms, a white shirt and something to wear under their white shirts.

The students have been working on Mother's Day craft and afternoon work from the shelf.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini,
Ms. Russell

This being the last week before Friday Night Live, some of the mornings were spent practicing before the big event. This is the last weekend to practice lines and lyrics before the play. Some of the lyrics and dances can be found on Youtube. We will start dress rehearsals next week, and travel to the theater the morning before the play. Students are aware of their required outfits for their skits, but students need colorful clothes for their dance number.

Fourth graders have been reviewing their state capitals with a fervor this week. We had a class competition to see who could name all fifty states, capitals, and their abbreviations. Students also are working hard to finish the math textbook. They are learning how to add fractions with different denominators.

Fifth graders have been working hard practicing for Friday Night Live! They are also busy learning about verb phrases and the principal parts of verbs. In geography, the students are learning about the mountain states. This week in botany, the fifth graders are learning about root structure and its function.

Sixth graders juggled rehearsals for the play and their assignments this week. The last book report has been assigned and extra time has been allotted for the novel. The new date for the book report will be May 10th. Those who owe a book report will need to make it

up by May 17th. We would like to extend our congratulations to Braden, James, and Kennedy for achieving the highest grades on the recent language test.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Mrs. Sanchez, Ms. Wheeler

This week, we would like to congratulate Logan Barbieri and Crystal Ni for moving on to Algebra 1. We would also like to congratulate Robert Rey for starting Pre-Algebra. We are very proud of these students for staying on track to dual enrollment.

This week, the entire class has joined the rest of the school in preparing their performances for Friday Night Live. On Monday through Wednesday morning, each student went outside to practice their skits, songs, and dances. They should now know what they are expected to bring to wear for their skits. We would like to thank their families and friends for assisting them.

In Computer, seventh grade has been focusing on learning typing skills. They are being encouraged to work on accuracy and then move on to building their speed. In Art, eighth grade worked on stained glass windows projects. They learned about the history of stained glass art and created their own versions on a sheet of paper. In Physical Education, ninth grade has progressed to their volleyball unit. They are learning about the game through playing it on the volleyball court every Tuesday and Friday. In Financial Literacy, tenth grade students are learning

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AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

During circle time, we read Tortoise's Dream. This tortoise had a dream that there was a tree in a secret place and it grew all kinds of fruit. He needed help with his tree so he asked the lion, elephant, hyena, baboon, giraffe, and the ostrich. The tortoise asked all his friends to help him plant his tree but the all made excuses as to why they could not help. The tortoise decided to plant the tree by himself and hoped that it would rain. When it rained, the tree grew and sprouted all kinds of fruit that the all the animals wanted a bite from. The moral of the story is to help your friends if you can because next time you may be the one asking for help.

On the playground, some children tried to build sand volcanoes. Others sang The Wheels on the Bus with one person as the bus driver.

When we went inside, the older students worked on their homework while the rest worked on puzzles or activities of their choice.

Enjoy your weekend!

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Similar formulas were devised to entice others to be seduced into entering new lifestyles and modes of living. Homosexual and bisexual relationships became more acceptable to far too many. A whole new crowd with many opportunities seduced others into new lifestyles. The benefits of becoming a member of these once shunned communities increases their ability to become more accepted in our more “tolerant and caring” culture.

Normal and abnormal are constantly changing while moving away from our former traditional society. Our society is transitioning towards a lifestyle with few to no rules. This means a person can try out new, once forbidden behaviors, to see whether it would be advantageous to them with little or no condemnation from others. There is little stigma to what once was considered deviant and abnormal behavior which has now morphed into normal. These once frowned upon behaviors are now protected classes of behaviors and are now treated as “so-called” normal. It is unclear whether an action will have positive or negative results as our acceptance grows into pretty much anything that was once considered taboo behavior.

Being married to the same person for one’s entire life has changed into a series of relationships for one’s adult life. Punishment that in the past often began in infancy is now frowned upon in most child rearing literature. “Gentle parenting” has replaced traditional parenting where rules were enforced to teach the child to have limits and be obedient. Instead, the focus of the new approach is on not traumatizing the child for later serious unconscious issues for later in their adult life. “I was spanked for taking a cookie from the cookie jar and am unable to get over the trauma of it.”

Our “woke culture” psychologically has made us all victims of our imperfect past. Instead of us overcoming the past, we wallow in it. Instead of solving our own issues, we go to professional therapists who help us to make daily decisions instead of assisting us to become our own problem solvers. Traditional independent individuals are becoming extinct.

Sadly, the US citizens have become less independent and more led by experts in the medical and omnipresent media. Many of us are no longer taught to be healthy, strong, independent people. The “woke” victimization world presently shows us how to rationalize our pathetic choices rather than making, in the short run, harder, more advantageous ones.

Our new normal has become everyone having unsolved problems that they do not have to solve but only find unusual nontraditional solutions. It can be any interest, but it should dominate one’s life to fill in the emptiness that would have been filled with the traditional family life. It can be increasing one’s assets, gambling, frequent relationships, or anything no matter how short since it fills the time regardless of the long-term results.

In other words, live for today and don’t worry about tomorrow. What was abnormal in the past is normal today. Living with large debt instead of delaying gratification until you can afford the purchase, self-medicating instead of receiving professional help, and seeking medical advice from people who have a history of failing in their own life are not good life choices. The traditional values of the past led to stability and more wealth. Doing whatever you want leads to decay and failure. The choices are there for all of us to evaluate the benefits or liabilities.

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