

Wider Horizons School

P-HSC FIELD TRIP

DATES TO REMEMBER

4/15-19 Iowa Testing
5/3 Friday Night Live
5/6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week

PRESCHOOLERS ARE HARD AT WORK



JR/SR HIGH STUDENTS VISIT SPRING HILL CAMPUS OF P-HSC

A field trip was arranged for our upper level students to visit the Spring Hill campus of Pasco-Hernando State College. Several of the tenth grade students are planning to be dual enrolled next year at P-HSC. The younger students had a chance to see what is in their future too.



TOLERANCE FOR EVERYTHING LEAVES NOTHING SACRED

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

The United States has moved away from right and wrong to a society that tolerates almost anything. Our Christian Bible clearly spelled out sins for specific actions. As we moved away from hearing and reading the Bible on a regular basis the specific punishments for these behaviors are missing in action.

Religious preachers have been replaced by university trained ultra-liberal teachers and newscasters who have taken too many psychology and sociology courses. These have taught them to believe that the environment of the individual has an incredible impact on their actions and thinking and should excuse any deviant behavior.

Every daily news program in every local community reports the human failings of that day. Killings, robberies, kidnappings, sexual abuse, and general perversion are featured stories on news programs. Robbery is shown by a video of a store being cleaned out by a gang of thieves. Murders in a community although frightening are tantalizing to the audience. This is a message to the audience that neighborhoods can be dangerous, and they need to be aware of what is happening around them.
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PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez and Ms. Rios

This week in preschool, the children are learning all about our Solar System. At the art area, children are making Mother's Day, Spring, and Solar System crafts.

During language we introduced new sound work. The students are also working on their penmanship, reading skills and sounds. Some of the children had various lessons with the movable alphabet, while others were making sentences and reading Bob Books. 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 will be sending a notice about what your child needs to wear for Friday Night Live very soon.

At the Science area, all of the work was switched with new work. We added four new areas with butterflies, frogs, ladybugs and flower materials. We continued to learn about bees.

During Practical Life, the children had lessons on how to hammer a peg and how to create a floral arrangement. At the Sensorial area, the children had a lesson on how to sort colors and another lesson on geometric solids.

Congratulations to Lincoln, our Spelling Bee winner and Althaea for winning our writing contest last month.

PRIMARY

Miss Finnerty and Ms. Wallace

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed their Easter weekend.

The Primary children did not miss a beat returning to their schedule. We are very pleased with their ability to jump back into routine. We are beginning to discuss Spring and the changing of seasons.

In math, the children were given lessons on extension activities that build on the fundamental lessons they have worked hard to master. We have also introduced graphing and squaring.

In language, students were introduced to work that shows them how to read a key and symbols. Students also reviewed direction words; such as beneath, next to, etc. Children also worked on an April themed poem and drawing.

In geography, students have begun receiving lessons on Europe. They have been working on their postcards and fun facts, as well as the flags and native animals.

Congratulations to Karolyn for mastering the next division family. Congratulations to Christopher and Yvnicka for moving up in multiplication.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Quindolyn and Chad for having perfect reading sheets. Congratulations to Michael, Kendra, Mark, and Kenneth for moving up in their times tables. Congratulations to Joemanuel for moving up to mixed facts and to Oscar for moving up to all mixed facts.

We hope that everyone had a relaxing spring and Easter break. Welcome back.

This quarter is going to be busy, we have Iowa Testing and practice, and we have started working on Friday Night Live. We encourage students to work hard this quarter and to finish the work recommended for their grade.

In spelling, the students had verbal definitions and worked in their packets.

Coral celebrated her birthday walk>

STUDENT EDITOR

Chase Ghingher

In math, the students worked on booklets, applications, and worked on fractions, area, and perimeter.

In language, the students are working from the tower and parts of speech boxes. The second grade is learning about adjectives and adverbs. Third grade is learning about punctuation definitions and equivalent measurement definitions.

In geography, the students worked on their state facts. The students have learned a lot of information on volcanoes which they really enjoyed. Some students are labeling a map of the United States. This will help them better understand where each state is located. The students have 40 states listed in their folder. There will be a test next week on states 1-35.

In history, the students continued to work on native American Culture.

In science, the students have begun working on finishing mammal exteriors and started mammal interiors. Some students started on animal research.

In science, we discussed the solar eclipse and watched an educational video to show what it will look like for the people who receive a total eclipse.



UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Ms. Russell

Fourth graders are learning about the anatomy of an ant and were excited to design their own ant colony. Students also began working on their state report for the north central region of the United States. In language, students are reviewing the materials from the language tower and language shelf. In math students are learning about geometric shapes and their two dimensional counterparts. Their composition, "What is your Dream Career?" has inspired many students to do more research into what is required of them in their pursuit of their chosen career this week. Their next book report is being read as a class, where students are reading The Winter People or The Matchlock Gun. This book report will be due April 17th.

Fifth graders are reviewing adjectives that compare this week and how to identify them. In geography, students are learning about the southwest region of the United States. In Botany, the class is experimenting with the best way to plant: with pots, in the ground, or a mixture of the two. Students are excited to use the scientific process this way. Their next book report book is I Survived: The Bombing of Pearl Harbor due April 17th.

Sixth graders are exploring the concepts of kinetic and gravitational potential energy. They are working in teams of two to design and create roller coasters. During their collaboration they will learn how kinetic energy converts to potential energy and back to kinetic energy. When they are finished their roller coasters will be judged by their peers. Congratulations to Braden and James for the completion of Saxon Math 7/6; they have already started taking math classes in the junior high class. Students in sixth grade have chosen their book for their next book report due on April 17th.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Mrs. Sanchez, Ms. Wheeler

We would like to congratulate Braden Ghingher and James Layton on progressing to the Math 8/7 book! They will now be attending math in our classroom despite being in the 6th grade. This is a great achievement and we are very proud of them.

The final quarter of school is progressing so quickly! This week, our class has put a lot of effort into putting things together and practicing for this year's performance of Friday Night Live. All of the students in the class have been working on preparing skits, songs, and dances and we are proud of their level of participation thus far. We look forward to all of you getting to see the finished product!

The seventh and eighth grade have begun preparing for this year's Iowa Test. For those unaware, the Iowa Test is an assessment designed to assess their knowledge and skills across various subject areas. They will be tested on things such as mathematics, reading, written expression, and science. They also are tested on a content area referred to as social studies, which encompasses the things that we teach our students in classes such as civics, history, art, and geography. The students have shown a lot of promise in their review of the material and we feel confident they will perform well.

In Physical Science, the ninth graders are currently studying sound waves. They are learning such things as how sound is produced, amplified, or muffled. In World History, the tenth graders are studying the formation and interaction of countries such as China, Vietnam, and India. They are learning how their culture developed and how their societies became what they are today.

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

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

During circle time this week, we decided to review everything we have learned about how we behave in the classroom. Raise your hand when you want to ask a question, do not run in the classroom, keep our hands to ourselves, use our inside voices, and most importantly, we pay attention to the teacher when she is addressing the class. We also treat others the way we want to be treated.

While on the playground, some of the children sang "We are Going to Kentucky" and danced to the song. Others collected tiny flowers from the field to bring to their mothers. Some children played in the sand box and the rest played Hide and Seek.

Enjoy your weekend!

Too often crime filled neighborhoods lose control of preventing escalating crime. Because of the physical danger police officers often stop walking the neighborhood beat. The number of informants dwindles which limits the police's ability to take the bad characters off the street. This leaves the criminal element to convert naïve kids to follow them into crime.

Every devious behavior becomes attractive to these naïve youngsters to try it out. It starts with petty crime then moves up to more sophisticated crime including embezzlement, drug dealing, cooking the books, forgery, kidnapping, or bank robbery. When these easily influenced young people see that they are not receiving consequences for their serious illegal actions but a litany of psychological excuses for their harmful psychopathic behavior they become more brazen in their crimes. They become creative in excusing all types of their antisocial actions. Forgiveness and tolerance for intolerable perverted behavior does nothing except erase the clear difference between exemplary and disgusting thinking and actions.

Crime is no longer limited to petty crimes but expands into ways that will bring criminals much bigger paydays. Everything becomes a possibility even extortion or murder. Nothing is out of play for the criminal mind is open to anything that will make them richer and more powerful. As they get deeper into the criminal world nothing in their life is sacred any longer.

Tolerance for everything and anything is not something that one can build an exemplary life on. Tolerance for everything leaves nothing sacred.

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