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Wider Horizons School

Handwriting Contest

DATES TO REMEMBER

4/18-4/21 Easter Break 4/25 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE 7 PM at Springstead Theater 5 / 5 t h - 5 / 9 t h Te a c h e r Appreciation Week 5/9 Mothers Day visit

WHS STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP AT HERNANDO HONORS BANQUET

Maximo Maglio, this year's WHS graduate, received recognition and a \$750 scholarship at this year's Honors Banquet this past Tuesday evening at Springstead Performing Arts Theater.



Wider Horizons School emphasizes learning how to use beautiful penmanship. Students as young as preschoolers begin the process of making their handwriting beautiful. This process continues through learning cursive writing and using it from then on to do their compositions and other written work.

The Handwriting Contest gives students a chance to show off their beautiful writing.



There is one winner from each grade. Caleb Harris- Preschool, Bjorn Zeigler- Kindergarten, Masa Abo Hassan- First Grade, Yvnicka Bora (print) and Annabelle Waskey(cursive)-Second Grade, Joemanuel Marrero- Third, Hely Patel-Fourth Grade, Gianna Kleber-Fifth Grade, Samuel Mullins-Sixth Grade, Braden Ghingher-Seventh Grade, Beatrice Maglio- Eight Grade, William Wilkie- Ninth Grade, and Ryleigh Layton- Tenth Grade.

WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT TO YOU ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE?

Students in junior high had this topic for their weekly composition. Their answers were very insightful and thoughtful.

We develop team work.

Everyone has a sense of belonging.

We learn to speak well, and pronounce the words correctly.

We practice and practice to make something good.

We want to please the audience and make them laugh.

We make new friendships and bonds with new people.

We get to experience writing skits creatively, rewriting them and then getting to act them out.

We learn flexibility and acceptance when a skit is cut or different people take a part we had.

We have a feeling of pride when Friday Night Live is all finished.

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PRESCHOOL

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Nieves

In art, the students have created their own version of a baby chick., as we have been learning about the chicks life cycle. We have also been practicing for Friday Night Live.

In language, students continue to read their Bob Books and practice their letters and their sounds. Other students are learning how to use the moveable alphabet to spell words or learning how to form sentences.

Congratulations to Abigail and Noah this week for moving up another Bob Book.

In math, some of our students are learning how to add with small number rods. Other students are learning to trace their numbers.

In science, students have lessons on different flowers and vegetables.

In sensorial, students are working on a new color matching lesson with different colored eggs. They have also learning about Red Rods that help with their fine motor skills and balance.

PRIMARY

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

This week in Primary, students were reintroduced to three-part matching and worked in math that expressed place value in numerical form, expanded form, and with beaded Montessori material

Happy birthday to Jaxtin and Rocco! We love you and enjoyed celebrating your 7th year of life.

Students have been practicing very hard for their Friday Night Live performance. Letters went home about what is expected for each student to wear. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Primary teachers for clarification.

In language, students completed an Easter poem. This weekly exercise has drastically improved the penmanship of all students.

The Primary teachers would like to wish everyone a joyous Easter and Passover celebration. Blessings to all who observe this time of the year.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Ms. Russell

Congratulations to Milana for moving up to mixed time tables. Congratulations to Yvnicka and Caden for perfect reading sheets.

In spelling the students worked from their packets.

We do not have any more book reports due for the remainder of the school year; we have one last composition due by August 30th. Please make sure students return all books that have been checked out of the library.

During the next week of school, students will work on classroom work to help them catch up and/or get ahead. Some students are completing their poetry book. This next month will fly by and the students need to be ready for next year.

STUDENT EDITOR Morgan Szabo

The students have been and are preparing for our annual FNL (Friday Night Live). FNL this year is on April 25th. Notices went home as to what each student needs to wear for their part.

Keep in mind, the date for the Mother's Day is May 2nd. The students are looking forward to spending quality time with their mother and share the gifts that they made.

The students are continuing to follow the progress of the chick lifecycle. The students are continuing to learn about the amazing human body, they are quizzed every day and have a class competition.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

Students continue to prepare for Friday Night Live. As a reminder, students have been told what they need to bring for their skits, songs, and dances. All students will need a white shirt, boys will need a blue shirt, and girls will need a green shirt. School shorts or pants are acceptable for bottoms. Please label your clothing bags, as the dressing rooms can get hectic during the play.

Students had a Mother's Day composition due this week. They were able to write anything related to their mother; although they were encouraged to reflect on how fortunate they are to have their mothers' in their lives.

This week, fourth graders finished their math textbook. With 120 lessons complete, students will have supplementary practice before they take their post-test and final exam. The book report, Pictures of Hollis Woods, has been extended to April 22nd. Their next book report will be due on May 1st, and students may c h o o s e t h e i r o w n b o o k. Congratulations to Oscar, James, Jax, Alexander, and Aryeh for finishing and passing their final exam.

Fifth graders continued to work on layers of the atmosphere for physical geography, and are learning about article II of the constitution for Civics. Students are also making sure that they are finishing the Language Tower and their vocabulary booklet this week. Their next book report, Artemis Fowl, is due on May 1st.

Sixth graders finished their unit on Greece for Ancient Civilizations. In science, students are learning about heat as a form of energy, measuring heat and phase changes, as well as thermal expansion. Their next book report, Robinson Crusoe, is due on May 1st.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL Mrs. Youse, & Ms. Wheeler

We're in the heart of a busy and exciting season at our Junior/ Senior High School, and our students continue to rise to every occasion with enthusiasm and dedication.

Preparations for our muchanticipated Friday Night Live are in full swing! Students have finished gathering an impressive collection of costumes and props, bringing their creative visions to life. Rehearsals are well underway, with students putting their energy and talent into skits, dances, and songs that promise an unforgettable evening of entertainment. Information was sent home regarding tickets and arrival times for students.

Even with the exciting buzz surrounding the upcoming performance, students continue to stay focused in the classroom. Teachers and students alike are working hard to ensure academic progress remains steady, demonstrating a strong commitment to learning amidst the activity.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at **Friday Night Live**—mark your calendars!

AFTER SCHOOL Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

Circle time this week consisted of story-telling. We read a book called "See and Slide". An animal

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was described and the book contained a slide which covered the correct animal and the children all had so much fun trying to guess which animal was behind the slide. We also discussed the life cycle of a caterpillar.

While on the playground, some children decided to go around the playground and march around the equipment. We also played "Simon-Says" and "We are going to Kentucky". Once inside, some students were working on their homework while the rest played with any activity of their choice.

WIDER HORIZONS SCHOOL PRESENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!!

APRIL 25, at 7pm at Springstead Theater.

Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill

THEATER ETIQUETTE:

Please try to have someone else take care of young children.

PLEASE REMOVE THEM IF THEY ARE AT ALL DISRUPTIVE.

(Consider the videographer and the rest of the audience.)

No Students will be dismissed before the end of the show.

Please have your child use the bathroom at home or use the lobby bathroom before coming backstage.

No parents backstage.

Student Drop off times: Students are to be dropped off at the theater back door.

Preschool students: 6:50pm

Primary students: 6:50pm

Elementary students: 6:45pm

Junior/High school: 6:30pm

Tickets on sale at the office:

\$15- Adults, \$5- students not attending Wider Horizons Tickets available at the door while supply lasts.