

Wider Horizons School

Busy, Busy Week.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

5/1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
(5/5 **FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**)
5/10 World Culture Day
5/12 Mother's Day Visit
(8-8:30am)

Junior high and high school enjoyed their field trip to the Spanish restaurant and practiced the Spanish skills that they learn in the classroom.



Lower Elementary took a field trip to the blueberry farm and they were able to pick blueberries and they had lots of fun!



Many special activities took place this week.

The junior and senior high students went on their annual Spanish Restaurant trip where they spend the entire time at the restaurant speaking in Spanish.

Primary students enjoyed their annual picnic lunch outdoors on Wednesday. They really enjoy this special event.

Lower elementary students had their Blueberry Patch Field Trip on Thursday. They had a great time.



Primary and Lower Elementary had their annual picnic this Wednesday! They enjoyed their lunches on blankets and then they got to play on the playground afterwards!

WHAT IS FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE?

For the first time in three years WHS will be able to perform our annual school performance **FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE** at Springstead Theater on May 5th at 7pm.

This well attended event includes every student who attends WHS. The younger students have whole class songs or short plays. Upper classes put on skits, songs and other types of entertainment.

FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY TO PROSPER BEATS EQUAL HANDOUTS By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

The founders of the United States believed when citizens are allowed to follow Biblical laws enforced by representatives with checks and balances the people would be guaranteed freedoms. They saw them as God given rights allowing them to reach their desired lifestyle through their choices. These leaders were unique in history as they were settlers from Europe who established their own reputation not by titles or family wealth but through their own efforts and creativity.

The United States has prospered as its people had limited government regulations or other interference in how citizens could earn their money and live. Those who worked long and hard, lived within their means, and followed Biblical law did well. There was no need for state welfare as neighbors helped each other in times of hardship.

America has attracted immigrants from all over the world to settle in the land of opportunity. These immigrants lived in their own welcoming ethnic communities. By the third generation they were accepted as Americans, not as immigrants from another country. They became proud American citizens.

The draw for past foreigners coming to the USA was not free handouts but the freedom and opportunity to work hard, save, and move up the economic ladder. Their work ethic not only helped these new immigrants but lifted the entire nation. "Made in the USA" was a symbol that translated into quality all over the world. Citizens had pride in their work and nation. Americans established the USA as the greatest country on earth.

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PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez and Ms. Wallace

This week in Preschool the children continued learning about many types of spring animals and how flowers grow. The children are having fun watering, taking care, and watching how our plants are growing in our garden.

At the art table the children are making an April shower craft and are almost done with their Mother's Day crafts.

During circle time, the children had lessons on recognizing letters and numbers while others were blending sounds, rhyming words, reading short and long vowels, compound words, and sight words. In math, some children are adding, subtracting, multiplying, and even doing dynamic addition using the Decimal System. Dynamic Addition is when you exchange ten of one hierarchy for one of the next. Congratulations to Zoe who is now reading Bob Books everyday and who are doing great blending sounds in preparation for reading!

The children continue working really hard every day academically and are having lots of fun rehearsing for the upcoming play. We sent the notice two weeks ago about what your child needs to wear. If you need another copy, please let us know.

For Botany the children learned about the Life Cycle of a Sunflower and were excited to taste and plant sunflower seeds.

Last week all of the children got to learn how to crack an egg and after our helper Jayden cooked it, they enjoyed eating it.

Have a great weekend!

PRIMARY

Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

This week has been jam packed with lessons practicing for Friday Night live!, Mother's Day "gifts", making Earth Day poems and illustrating it. They learned about the pointillism painting technique and recreated the Earth using it. They were shown "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" by Georges Seurat to see a famous example

On Wednesday, we had our annual picnic. The students absolutely loved eating on their blankets in the field, under the sun or in the shade, and playing afterwards.

In math, we discussed money, more specifically, coins (penny, nickel, dime, quarter). We named the presidents on each coin, and learned a money poem.

In our cultural studies, we completed the South American continent study and began discussing Europe's countries, culture, and animals.

The students are doing a phenomenal job with their Friday Night Live! Performance. We watched a DVD from previous years so the students can have a clear understanding of why we are practicing so diligently.

Kenneth completed reading all the series reading books and will begin reading the GPS Reading and comprehension cards. The following students have written their numbers from 1-1000; Karolyn, Kendra, Donovan, Aryana, and Caden. What a great accomplishment for our students. Kendra and Karolyn completed their squaring and cubing booklet! Congratulations to everyone for their accomplishments!

Have a fantastic weekend!

STUDENT EDITOR

YANNEISY FERRER

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

The students will have review spelling for the next two weeks. The words are what they have learned over the year.

We do not have any more compositions for the remainder of the school year; this will ensure that the students focus on other work in class. The last book report is due next week and it is a diorama. Please make sure students return all books that have been checked out of our 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 reading their poetry books that have been checked out of the library.

The students have been and are preparing for our annual FNL (Friday Night Live). Notices will go home as to what each student needs to wear for their part.

Keep in mind, the date for Mother's Day is May 12th. The students are looking forward to spending quality time with their mother and sharing the gifts they have made.

The students are continuing to follow the progress of the chick life cycle and are continuing to learn about the amazing human body. They are quizzed everyday and have a class competition.

Have a great weekend!

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

Now that the Iowa Basic Skills Test is over, our focus is on the play. Some afternoon classes have been canceled so we can focus on *Friday Night Live*. Our students have been asked to continue to practice their lines, songs and dances at home. The group skit is called *We the People*; it is a patriotic song, so we are asking our students to wear red, white and blue. Most of the other skits require regular clothing.

Fourth graders this week wrote a composition entitled "Why My Mother is Special" in celebration of their mothers who through their love and sacrifices continue to make each student a better person. Students also completed their vocabulary book with great test results! This week students tested on spelling words that are numbers; forty, sixty-five etc. In Math students are continuing to make good progress. Some students will complete the 5/4 Saxon book this month and all students are learning good math skills like reading carefully, paying attention to details, correctly writing down problems, being orderly and neat, remembering to use labels when encountering word problems and especially learning to use and understand math vocabulary! Afternoons are largely spent working on skits, trash-fashion, and singing/dancing for the spring play on May 5th. Industrious students are learning about geography, history and zoology during free time earlier in the day.

Fifth grade resumed their spelling and vocabulary tests this week. As we near the end of their spelling book, new words will test students' knowledge of spelling conventions and root words. Students are working hard to finish their math book and many are taking some of their final tests and post tests. Their final book report is due on May 1st and they were able to choose their own book. Students also have now chosen their volcanoes for their Volcano research project, and will be researching the history, eruption frequency, and hazards of their volcano. Their information packet is due on April 25th.

Sixth graders have started to work in a new vocabulary book. They are also exploring the laws of magnetism and will complete a lab on magnets next week. Six graders have all chosen a mystery for their next book report. This will be the last book report for the year.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Ms. Sanchez, and Miss Finnerty

This week has been jam packed with coursework and play preparations! Our class has been working on our skits and songs for the play. We highly encourage our students to have their lines memorized by Monday so they can start adding to their lines. Thank you for providing t-shirts for our class skit!

7th grade has been studying weather patterns and maps in Earth Science. 8th grade has completed their chapter on the interactions of living things. They studied food webs and chains. 9th grade has worked in intro to electronics in Physical Science. 10th grade economics completed their chapter on monopolies and business organization.

For math news, congratulations are in order for Gia Betz for beginning Pre-Algebra!

Our class went on a field trip to to Pueblo Viejo on Monday. They practiced their Spanish by having ordered and speaking only in Spanish.

Cultural Fair submissions are due Monday, April 24th, 2023. Cultural Fair will be Wednesday, May 10th, 2023. Our students bring in a dish to share as well as a report paper of their country.

We hope you have a great weekend! Happy Earth Day! See you Monday!

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

This week during circle time, we read a book about all kinds of insects and their job was to see if they could find on the page given to them the insect we were discussing at the time. The first insect we discussed was the monarch butterfly and the children had to look very carefully because one is male and one is female, they are almost exactly alike but the male has a black spot on each wing. The next one was ladybugs. Some farmers buy ladybugs and put them on their plants because they eat many harmful insects. What really got their curiosity was when we were discussing the "walking stick". All the students had a very hard time trying to find the walking stick on the pages that were given to them. By looking at their faces you could tell that they were determined to find one. They did a great job! After that the children started to paint a flower by dipping their fingertips in the paint to create the petals. They had some nice work!

On the playground, the children participated in games such as Hide and Seek Tag, Simon Says, while others used the playground equipment and the rest were playing in the sandbox.

Have a safe and fun-filled weekend!

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Conservative leaning students are either not accepted into these programs or are weeded out by the political “woke” demands of the program. This gives rise to strong positive bias towards the left and a negative one against conservatives.

Most news reported by the media today supports far left ideas while news that is not supportive of the left is buried. This biased press encourages the administration to accumulate more power which leads to more censorship of any political opposition and thus greater power. This creates an arrogant presidential leader who walks away from answering pertinent questions that should be answered.

The control of the press by one political group leads to propagandizing the people that is essential to creating a one-party government. A courageous free press is essential to keep any government on the right course to protect the people’s freedom and economic prosperity not on selling the regime’s public relation campaign to retain power.

The government controls the media by inserting certain ex-government officials into power positions in the media, thus allowing them to control the message. This takeover of media corporations by ex-officials to do the bidding of the administration is a censorship of free speech. They can do this because of their control over breaking stories and which stories are covered.

These public relations techniques were initiated by Sigmund Freud’s nephew, Edward Bernay, and used by Josef Goebbels in Nazi Germany to shape public opinion. They were effective in Nazi Germany as well as selling products in our modern consumer advertising world and presently in mainstream politics.

Our nation no longer possesses a free press. It should not matter if a progressive or conservative party is in power. The function of the press is to report all the viable news to the public. The integrity of the reporter to state all the accurate news regardless of political implications is essential for a functioning republic.

Once the mass media chooses sides in the political arena by censoring the news and embellishing the positives of their allies, the media becomes an arm of the ruling class. In a representative government, a corrupt mass media that has sold its integrity for political favors serves as an accomplice in undermining the democratic process. In essence the media becomes a propaganda bureau for the ruling party. This arrangement cannot coexist within a constitutional republic.

This sell out by the mass media can only be rectified by morally courageous people correcting the record. This will encourage other honest reporters to overcome their fears of being cancelled. Through their tenacity of asking specific and difficult questions, reporters can keep politicians on both sides of the aisle honest. These comprehensive and penetrating questions will initially prevent politicians and spokesmen from talking in generalities and preventing them from “circling back” to cleverly repeat another avoidance message.

By uncovering the true stories of what is happening, individual journalists will start unraveling the lies of the party in power. This will allow better understanding by citizens of the politicians’ motivation and allow the citizens to choose the best candidates to represent them and preserve our constitution.

Instead of slick, false, public relations techniques that can undermine truth, honest facts will defeat a potential dictator. This will protect all the positive institutions that have kept the country strong for the people.

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