

# Wider Horizons School

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5/21 Field Day
- 5/24 Student Recognition Day



We had a visit this week from Captain Kritthanat, a student from Thailand, who graduated from WHS in 2019. He just graduated from Emory Riddle University with a degree in aeronautics.

Matina Kritanichip, also a 2019 WHS graduate from Thailand recently graduated from the oldest university in Thailand as an architect. Great to see our graduates's success.

THANK YOU TO MUSICIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE- MIKE SCAGLIANO FOR ALL THE EXPERTISE ON FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE.

### ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY VISIT



### DEMANDING JUSTICE FROM OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

Our justice system has become more permissive as our culture has gone full force in that direction. As the age of juveniles who have committed serious crimes such as murder, rape, and assault has decreased, the usual consequences for their transgressions should have become more severe. It has not.

Just like public school where a student strikes another student or even a teacher, the punishment is no longer compulsory expulsion from the school or even receiving criminal charges. More common in today's woke culture no one wants to be seen as the "bad person" but rather as a nice person who gives infinite chances to obnoxious or physically destructive behavior.

This was the beginning of permissiveness that overlooked the crime. When modern parents stopped being strong parents it led to this near elimination of significant punishment. It should have prevented children from going down the road to future arrogance and justifying indefensible behavior.

Permissiveness has even invaded our court system. A person sentenced to prison for nine years for attempted murder of a police officer often is released on the streets after serving less than a year. When this criminal commits the same violence against another victim he could be released again back on the street to probably commit yet another similar crime.

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## PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez and Ms. Rios

This week in preschool, we reviewed colors, shapes, geometric solids, sounds, and numbers. We also talked about public servant professions and Cinco de Mayo. In art, they made a sombrero and a butterfly as well as a frog using chalk.

During circle time, we went back to the basics. The children gave each other lessons on how to roll a mat, how to walk around a mat, how to tuck in a chair, walking with quiet feet, and how to carry a tray correctly. Congratulations to Caleb, Axl, Cooper, and Yvan for moving on to the Bob Books.

On Wednesday, the children that are turning 5 years old got to go and visit the Kindergarten classroom on Move Up Day. The children were so excited when they came back.

Ms. Rios and I are very thankful for your generosity during teacher appreciation week. Thank you for all of the food and all of the wonderful gifts we received.

## PRIMARY

Miss Finnerty and Ms. Wallace

Today, we celebrated Mother's Day! The children have spent this week creating gifts for their mothers: a poem for language, a card, and a candle holder.

In language, students completed cinquain poems. These are five lined poems that require students to come up with adjectives, verbs, and phrases about the subject. Primary students also got a refresher lesson on our language fill-in cards. These cards are varied in level, so each student can work at their own level.

In math, students got a lesson on fractions and completed math tests. Some students seem to be

unable to recall the facts they memorized previously. This is why we continue to test them on addition and subtraction with flashcards and paper tests. Retaining math facts is crucial to a solid foundation as they progress.

In science, we reviewed food groups and learned about teeth. In geography, students learned about the flags of African nations.

Congratulations to Manny for passing subtraction and moving up to multiplication. Congratulations to Andre for completing the Bob Books and moving on to the series books. Congratulations to Cora, Manny, Frank, and Rocco for moving up in their multiplication tables.

We would like to thank the parents for an Amazing Teacher Appreciation Week! Your kindness and generosity warmed our hearts and brought us joy each day of the week. Thank you for trusting us and letting us be a part of your child's learning and growth.

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Alexandra, Riley, Bailey, James W. Aryeh, Jace, and Molly for having perfect reading sheets this week. Congratulations to Richard for mastering subtraction 1-10 and Taj and Caden for mastering subtraction 11-20. Congratulations to Chad for moving up in his times tables. Congratulations to Adelina for moving up to mixed facts.

We would like to wish all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

We would like to thank all students and parents for the wonderful food and lovely gifts that were brought in for teacher appreciation week.

At this point, we only have 10 working days left in the classroom.

## STUDENT EDITOR

Chase Ghingher

The students are working hard to finish all required work.

In language, the students are completing the remainder of the language tower. Some students have already completed it.

In math, the students will complete math booklets required for the next grade. Some students have already finished all their math for this year.

The students completed their last spelling test, math test, and readings sheets. This will let the students focus on other areas of classwork. We do not have any more book reports or compositions due this year.

We would like to thank the Upper Elementary class for coming over and participating in the States Competition. The all did a fantastic job!

## UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini,  
Ms. Russell

We would like to extend our congratulations to our students for their outstanding performance in Friday Night Live. Despite the considerable effort involved, everyone exhibited exemplary behavior, resulting in a truly memorable and successful show. Now that the play is over our focus shifts to the last final weeks of the school year. Our students are diligently finishing their math books and preparing for the upcoming final. The last book report will be due on the 10th for 6th graders and the 15th for fourth and fifth grade.

Fourth grade returned to their normal routine this week following the success of Friday Night Live. This week students worked on their Mother's Day compositions and crafts, and are learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers with different denominators in math. In language, students are learning how to be more creative with sentence structure. They also had some exercises to learn different transitions when writing an essay. The students who need to turn an extra book report may choose a book of their choosing. It is due on May 15th.

Fifth graders learned about present and past tense verbs in language. They received a letter from fifth graders in Tennessee challenging them to write to a school in all fifty states. Students are also working towards finishing the fifth grade math textbook.

Sixth graders are currently studying internal and external combustion engines. James brought in an engine, allowing the six graders to explore its components by disassembling and reassembling it. Meanwhile in math we are wrapping up our final tests and preparing for the final.

## JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Mrs. Sanchez, Ms. Wheeler

With Friday Night Live behind us, we can focus on the academics, mainly getting ready for our finals. Some finals were taken this week, with most finals taking place next week.

We would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, family, and friends for coming out and supporting our school production. It meant a lot to all the students who put forth so much effort into making a fun and unforgettable evening.

This Friday, we welcomed our mothers to our classroom in celebration of Mother's Day.

This week, we welcomed back Mr. Miranda, our speaker from Suncoast Credit Union. He explained different types of checking accounts, and interest rates. He also brought a string bag and pencil pouch for each of the students.

Moving-up day took place this week. The sixth graders met with

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the seventh graders and answered some of their questions and concerns about their new classroom.

As a reminder, math binders will be due next week.

## AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

During circle time, we discussed wild weather such as tornadoes and earthquakes. We talked about how dangerous they are and what we all need to do in order to stay safe. The children were asked about how they thought they should stay safe during a dangerous situation. Some students gave impressive responses such as staying inside and avoiding tall structures. The students learned to stay down and cover their face, head, and neck from debris when an earthquake happens. The most important lesson to learn is to not go outside during a natural disaster unless it is absolutely necessary.

While on the playground, some children played Red Light-Green Light and Hide and Seek while others used the playground equipment.

Once inside, the children had a chance to work with any activity of their choice.

Enjoy your weekend!

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The “in-jail-quickly-released policy” has shown itself not to be an effective deterrent. It is a procedure that increases not discourages acting out. It has been an utter policy failure.

Just like parents who talk tough but do not follow through on their punishment, the child’s behavior worsens. Instead, the child realizes the parents are “full of hot air” and disregards their pronouncements of punishment. The child is encouraged to “push the envelope” because they know they will not receive a significant consequence. The child is emboldened to do greater episodes of misbehavior.

Lenient district attorneys and judges are going down the same path as modern parents. The malpractice by both needs to be reversed. DAs and/or judges need to receive negative consequences if they release a criminal with a long history of committing crimes such as murder, rape, or other serious crimes. The DAs and judges who release criminals prematurely without punishment should be fined or be dismissed from their position. This would discourage the legal official from only considering the perpetrators future life but their own careers. The DAs or judges need to consider the criminal less and the community more because that is what they are elected to do.

A Texas school shooter shot two students, was not arrested but released and not charged. He went home to a party that his family threw for him. He has reason to believe he was not going to be punished for his outrageous behavior and had every right to celebrate living in a totally permissive criminal system. The present pathetic justice system is terrific for law breaking criminals but has become a disaster for law abiding citizens. Our justice system is broken, and law-abiding citizens are the ones to suffer. There is no justice in ignoring the criminals who harm, abuse, or even kill someone who is in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Without fear of serious consequences, the criminals will be more brazen, causing more grief to innocent bystanders. Our protection of innocent people is collapsing. Our justice system will only improve when citizens stand up “en masse” to demand the protection of our citizens, police, and court system to provide strong leadership. This will only occur when citizens stand up together with one single voice to demand justice from our entire justice system. Things will only change for the better when we unite and challenge what is happening.

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