



# Wider Horizons School

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE !!!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

5/3 Friday Night Live  
5/6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week  
5-10 Mother's Day Visit  
8-8:30A.M.

### MOTHER'S DAY ON MAY 10TH

WHS invites our mothers to visit their child's classroom from 8-8:30 on Friday, May 10th for our annual Mother's Day visit.

"FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE," THE WHS ANNUAL THEATER PRODUCTION WHERE EACH STUDENT APPEARS ON STAGE.

There were only two weeks of parking lot rehearsal from total chaos to the finished program.



FATHER, MOTHER, AND NOW CHILDREN CALLING THE SHOTS  
By Domenick J Maglio PhD.

In the 1950s "Father Knows Best" was one of the most popular shows on television. It optimized the era when fathers were the heads of the household. They were respected and they had the final say in whatever needed to be done and when it would happen.

The end of the 1950s and the beginning of the 1960s the "women's liberation movement" came roaring into vogue. Women asserted themselves into decision making at first by being included with their boyfriend or spouse and eventually becoming the primary decision maker. Eventually the children in the family left to their own devices made their own decisions and finally many children were given the power by their parents to decide many decisions in family matters.

Parents relinquished their power to the children to win their favor and struggled to dominate the family. The entire family lost out since children have limited general knowledge for making good decisions. The parents had to live with the children's horrible decisions that were not thought out for everyone's benefit. The parents deferred to the child's immediate wishes without considering the precedent being set. For example: "I want to join this dance studio but quit in a week." "I want a two wheeled bicycle and never ride it."

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## PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez and Ms. Rios

This week in preschool has been very busy. In addition to all of their daily work, the children have been rehearsing everyday for the Friday Night Live performance tonight.

During language the children had lessons on sounds, blending sounds, rhyming words, compound words, and short vowels. Some children had lessons on long vowels. In math, the children had lessons on identifying numbers, the ten and ten boards, and the decimal system. While other children had lessons on multiplying with the decimal system and the multiplying board and another lesson with the Change Game. The purpose of this equipment is to help children experience the ordering effect of the laws of the decimal system and to teach the child how to physically exchange ten of the one hierarchy for one of the next hierarchy.

For Botany, the children are reviewing the parts of the tree and they enjoyed picking weeds in their garden and planting some seeds.

For geography they continued learning about land formations: Lake, island, peninsula, bay, strait and isthmus.

## PRIMARY

Miss Finnerty and Ms. Wallace

We can't believe that we are beginning the last month of the school year! It will be a very

busy month. Students are excited for their performances tonight. Please make sure your child arrives on time and uses the restroom before going backstage. We look forward to seeing you there!

Students have been working hard on gifts and cards for Mother's Day next week.

In language, students completed "I am" poems to commemorate the end of National Poetry month. We have played rhyming games and have read some poems together.

In science, we are finishing our tour of Africa. Students are learning about the animals of the countries of Africa.

Congratulations to Grace and Jacob for moving top in their multiplication tables and to Katherine for memorizing all division facts.

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Urbanek and Mr. Garrand

Congratulations to Logan, Taj, Adelina, Giovanna, and Leighton for having perfect reading sheets this week.

Today is Friday Night Live! We look forward to seeing all the students dressed for their parts this evening.

This week, students brought home their new spelling words. The students worked in a spelling packet and reviewed each word and definition.

STUDENT EDITOR  
Chase Ghingher

The students have been working on completing the language tower. In math, they are finishing what is needed for them to complete for their grade level. Some students have moved forward and started completing additional math. In art, the students are working on Mother's Day crafts.

The students are working on completing their poem book. They are diligently working with material in science, history, and geography.

The students are also working with extension work off the shelves in all areas of the classroom.

We have three weeks of school left and the students need to concentrate on completing the necessary requirements for their grade level. Please make sure your child is well rested and arrives on time.



*MASA DOES HER BIRTHDAY WALK.*



## UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini,  
Ms. Russell

Students are very excited for Friday Night Live. After a week full of practicing and rehearsing, students are ready to perform tonight. Due to the play, students did not have any spelling tests this week.

Fourth grade students turned in their final book report of the year this week. A few students will need to make up a book report, which will be due on May 15th. Students continued to work in their vocabulary books, and have only one more test left in the fourth grade math book.

Fifth graders used a microscope in Botany to look through slides, as well as different plant life. In language, they worked on their dictionary skills and reviewed irregular verbs. They took this time to review work in the language tower.

Sixth grade students are learning intransitive and transitive verbs, as well as troublesome verbs. Students also presented their roller coasters this week. Congratulations to the winners of the roller coaster contest. Mason and Reese won for the fastest and for the best experience. Eden and Kennedy won for the most creative.

## JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Mrs. Sanchez, Ms. Wheeler

In the blink of an eye, the week has come to a close. Our students have been practicing and doing dress rehearsals all week long. They are excited to show everyone their skills this evening at Friday Night Live.

Aside from the performing arts, much progress has been made in the academics this week. For math news, seventh grade Lynus, Paulino and Matthew Ni have begun Algebra 1! Seventh grade Earth Science completed their chapter on weather. Eighth grade dove into the cycles of nature including water, carbon, and nitrogen. Ninth grade health began their exploration of genetics. Tenth grade Biology began studying the human genome.

We would like to remind everyone that Mother's Day is May 10th at 8:00 A.M. We hope to see you there! We will also have a guest speaker from Suncoast Credit Union on May 7th. Flyers for our annual game night went out. Money and sign ups are due on May 15th.

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

This week, during circle time, we read several books. One book in particular caught the children's attention. It was the Wonderful Life of Seals and Whales. Seals come ashore to nest and have babies. Whales spend their entire life in the water. We also read Telling the Truth, which helped the children learn about honesty, integrity and, trustworthiness.

During playground time, some children were chasing butterflies, others played in the sand box, and some were collecting leaves. Once inside, the older students were working on their homework while others worked with any activity of their choice.

Have a safe weekend!



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Children's lack of experience limits their knowledge base which does not bode well for our maintaining the status as an economic and political powerhouse. The immature thinking process of young people at the controls of power is very problematic for our future as a nation. Without wisdom guiding us, we can unfortunately wind up in a devastating economic or political crisis.

Immature individuals often jump at an opportunity to grab the golden ring without examining the possible pitfalls of their strategy. Impulsive decision making can and often does end in disaster. This is much more likely to be found in the spontaneous, immature individuals who are taught that once you are given what you want, you can change your mind.

Modern children in many families are voicing what they want to buy for the family dinners, decide what shows to watch, what expensive and fashionable clothes to buy, which thousand-dollar concerts to attend, freaky colored hairstyles, piercings, what school to attend, planning family trips, everything that previously was the responsibility of the parents. Children are being allowed to make serious decisions without the knowledge and wisdom to do so.

Whenever there is a conflict about buying something, generally the children are able to convince the parents that since everybody else has it or is going to get it shortly, they should get it as well. After a long, drawn-out argument, the parents grant the wishes of the child, and the parents are stuck with an expensive, unused item.

Allowing children to make these choices when they do not have the knowledge to do so gives them the false sense that they can make good decisions. Placing this responsibility in the hands of our children is short sighted. Besides not having the knowledge and experience to make complicated decisions it gives them the idea they are equal to an adult in making these decisions for their future. They think their knowledge is on the same level as their parents. They are wrong but the parents pay the price in aggravation for allowing an immature child's thinking process to negatively affect the whole family.

Children are not capable of making adult decisions. This is why in law a person has to be 18 to make many decisions so parents have to sign important forms for them.

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