NEWSLETTER MAY 16, 2025

Wider Horizons School

Trips, Trips, Trips

DATES TO REMEMBER

5/20 Field Day (Bring Extra Clothes!)

5/23 Graduation and Student Recognition Day

6/2 SUMMER CAMPS BEGIN!!

This week many classes had the opportunity to take trips. The junior high and senior high Spanish students took their annual trip to eat lunch in a Spanish restaurant. The students enjoyed their empanadas and bisek sandwiches at Copacabana.

Preschoolers had their annual visit to a supermarket. They had a very educational trip to Murphey's Market. They tried pieces of rhubarb with and without sugar. Some students actually liked it without sugar. They got to taste different fruits like watermelon and mangos, They visited the bakery and those who could tasted banana bread.

They visited the meat department and could tell the butcher what animal the various meats came from. The students enjoyed their trip and the ride on the bus.



Students in upper elementary and junior high traveled to Camp Geneva where they spent three days and two nights. They had a great time doing

many activities.





RECENT AWARDS FOR OUR STUDENTS AND PAST STUDENTS

David Kaidov- One of our WHS dual enrollment highschool students at PHSC, David Khaidov, was inducted into the Tau Upsilon Alpha Honor Society for Human Services this past week. This is a great achievement and brings honor to our school.

Maximo Maglio-

Maximo has been selected as a senator of the student government of P-HSC this year. Maximo started a Chess Club at P-HSC and an SAT review class for the students at WHS on Friday afternoons. He also received the Italian-American Club's scholarship for this year.

Hanna Fox Maglio-Graduate 2023 Graduated May 2nd from the University of Florida with her BA from the School of Journalism. She is an honor student graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Caitlyn Deam- Class of
Just graduated with her Masters of
education In Curriculum and Instruction.
Received her BA in 2023 in Criminology
and a BS in Cell and Molecular Biology.
Has begun her Ph.D. program in Higher
Education Administration.
Recently awarded the NASPA NOW
Professional Award as well as Graduate
Student of the Year. Caitlyn loves staying
involved on campus and in the
community. Involvement is the key to
success in college.

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Nieves

This week in preschool we are learning about Memorial Day and healthy foods the students can eat. Every morning they enjoy watching the flowers they planted grow in the garden. We also went on our field trip to "Murphy's Market". The students learned about different types of produce and baked goods. They learned about the meat department too while also enjoying the bus ride.

In language, we continue to read our Bob Books and Congratulations to Yvan, Caleb, Abigail, and Cooper for moving up. We hope you continue to read over the summer! We are also working on tracing a Graduation Poem.

In Math, students continue to explore addition and subtraction lessons. We have some students practicing flash cards.

In sensorial, students are learning the color matching and extension lesson on knobless cylinders, which shows them how to mix two colors together.

In art, we are making something to celebrate graduation and Memorial Day. Please have your child bring in an extra shirt for our annual Field Day next Tuesday.

PRIMARY

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

This week in Primary, as we get ready to wrap-up the 2024-2025 school year, students worked hard to tie up any loose ends they had. Many students have now memorized some if not most of the math facts, and/or read all 48 Bob Books! We are so proud of each students' accomplishments and know they will continue to learn and grow.

In math, students have been practicing addition, subtraction, and multiplication with the use of flashcards and participating in timed math tests. Some students also chose to participate in a voluntary spelling test, this was the last spelling test of the year.

We are continuing to learn about the human body. They enjoyed learning the organs, and the circulatory system as well as finishing the digestive system.

LOWER ELEMENTARY Mrs. Urbanek and Ms. Russell

The students continued to work toward finishing up the language tower and completing required math booklets.

This is the last real week for students to complete all the necessary work to move forward. They have worked really hard all year long.

Some students are building their poem book. The third graders will be taking home their poem book, if complete, while the second graders will complete the book next year. We also have students working on botany, history, and landforms.

Keep in mind we have a lot of different summer camps available this summer. Please sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot for that week

STUDENT EDITOR Morgan Szabo



Lower Elementary students created their own landforms.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

Students are hard at work to finish the year strong. Students were asked to bring in a white t-shirt to tie dye this Friday and will be able to wear them for Field Day next Tuesday. Please be sure to wear sunscreen and bring a water bottle to deal with Florida's sun. Any students who have not completed their required coursework will not be able to participate in Field Day. Textbooks should be returned next Wednesday. Next Friday, students who remain after graduation will need to bring lunch; pizza will not be provided.

We would like to thank the students for their hard work outside. Students enjoyed a day without their uniforms. We would like to welcome back the students who enjoyed Camp Geneva this week.

Fourth graders worked on the language tower this week as a review for many of the concepts that they learned throughout the year. Students also completed their final spelling and language tests. In geography, students were able to choose a landmark of the United States to research and present.

Fifth graders had their last spelling test today, and the final in vocabulary will be given on Monday. Students are working hard to finish the year strong in those two categories as the quarter winds down. In language, students learned about different complements and their connection to action and linking verbs. Students also presented their South America projects and continued to work on their brochures highlighting landmarks in European countries.

Sixth grade spent a majority of the week working hard to complete their math and language textbooks. To ensure that students get to experience all of the end-of-year activities, it is imperative that students are working

on a set a day until completed. In Science, some students were assigned a chapter to present using a Google slides presentation. This presentation will help sixth graders improve their final grade.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Ms. Wheeler, & Mrs. Parks

As the academic school year comes to a close, we are filled with pride and joy over all that our students have accomplished this semester. From academic milestones to hands-on projects and unforgettable field experiences, our Jr. and Sr. High students have finished the year strong!

Our students have officially completed their final exams! We recognize the effort, focus, and determination it takes to finish the year well. Whether this was their first time taking finals or they are seasoned test-takers, we are proud of the maturity and resilience they showed during this busy time.

One of the highlights of this spring has been the collaborative creation of our American Flag statue, which students have been diligently constructing throughout the semester. This piece, a symbol of unity and creativity, will be proudly displayed during our graduation ceremony. The attention to detail and teamwork that went into this project truly reflects the spirit of our classroom.

Some of our students took the opportunity to attend Camp Geneva, and what an incredible experience it was! From building their own Da Vinci bridge using nothing but teamwork and problem-solving skills, to soaring through the trees on the zip line, students stretched themselves in new and exciting ways. Whether navigating group challenges or simply enjoying the great outdoors, this trip was a perfect blend of adventure and

personal growth. With final exams complete and projects finalized, our students are preparing to celebrate their achievements at our upcoming graduation ceremony. The event will honor the accomplishments of our graduating senior, Maximo Maglio, while reflecting on the journey we have shared together. We will also be honoring the students who achieved the distinction of National Honor Society and Honor Roll. We cannot wait for you to join us to celebrate the incredible work they have done this year.

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

This week during circle we learned about animals that are nocturnal. There are many animals that are nocturnal, however, we focused on Florida's nocturnal animals. We talked about the 9 Banded Armadillo, raccoons, bats, the Florida panther, bobcats, owls, and foxes. The children also learned about a nocturnal animal named the capybara. The capybara belongs to the rodent family. This nocturnal animal was introduced to America through an exotic pet trade with South America. The capybara have no known predators, and they live in marshy areas.

While enjoying our playground time, the children had fun using all the playground equipment and singing all kinds of songs.

Once inside our classroom, we went over the rules of quiet and focused while the older students work on their homework. The rest of the children were busy painting butterflies to bring home.

GRADUATION DAY

AND STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

9:00AM

FRIDAY, MAY 23

All students and parents are Expected to attend.

Regular drop off time

Students will be excused to go home after returning to their Classroom to collect their folders and Report cards

Bring your lawn chairs to set up by the Northside Gazebo where the Ceremony will take place.