

# Wider Horizons School

## HAPPY CONSTITUTION DAY



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**9/16/ Constitution Day**  
**10/17 Picture Day (uniforms required)**  
**10/10 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL**  
**10/12 PSAT Testing**

### USA HISTORY AT WHS

Wider Horizons School includes lots of important American history into our curriculum. The recognition of our US Constitution is an important learning experience. The students continue to learn different ways our constitution affects our daily lives.

**FREE CUT FIRE WOOD AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP**  
Ask at the office

Nathan (preschool) is placing stars on his wreath for Constitution Day.



Lower elementary made flags in honor of Constitution Day. They discussed the importance of the constitution and the flag.

### WORK PROVIDES DIGNITY AND PURPOSE

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Traditional Realist

America is quickly moving away from the work ethic. As the tentacles of our government on the federal, state and local level grow, our citizens are given more free services and money for choosing not to work. The stated goal is to create equity in our nation, but this will create a large underclass of non-workers. This large underclass will be easier to control than self-made middle- and upper-class entrepreneurs.

Once people are on the government dole, they are easy to manage by the bureaucrats. Dependency on government give-away programs and assistance checks to function will undermine our capitalist economy. Basic needs are covered though the services but dwindle in quality and quantity over time. Reliance on government promises most often ends in disappointment and anger. Once citizens become dependent on government handouts, they are captives of the state.

In the U.S. many immigrants came not for handouts but for freedom and opportunity. In the late 1800s and early 1900s people from all over Europe flooded over America. These immigrants almost never received government assistance, and many would have refused it. They just wanted to earn their own way.

Some immigrants were rejected in Ellis Island for disease, mental health issues and criminal history and sent back to their own countries. Most of the immigrants settled in poor ethnic enclaves and worked themselves up into improved living communities. By the third generation most of them were thought of as being full-fledged American citizens.

### RATIONALE FOR BIOGRAPHY FAIR

WHS began the Biography Fair years ago to help children to grasp history a little better. If they learn about a FAMOUS historical person they also learn about the period of time and the SIGNIFICANCE of the person in history. This is the reason why we want the students to choose an IMPORTANT HISTORICAL person not an obscure one.



High school and Junior high conducted a mock trial for Constitution Day, where the 1st amendment was violated. Students were on either the defendant or the prosecution side. Students from 8th grade and up defended their positions to the 7th grade jury.



## PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bermudez, Miss Brown

This week in preschool we continued our discussion about North America. At the art table the children stamped North American animals on a map. We also talked about Patriot Day, and the Constitution, and the children got to make a wreath with stars representing the American Flag.

The students were excited to see new fall theme work at the Math and Practical Life areas. They had lessons with odd and even numbers, 1-5, 1 to 10, the teen and ten boards, the short bead stairs, the decimal system, and the 9 tray decimal system. Some of the students are adding with the decimal system. The purpose of the short bead stairs is to assist the children in memorizing the colors of each bead bar and its associated quantity. This is a preliminary activity necessary for more advanced work. The decimal system is to help the child become familiar with the quantities and hierarchies of the decimal system.

In language the children are working with sounds, blending sounds, working with the pink series (short vowels), reading sentences or reading Bob Books. The children are also encouraged to practice their penmanship twice a week.

Have a great weekend!



Preschoolers worked on puzzles of America, and spoke about the Constitution and how it began.

## PRIMARY

Mrs. Youse and Ms. Lundmark

This week in primary, the students were introduced to several new materials and lessons. For math, they learned the teen frame and ten boards. These will introduce them to the tens digit and numbers past ten. Jace mastered his subtraction, so he will be moving on to multiplication. The children continued to get their spelling tests, with Donovan joining since has shown appropriate mastery of his penmanship and phonetic understanding to begin this week. For language, the children copied a poem about an apple tree and illustrated a picture for it. We also discussed grammar ; about where and when to use capital letters.

In science, the students are learning botany. They've been given lessons on parts of plants, leaves, and trees. To test that they have learned these concepts, we are introducing tests where they must color each part if the plant differently according to what we tell them. This will test both their understanding of the material and their listening abilities.

As a reminder, we have sent home Biography Fair papers. Please be sure to turn them in as soon as possible to ensure they are approved, or to reselect a person as needed. Thank you all and have a great weekend!

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbaneck and Mr. Garrand

In language the second graders learned about matching certain nouns. The third graders learned about antonyms, synonyms, and homophones.

Congratulations to Xavier, Gianna, Dixie, Molly, Hadley, Ayran, Ethan, and Siyanna for perfect reading sheets.

In math the students learned about bar graphs and how to read them. They continued working in their booklets, solving applications, and learning geometry terms.

## STUDENT EDITORS

YANNEISY FERRER

In spelling this week the students worked on the chalkboard twice, did a word search, and wrote sentences with pictures. The students had a group lesson discussing the definition of each word.

In science the students continued to work in botany. They are working on three part matching on the flower, tree, and different types of roots.

In geography the students are continuing to work on landforms and water forms. The students had a lesson on the water cycle.

In history the students are continuing to work on the days of the week and the months of the year.

We talked about the Constitution and they created a little booklet about it.

We have been working out in the garden taking care of the weeds so the plants can grow.

Have a great weekend!



Ninth grade health performed multiple physical tests to determine their physical fitness in all categories.



## UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Bandini, Mrs. Poole

Proposals for the Biography Fair went out last week. Time should be dedicated to researching different historical figures and deciding who to portray for the Biography Fair. Please make sure there are enough reliable sources at your child's level. This is the first step in preparing for the presentation. Once a historical figure is chosen, a proposal is submitted and will need to be approved by the teacher. Proposals should be submitted as soon as possible to avoid having to choose someone else. Proposals are approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

The fourth graders this week took a spelling test for lesson 4, turned in their first book report on the charming book "Because of WinnDixie" They also wrote their final drafts of their second composition of the year about a heroic act. Many more language towers were completed as well as reviewing and learning verbs, and pronouns.

The students are making great progress in Saxon math and have now completed their first math test and are working on lessons that increase their knowledge of negative numbers, how to use the 100's table and many more fun math functions.

In zoology the students learned about the 7 basic functions that all living things do: excretion, respiration, growth, feeding, senses. Then they compared how plants do these functions compared to how animals do them. In geography they continue to learn about the continents. This week we learned more about Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

Several of the fourth graders have volunteered to help with cleanup after lunch. They sweep under the tables, spray down the tables, water plants and tidy the back porches. They are doing a smashing job! It was another fun week filling minds with interesting facts and learning to accomplish new tasks and master new concepts.

This week fifth graders turned in their first book report. Students will not have another book report until after the Biography Fair so they can focus on their chosen historical figure. In language, subjects and predicates were re-introduced and reviewed. In math, we are still emphasizing neatness when turning in homework. Students are doing well reviewing previous concepts that they learned last year. In Geography, students continued working on command cards about the anatomy of

the Earth. In Botany, students learned about the differences between fibrous roots and taproot systems.

Sixth graders had their first language test on the structure of a sentence. Many students did very well, so we would like to congratulate them for doing a wonderful job! They will have their third science on Monday, September 19th and should use the weekend to prepare accordingly. Key Terms and their definitions should be written on index cards. Suggestions were given when reviewing for the test to underline important words in the definitions to help memorize the terms. Sixth graders also wrote their first synopsis of the novel, Black Beauty on Thursday. The structure of a well written book report was reviewed, and an example of a book report and guidelines can be found in their language book on page 398. The next book report will be due on Friday, September 30th.

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Parks, Miss Finnerty, Ms. Sanchez

We now have week 5 in the books! Our classroom has produced the most work this week. All subjects are moving along and finishing their 4th or 5th chapters.

In math, we gave kudos to Janae Davis and William McGrogan for completing Algebra 1/2 and starting Algebra 1. This is a huge accomplishment as they will be starting a high school credit in the 8th grade! We have a few students reaching the end of their books and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

Junior High art completed Picasso inspired art by doing a split face with opposite expressions on either side. Our classroom assisted with campus clean up. We had some dead trees cut down and our students hauled the logs and branches away.

For Constitution Day, our class conducted a mock trial "Boston Public Schools v. McDewganburgh." 12th grade Zarah was our judge, 10th grade Maximo played as the lead prosecution lawyer, and 10th grade Yanneisy was our bailiff. Our 9th graders were our lawyers and junior high were our witnesses and jury!

Biography Fair information was sent out this week. Topic submissions are due September 28th, 2022. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

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. Bennett

This week, the children played free play, and Gaga ball. The children had fun and enjoyed their time outside.

The children played with Mind Lab games, which helps their brain and think of a concrete solution to problems.

This week the children watched a movie. The children enjoyed it very much.

## PRESCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer

During circle time this week consisted of story telling. The children read a book called "See and Slide". A type of animal in the book was described. The book contained a slide which covered the correct animal and the children had a chance to guess the animal beforehand. All kinds of animals were involved. Some children were dying to imitate the sound that some animals make. We also discussed the life cycle of a caterpillar in detail. Afterwards, the children had a chance to do some painting/coloring, work with puzzles or any other activity of their choice.

When we went outdoors, some children were playing the game "Red Light, Green Light". Some children were very busy playing in the sandbox, and the rest were enjoying the playground equipment.



In honor of Constitution Day, Upper Elementary learned about growth of the United States population and population densities.

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The five million illegal immigrants crossing our southern border in the last two years are not being screened. The cartels are being paid thousands of dollars to get immigrants into America. Often these immigrants are required to bring drugs while others have to pay for the assistance by sex trafficking. Our government provides free cell phones, travel, lodging, and food to these illegal immigrants. Many immigrants see the United States as the land of plenty where the government will provide not only for their needs but their wants.

Too many illegals coming into the USA are being deceived. Our nation's greatness has **not** been built on socialist policies of equalizing the wealth or taking it from the rich and supposedly giving it to the poor. Many of these people are arriving from corrupt socialist governments that have failed in their promises and currently we are using the same tactics to seduce immigrants into our nation.

In capitalist systems people have the freedom to start businesses and work themselves up the ladder to better positions through their own initiative and effort. Our economy has not been a government controlled one. But many corrupt, self-serving government officials and powerful elites want to eliminate our constitutional republic replaced with a top-down socialistic government.

The democrat party is in control of our government which is attempting to shift us toward a socialist economy. It has been an utter failure. We presently have stagflation, slow down in home building, a stock market that is falling everyday and supply chain chaos. These "brilliant elites" claim this transition is only temporary in the transition to our new socialist world order.

Hopefully the democrat socialist economic disaster of 2020 until now will be replaced by our traditional capitalist one. Small businesses will be encouraged to open through the government relaxing unrealistic and ridiculous requirements and direct interference on how to run their enterprise. Oil corporations will be permitted to drill where there are profitable deposits with reasonable environmental restrictions. Fracking and oil exploration again will be allowed. Small businesses throughout the nation will be allowed to run their businesses without outrageous government restrictions. No government should prevent any businesses from making a profitable living through ingenuity, innovation and effort. America's greatness is based on the foundation of freedom to prosper and the dignity of lifting oneself up by one's own bootstraps, which is a fundamental element of our capitalist society.

Free U.S. citizens have spent an extraordinary amount of time and energy to build their businesses from scratch. Many family members pitched in to create a viable enterprise. Their business is their love, and it shows to anyone who enters it. It gives the owners and employees great satisfaction in serving their customers. Their business is their life's work. It is the reason they wake up to perform the job that they created. It gives them purpose, dignity and meaning to their life.

If these new immigrants *do not want* to follow our American formula for success in the greatest nation on earth, they need to return to their own countries. The United States is not about giving handouts, it is about giving a "hand up."

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