

# Wider Horizons School

## HURRICANE CLEAN UP



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/11 Columbus Day- No classes
- 10/18 REPORT CARDS!!
- 10/31 BIOGRAPHY FAIR  
- Early release -
- 11/8 Veterans Day Tribute

### WHS FAMILY AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HELENE

One of our WHS families was severely affected by the recent hurricane. Their home on Hernando Beach was damaged quite badly. They have a first grader here and are expecting a new baby any minute.

All of the baby supplies they had ready were ripped from the home along with their clothing, the child's WHS uniforms and other necessities.

We would like to make a request for those of you who would like to help this family send in baby supplies from diapers to a crib your children have outgrown or even gift cards that can be used for a multitude of items needed.

We will collect the items you send in next week and will give them to the family on Thursday, October 10th.

Thank you in advance for helping out

### SECOND AND THIRD GRADERS WORK HARD TO CLEAN UP WHS GROUNDS

Hurricane Helene spared us, thank God, but there was lots of debris that needed to be removed. Mrs. Urbanek spearheaded the clean up with the students in her class who happily made the grounds beautiful again.



The students cleared away branches, palm fronds and various litter that fell from the trees. Luckily there was little storm damage.



### DIFFICULT TIMES ARE NECESSARY

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

We are becoming a culture where everyone wants to be accepted for whatever they want to do. If they are not acting kindly to others, they still want others to be kind to them. They seem to have forgotten the golden rule: "do unto others as you want them to do unto you." Many understand that what you give out to others somehow comes back to you good or bad.

However, there are too many others who expect people to be especially considerate of them without earning it. In their thinking process, they are special and should be treated "with kid gloves." This is not how most strangers react to other strangers. Many of them make a quick assessment from their first impression of an initial encounter.

If an individual greets someone in an appropriate, respectful manner they will generally receive a positive reaction in return. Many people want to make a good impression keeping the conversation general and pleasant. There are some who have a "chip on their shoulder" and may be bitter about their lives because of the death of a loved one, a serious physical ailment, past serious setback or critical personal issue.

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## PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Scaglione

Welcome back, we are glad everyone is safe. This week we discussed "Fall" and the color change of leaves when it is cooler weather. We also discussed Columbus Day, what it is and why we celebrate it.

In math, we are continuing to learn the zero game along with practicing our numbers and counters. We also reviewed the number rods with matching numbers.

In language, congratulations Opal and Yvan for movie up a Bob Book. We continue to practice our letters and sounds. We did lessons on matching item to letter along with letter to picture.

In sensorial, we are learning our shapes, noble cylinders, and sorting.

We are also learning new fall songs and being creative will fall art.

## PRIMARY

Miss Finnerty, Ms. Skiff, and Mr. Garrand

We are glad to see all of the students happy and well after our hurricane break. We began our weekly by discussing the Autumnal Equinox. We talked about the changing of seasons from Summer to Fall and what we can expect to see and what celebrations occur during the Fall. We also discussed the hurricane and why we should listen to our families during the event.

In language, students received lessons on alphabetizing and

punctuation. We discussed the difference between questions, statements, and exclamations. When alphabetizing students were asked to match upper case and lowercase letters, once this skill and the phonetic sound are mastered; students will move onto matching objects to the letters in alphabetical order. This task is challenging because it requires focus and patience.

In math, students received a refresher lesson on addition using Montessori colored beads. Mastering the use of the Montessori materials is essential to each child's success.

In geography, students have started learning about the fifty states. We will be introducing them to the name, the capital, and a few short facts about each state.

We had a successful Technology Day, filled with a discussion about what technology is, coding, and STEM challenges. It is a joy to watch the children work through challenges that are not typical for their everyday life.

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Ms. Russell

Congratulations to Karolyn for having a perfect reading sheet. Congratulations to Bella for mastering subtraction facts 1-10. Congratulations to Aryana, Cora, Bailey, Karolyn, Bella, Sebastian, Annabelle, Christian, Emma, Katherine, and Kinsley for moving up in times tables.

During the next four week students will receive extra practice on their times tables. They enjoy going outside and making a game of it; they answer verbally, as quickly as they can. Repetition builds confidence so they pass to the next level, and

fresh air and exercise are good for the brain.

In spelling this week the students went over the definitions verbally, rolled the dice, completed a word search and wrote their words five times this week.

In language, students had a lesson on abbreviations such as St., Ln., Ave., Cir., Dr., and W. Students not already writing in paragraph form are learning to do so. They also have been working on different types of sentences and the correct punctuation.

In math, the students are working on applications, booklets, and they had a lesson on time. This week they learned about telling time by the hour. Please continue to review time with your child.

In history students continue to work on ays of the week and the months of the year. In science the students worked in botany and continued to work on different types of roots.

We did a class demonstration with the students to help them understand how chlorophyll effects the change in color of the leaves.

In geography the students continued toward on landforms, water forms, and had a lesson the water cycle demonstration in baggies.

Social studies students learned about the importance of resources in our community. Reviews mapping, compass rose, and directions.

## UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Gutierrez, Miss. Bandini,  
and Mr. Harrell

This week we were glad to see everyone back safe and sound. Students were able to present for Technology Day on Wednesday, and were able to showcase their skills. Those who participated received extra credit for a science grade.

As a reminder, students do not have book reports or compositions due for the month of October. Students should be researching and writing their report for the Biography Fair this month. Their research and introductory paragraph is due on Monday October 7th.

Fourth graders are learning about the properties of multiplication, such as the identity property, the commutative property, and the zero property. They are also learning about calculating elapsed time. Students were also given further lessons on the Biography Fair, since their research is due next Monday. As a reminder, their research paper is to be written in third person. Students will then use their report as a template for their presentation, which will be given in first person.

Fifth grade worked on various concepts for language and learned about the founding fathers' ideas and reasons for limiting the power of the government, and the consequences of unchecked power.

Sixth graders worked on compounds and elements in physical science and they reviewed nouns, as well as categorizations of nouns and verbs. Students continue to learn about ancient Mesopotamia, and read about the Sumerian epic of Gilgamesh.

## JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Miss. Wheeler, Mrs. Samuels, and Mr. Harrell

All math binders are due Wednesday, October 9th. All students are expected to hand in a neat and organized binder.

The students have been progressing in their various subjects in the junior and senior high school classroom. In 7th grade Earth Science, we have been able to discuss which resources fall under which category and why. In 8th grade Geography, the students completed a unit on Europe and Russia. In 9th grade American history, we are entering the chapters that discuss the Revolutionary War and the most formative years for our country. 10th grade English students have just started a unit on clauses.

Technology Day was on Wednesday October 2nd. We are very proud of the students who chose to bring in a project to present to their classmates.

Those students were rewarded with the application of an additional test grade in the class of their choice. All students were informed their would be a reward for putting in the the additional work and it was left for them to choose to take the opportunity or not.

Biography fair proposals were due on Friday October 4th. Looking ahead, the Works Cited page component of their required research will be due on October 18th. Our new 7th grade students as well as our 8th grade students have been practicing various citation methods. While we expect them to still have some questions, they should have the tools they need to get started on their citations this weekend.

IN CASE OF A STORM OR STATE OF EMERGENCY WHERE THERE IS NO POWER - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL POWER IS RESTORED. We follow the public school schedule for school closings.

## AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

During circle time, we read a book called, "Don't Throw That Away". It is about what we can recycle and reuse. For example, paper, plastic, metal, and glass can all be recycled. When we recycle these objects, we can turn them into something new. Even old clothes that parents have that they do not wear anymore can be turned into new costumes and dresses. Even old boxes into cool toy cars. Learning about recycling and reusing has never been so much fun!

When we went outside, the children sang and danced to, "We Are Going to Kentucky," while others were busy building castles in the sand box and the rest were using the playground equipment.

Once inside, the older students worked on their homework while the rest were playing with legos, puzzles, or other activities of their choice.



Students display the plants donated by a parent in appreciation of their work cleaning up the grounds.

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Instead of putting their problems into the context of their lives they blow it out of proportion to the point of anger. Instead of realizing the non-serious crisis will soon fade into memory. This positive realization will help the person become emotionally stronger and mentally wiser. On the other hand, when a person hangs onto their obsessions and anger without accepting and tolerating it as another difficult but important learning experience. The person tortures himself for no reason. It can ruin the person's emotional and mental stability.

Hanging onto anger and pain can become intolerable and result in mental instability and even mental illness. On the other hand, accepting the intolerable as well as the magical is an indicator that a person is gaining wisdom. Positive and negative, wonderful and horrible days are all part of one's life. All of us should need to learn that if everything and everyday were perfect we would be living a delusional existence. The difficult times are necessary to teach us to appreciate the good ones. The ups and downs of life exist for all of us.

Those difficult events are an essential part of life. Without down days we would be ignorant of recognizing the up ones. People must accept difficulties and even tragic events to appreciate the pleasant and even glorious ones. Life has both unpleasant and pleasant events. Remember in life all of us will experience both negative and positive.

Accept the difficult experiences since it is the main way humans are able to appreciate those magical ones. Everyone who is alive will have miserable and delightful days in their lives. Remembering those wonderful days is a great method to place one's life in an overall positive perspective for their sake.

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