



Wider Horizons School

BUSY WEEK!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

2/17 Presidents Day (NO SCHOOL)
3/7 Fathers Day Visit
8-8:30am
3/7 Class Photo
3/12 World Culture Day
3/14 Report Cards
3/17-3/24 Spring Break

CHINESE RESTAURANT VISIT



We had a fun time at the Chinese Restaurant and some of our parents joined us!



SPIRIT WEEK FUN



Mix Match Day in Lower Elementary.



Primary worked hard while comfortable in their PJ's.



The students got to dress up as their favorite characters!

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE EXPO

This year's 2025 Science Expo was a spectacular event for all!

Every student in the whole school participated in the Science Expo. Children as young as preschool had presentations to give to their class. Six preschoolers gave really good presentations.

Students in every other class had excellent demonstrations or experiments to show to their peers and judges.

Our five Dual Enrolled students were judges for the classes. Each class had one student and one parent except for primary which had one parent and two students as judges.

We were really proud of how well our college students were as judges of their younger peers. They were thoughtful and very good at analyzing the different presentations. This comes from being on the other side of the desk for so many years themselves. Another factor that played with these student judges is that they knew many of the children as well.

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Nieves

This week we have been preparing for Valentine's Day. We learned two new Valentine songs to sing for you. Along with fun Valentine crafts. We also continue to discuss life in the ocean. Then we talked about Presidents Day and who was our first president.

In math, we learned matching quantities with numbers. Along with sequencing the large number cards. We practiced our addition on special Valentines hearts.

In language, we learned how to place a sentence with a picture representing the sentence. We also worked on spelling sight words. Some of the students wrote a Valentine's poem, and some traced the words. We continue to read our Bob Books. A special congrats to Yvan for moving up a Bob Book.

This week was Spirit Week where we all enjoyed each day of fun. In Science, we made Fizzy Valentine Hearts. We also had three-part lessons of different ocean life.

We hope everyone enjoys their long weekend. Happy Valentines Day and Presidents Day!

PRIMARY

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

This week in Primary, the students participated in Spirit Week. They started the week off in their pajamas and ended it in their best dress up clothes. On Tuesday, the students enjoyed seeing one another in their mix matched clothing. On Wednesday, they met lots of interesting characters. Hat day, Thursday, was a blast.

In language, students completed a Valentine's Day poem. First graders received a lesson on the fundamentals of story telling. In

circle time, both classes shared some of the things they love.

In math, the students continued to build upon their knowledge of fractions. The students will continue to have ongoing lessons in fractions. The students will continue to have on-going lessons in fractions throughout the year. The materials we are currently using are very engaging and seem to be one of their preferred works. We continue to stress the importance of nutrition for healthy bodies. This week they made a nutritious snack.

We also celebrated A'vea and August's birthdays! The development of each year of their life was highlighted during their birthday walk. Happy Birthday A'vea and August!

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Ms. Russell

Subtraction

Time tables

Congratulations to Yvnicka and Aryana for getting perfect reading sheets.

This week was Spirit Week and the students all looked great dressed this week and most of all they enjoyed themselves.

Math this week was review highlighting bar graphs, geometry cards, <, >, or =, calendars, booklets, applications, place value, and symmetry. They also were able to do extension math from the tower or shelf.

In language this week the students worked from the tower. Second grade is learning about adjectives, reviewing verb tense, and symmetry. Third grade is working with subject/predicate and pronouns.

In spelling the students talked about their spelling words and

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went over them verbally and worked in their packet.

In history the students continued to work on Needs of Man. The students have several extensions on this work that they will be able to start upon the completion of their work.

In geography the students worked on weather, clouds, landforms, wetlands, and water forms.

In social studies the students continued to learn Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest, mapping, and use of a map key.

In science the students continue to learn about parts of the flower, stems, and leaves.

In art the students will start crafts for Father's Day.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

The children enjoyed the Science Expo last Friday. They all did such a wonderful job! We would like to commend Thomas, Logan, Brianna, Samuel M, and Janie for earning a ten on their Science Expo.

For Valentine's Day, Upper Elementary enjoyed their friendship lunch where they ate together inside the classroom. Students passed out friendship letters and cards.

Proposals for the World Culture Fair will be distributed next week, but our students are very excited and are requesting their countries early. In the event of a lost proposal, a note indicating the student's chosen country along with a parent's signature will be sufficient. Parental signatures are necessary as this fair entails parental assistance in preparing a dish on the day of the event.

Fourth graders are more than halfway through the language tower materials. Students are reviewing how to alphabetize words that start with the same letter. Students were also assigned a classmate to write a friendly letter to, where they were encouraged to use a thesaurus to look up synonyms. In math, students learn how to identify what operation to do first in a two-step word problem. They are also reviewing measurement conversion. In Zoology, fourth graders are learning about chordates, particularly fish.

Most fifth graders have almost completed the language towers, therefore a new language book was introduced this week. They are learning to classify sentences and how to identify subjects and predicates. Fifth graders are on Lesson 20 in their spelling books; five words have been added to the original list. This week in botany, fifth-grade students will be planting

milkweed seeds for monarch butterflies.

This week sixth graders In physical science, are continuing to explore friction, motion, inertia, and Newton's Laws of Motion. The objective this week in language was learning to identify the principal parts of regular and irregular verbs. Due to the Science Expo, scorecards were delayed last week; however, they will be distributed today. Apologies for any inconvenience.

The President's Day Research Paper is due on February 21st.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, & Ms. Wheeler

This was another wonderful week in our Junior and Senior High School Class. We've had a fantastic time learning and celebrating together, and we can't wait to share all the fun details with you!

Last week was a whirlwind of creativity and celebration! The students worked diligently on models of fascinating creatures from various countries in our Eastern and Western Geography classes. To add a sprinkle of joy, we enjoyed a delightful lunch at Buffet City to celebrate the Chinese New Year! The students were exceptionally well-behaved, and we're thrilled at the prospect of more outings in the future.

In our 10th grade Biology class, students began crafting 3D models of DNA, diving deep into the wonders of genetics.

We had a blast dressing up for Spirit Week, and we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated and showcased their school spirit.

We would like to issue a quick reminder that there will be no school on Monday, February 17th, in

**SNACKS WILL NOW BE
\$0.75 FOR ALL ROOMS**

observance of Presidents Day. Enjoy the long weekend and be safe. As we move forward, please keep in mind the importance of staying engaged with your child's learning. Encourage them to share their projects and experiences at home!

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

During circle time, now that the children have finished their artwork for Valentine's Day, they started working on their President's Day artwork. We also had a chance to read a book about a penguin who had no good manners at all. The book that got the children excited was to try and name some animals that 'camouflage or disguise' themselves to protect from predators. Their replies were very impressive.

Once on the playground, some enjoyed the games Simon Says, Ring around the Rosie, and Red Light. Once inside the classroom, some students tried to finish their homework and the rest worked on activities of their choice.

