



# Wider Horizons School

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/25-12/2 Thanksgiving Vacation
- Monday- Monday, return 12/3
- 12/17 Foster children gifts due
- 12/20 Christmas Caroling at 2PM  
Report cards go home
- 12/23-1/6 Christmas Vacation-  
return 1/7
- Christmas Holiday Vacation

# H A P P Y THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



CAITLYN  
DEAM  
WHS Graduate  
2019  
USF Graduate

I am deeply honored to have been named NASPA-Florida's Graduate Student of the year!

This award recognizes the contributions of a graduate student member who is transforming higher education through outstanding programs, innovative services, and effective administration. Their contribution to Student Affairs and their programs, initiatives, and outreach to the university have shown excellence at their institution.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22- WHS THANKSGIVING DINNER

WHS students celebrated our annual Thanksgiving. As usual all the students make a circle around the gaga pit to present their Thanksgiving prayers, poems and songs.



Each class contributes some foods to the dinner. Here a preschooler cracks an egg for the the cornbread..

Lower elementary students made cookies and cranberry relish.



### THANKSGIVING SHOULD BE A DAILY RITUAL

By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.  
Traditional Realist

In 1789 our first president and national hero, George Washington, proclaimed the last Thursday in November to be designated Thanksgiving, a national holiday. This great American stated it is a day that we should take notice of and celebrate all the blessings we have received. It helps us highlight the many things we have received from Almighty God and it is up to us to protect it.

Thanksgiving a wonderful event each year where families get together to have a celebration in gratitude for what has been provided to us. When the family is seated around the dinner table, members are thankful for being together, and how fortunate they are to have God in their lives. It is a day we acknowledge the importance of our faith in God and the significant role He plays in our daily life. It helps us be more aware that the hand of God has watched over and protected us from personal and other possible forces of devastation.

Traditional families also realize how fortunate they are to be living in America with all the freedoms we enjoy. Most Americans celebrate our Constitutional Republic of the United States with God's protection granted to us regardless of our religion, race, or social status. The stability and opportunity inherent in our nation has been envied all over the world. They are stunned to see Americans speak openly about politics with no fear of reprisal

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## PRESCHOOL

Ms. Wallace & Mrs. Nieves

This week was super exciting! We had parents visit for “National Education Week”! We also celebrated three birthdays this week. “Happy Birthday” to Axl, Opal, and Caleb! In addition, we had Thanksgiving lunch this Friday, where our students learned how to make cornbread for the school. (We also had our monthly show-n-tell.)

In language, we continue to read our Bob Books. The students learned how to write/trace a Thanksgiving poem about our families. The students have also began to explore the Blue Boxes which challenges our students to spell words.

In math, we continued to practice our addition and our teen numbers.

At the art table, we are making “pies” along with special hats to wear on Friday’s Luncheon. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday!

## PRIMARY

Ms. Finnerty and Ms. Skiff

This week in Primary, we celebrated Rylee’s 7th birthday walk! She seemed very pleased when the class sang Happy Birthday, and we even got her to smile!

Congratulations to Grace for moving up to G.P.S. in her

reading. Congratulations to Benaiiah, Haven, and Christopher for mastering their addition skills 1-10; Congratulations to Grace for mastering subtraction facts 1-10.

Kindergarten was introduced to beginning blends in language. First graders were introduced to extension work for blends and will be learning a new game to go with this lesson. Both kindergarten and first graders participated in a game in math to increase their speed and accuracy.

In science, kindergarten and first grade learned parts of a turkey and did a turkey craft. During playtime this week, Primary participated in some healthy competition by running relay races designed by Mr. Garrand.

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Ms. Russell

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to Sebastian for moving up on his times tables. Congratulations to Milana, Skylar, and Leighton for mastering addition facts 11-20.

Congratulations to Annabelle, Milana, and Kinsley for having a perfect reading sheet the week before Thanksgiving.

This week in spelling, students learned definitions verbally and stamped out their spelling words.

STUDENT EDITOR

Morgan Szabo

In history the students are learning about the months of the year. They continued to work on days of the week.

In botany the students are working with materials, learning about characteristics of the tree, flower, and leaf.

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

This week the school had our annual Thanksgiving Feast. We would like to thank the parents for cooking the turkeys. Our class is in charge of making the cranberry sauce and sugar cookies.

The students worked on their organization skills this week. They are learning the importance of putting work in the correct folders and doing correction.

We would like to thank all the parents that joined us this week for Montessori Education Week!

## UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

This week our class participated in our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. Upper Elementary was responsible for preparing the mashed potatoes for the whole school. Everyone worked hard to make the luncheon a success. Throughout the week, we reviewed proper table etiquette with students and they were excited to apply their manners to the luncheon.

The notices for Christmas Angels have also been sent home. We have two children this year: one for fourth grade and another for both fifth and sixth grade. Thank you. We hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving break.

This week fourth graders were able to pick a book of their choice to read over the break. Students are not required to write a report, but they will be presenting their book in a format of their choosing. The book presentation is due on 12/3. In language, students learned how to identify different types of adverbs. In math, students are beginning to solve division problems with remainders, and finding the factors of numbers. Students are finishing their Northeastern state reports and will present them after the break.

Fifth graders have used this week without spelling to work on the language tower. This also gave students time to review their vocabulary. Since this is a short quarter, many students are working

hard in math. In civics, students were introduced to the three branches of government and were tasked with drawing a representation of all three branches.

This week sixth graders worked to finish their geography projects. They also continued their exploration of the periodic table and the classification of its elements. They are learning how the periodic table is arranged and how to identify its parts. The properties of metals and nonmetals are also being discussed. Students are going to “adopt” two elements of their choice to research and present.

## JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Youse, Ms. Wheeler, and Mr. Harrell

This Friday, our school gathered to celebrate a wonderful Thanksgiving luncheon. A heartfelt thank you to all the families who generously provided trays of delicious stuffing to share — it truly added a special touch to the meal and brought our community closer together.

This week, we had our first classroom debate. We feel that it went very well and that all students who participated contributed wonderful thoughts and persuasive techniques to their arguments. As we feel this was such a successful activity, we will be continuing to have debates in the future.

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.

As we head into the Thanksgiving break, we want to wish everyone a safe, restful, and joy-filled holiday. May your time with family and friends be filled with gratitude and warmth.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school soon, refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead! Happy Thanksgiving!

## AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

During circle time this week, we discussed Thanksgiving. The children told us what they are most thankful for: their parents, family, and of course the food. The Thanksgiving holiday commemorates a harvest festival gather to give thanks and express our gratitude

On the playground, the children participated in games such as Green light/Red light, and Hide and Seek. Others were able to use the playground equipment and play in the sandbox. Once inside, the older student worked on their homework while the rest enjoyed working or playing with any activity of their choice.

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Foreigners respect our freedom to speak our mind and our freedom to move up the socio-economic ladder that is rare in the rest of the world. Many US citizens take for granted the freedoms outlined in our Bill of Rights, but foreigners are jealous because they have never experienced these rights. Americans should appreciate these incredible freedoms that are currently under attack and could be swiped from under our noses if we are not careful.

Instead of trading liberty for evil, individuals should return to prayer and have faith in a merciful God. God provides courage, strength and calm to ward off the fear of personal tragedy. Our fears will be diminished making us strong enough to stand up against tyranny as the American people did in crisis after crisis. We will realize too much has been given to us to surrender our freedom for false security.

Giving thanks everyday reinforces the knowledge that citizens have been able to overcome many past fearful events. Our faith in God increases our courage to fight off evil in our society. When people stand up to dictatorial leaders, the leaders are exposed as liars and they lose the power of fear. We experienced it in the American Revolution, the civil War, WWI and WWII, and during the Great Depression. We need to give back to our ancestors (and to the future of our children) by standing up and preserving the greatest nation on earth. Instead of dwelling on our fears we should focus all we have been given to defeat these spineless, phony, cruel elites.

When we give thanks to God, our perceptions change from helplessness to hopefulness. The more the virtue of gratitude grows in our hearts the stronger we become. The more we have overcome tragedy, the lessons we have learned toughen us up to withstand immense pain. The power given us in our faith in God helps us inspire greater convictions in others to help them confront ruthless individuals and be victorious. It gives us greater appreciation for what we have been given. As times improve, we will have additional courage and tolerance to handle the deviousness, distortions, lies and outrageous evil confronting us.

The gratitude shown during the Thanksgiving holiday is an effective way to ward off the evil elites that are a part of everyone's life and should be practiced as a daily ritual. We all would find our days easier and our sleep more tranquil and uplifting if we continually count our blessings.

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