



Wider Horizons School

Field Trips Continue

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/29 Geography Bee
- 2/7 Science Expo (half day for students)
- 2/10-14 Spirit Week
- 2/17 Presidents Day(NO SCHOOL)
- 3/7 3rd Quarter Ends
- 3/14 Report Cards go home
- 3/17-3/24 Spring Break

Due to the extremely cold weather the field trip for the Jr/Sr class to visit the sheriff's department has gone indoors.

They learned about the many career opportunities available through the sheriff's department. They had the chance to visit many of the different departments and learn what they actually do for the community. They learned the educational requirements of the various jobs the people do as well.

AUTHORITY FIGURES ARE NOT EARNING RESPECT
By Domenick J. Maglio PhD.

We are witnessing many in authority who do not implement good leadership to protect the public. The great responsibility of any position is to choose the correct actions, no matter how difficult, that maintain order with minimal intrusion into the lives of the people involved. Some might not see the importance of these policies, therefore the person in charge should make convincing arguments that these are the best policies for the good of the mission.

STUDENTS PLACE IN VFW ESSAY CONTEST



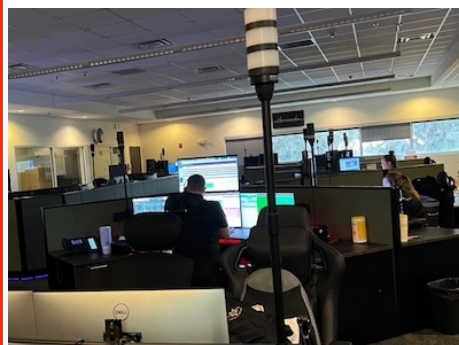
VFW Essay this year was What Can You do for Democracy? Eighth grader, Hayley placed in 1st place, Claire placed in second and James in third.



Above the students are learning some of what the forensics department does. They also visited the Call center to see what happens when they receive a call.

Leadership comes with great dedication and at times, personal sacrifice. The USA has had many great leaders who sacrificed their personal lives for this admirable nation such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln and our heroic soldiers who sacrificed to establish and maintain a nation's stability. Other unsung heroes in many families and communities personally suffered while fighting for the betterment of others.

Upper Elementary students take part in a Project Wild program at Dade Battlefield in Bushnell.



Presently in the affluent USA there are too many people who are willing to sacrifice their duty for personal gain. This type of corruption has become so commonplace that it is nearly the norm for gaining power.
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PRESCHOOL

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Nieves

This week we continue to learn about winter and the animals that hibernate. We are also learning about Chinese New Year! This year is the Year of the Snake (wood snake). We will be exploring Asia, China, and the animals that live there.

In language, we continue to work on our phonemic awareness along with writing words. We practice blending our consonant with our vowels as well.

In math, we continue to work on addition and subtraction. We are learning how to add through the Montessori Snake Game. We also did extension work using large number cards with golden beads to help us add.

As we prepare for our science projects, we are exploring new ideas in the classroom. We did an experiment where we created a blizzard in a jar.

In art, we will be making our wooden snakes for Chinese New Year, along with paper lanterns. In addition we will be celebrating our 100th day of school on Monday, with a fun art activity.

PRIMARY

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

This week in Primary, we continued our science unit on outer space. Students received a lesson on the cause and names of the moon phases. They also learned about constellations. They learned what they are and each student recreated one of the constellations. To integrate all that they are learning, students wrote and illustrated a space poem. Science fair topics were also due. Students should now be working on their experiments and presentation boards.

In math, students were given a lesson on the fraction of circles. The ten circles show fractions from $1/1$ to $1/10$. They allow students to visualize what fractions represent in a concrete manner. They were shown how to write fractions, as well as what a numerator and a denominator are.

In language, students received lessons on homonyms and writing sentences. The rules of sentence writing will continue to be reviewed, as there are many.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Urbanek and Ms. Russell

This week we would like to congratulate Ezra for having a perfect reading sheet. Congratulations to Kenneth for mastering addition facts 11-20. Congratulations to Chad, Cora, and Leighton for mastering subtraction facts 1-10. Congratulations to Skylar, Leighton, Annabelle, Milana, and Michael for moving up on their times tables.

This week in math the students worked on their math booklets, applications, geometry cards, and had a lesson on greater than- less than, and equal to. They also had a lesson on place values.

In spelling the students worked in their packets and we went over their word verbally. Next week there will be a definitions test.

In language the students worked from the tower. The second graders has a lesson on verbs and verb tense (past, present, and future). The third graders had a lesson on subject predicate.

In art the students worked on a project for Ground Hog Day.

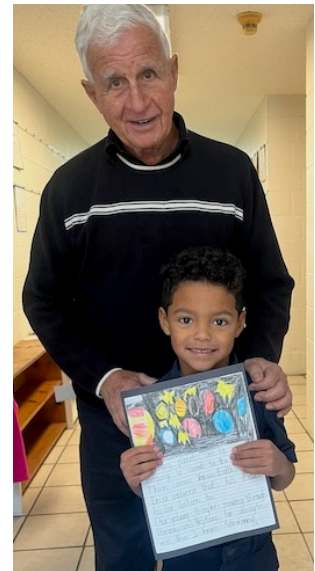
In geography the students continued to work on different types of leaves in botany.

STUDENT EDITOR

Morgan Szabo

In history students continue to work on needs of man. The students have several extensions on this work that they will be able to start upon completion of the work.

The students should be working on their Science Fair project. All topics were due last week Wednesday. The students will bring their projects or boards to school and practice in class starting January 31st (if possible). This will help the students to become more prepared and confident. Science Fair is February 7th which will be a half day.



August shows off his beautiful work to Dr. Maglio.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

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

We hope students enjoyed their day off for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day. In acknowledgement of MLK, Jr. Day, all students created a sketch of their hand and decorated them with patterns. A poster was created, and all the hands were joined around an excerpt of MLK, Jr.'s speech.

The Science Expo worksheet guides were distributed when we returned from Winter Break; steps should be completed by their due dates. A materials list should have been submitted with specific measurements by now. Students can choose to type or handwrite the information, incorporating it into the display board or submitting it as a separate report. Remember, a display board is mandatory for the Expo, and everyone should be ready to explain their projects by January 27th.

We would also like to congratulate Ethan for being the first fifth grader to reach the 40 WPM Club in typing.

Fourth graders began reading Because of Winn-Dixie this week for their next book report due on February 14th. Students reviewed synonyms and antonyms for language. Most fourth graders are doing well with the new test from their vocabulary workbooks. In geography, students learned how to determine distance from a map using a map scale.

Fifth graders completed their third unit test in vocabulary. This was a culmination of five chapters. We are very proud of how well most of the fifth graders are doing on their vocabulary tests. Even the students who struggled at the beginning are earning good grades. Hopefully, they will continue this trend. In Botany fifth graders focused on the unique characteristics of the animal and the plant kingdoms.

Sixth graders learned to identify a simple sentence with a compound subject or a compound verb. They are also learning to recognize run-on sentences and how to accurately punctuate compound sentences. In Physical Science, we are concluding our study on types of radiation, and students should use this weekend to memorize key terms from chapter 11, to prepare for the upcoming test on Wednesday

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

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

We hope you are all having a fantastic week. Our students have been very busy with exciting projects and activities that we can not wait to share with you! Let us dive into the highlights from last week and what is coming up.

Our 7th graders have been hard at work creating amazing maps of South America. Meanwhile, the 8th graders are unleashing their creativity by designing their own versions of tribal masks from Africa. Don't forget, the rough drafts of the Results and Conclusion for the Science Fair were due Friday on the 24th. The final papers and presentation boards are due next week on Friday, the 31st so let's keep those creative juices flowing!

On Wednesday, we had an incredible field trip to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office! The students enjoyed a fascinating tour of the 911 Call Center, witnessed a demonstration of how the forensics team examine evidence, and even got to meet two of the county's K-9 units and a 2,100 lb draft horse that serves in the mounted unit. What an unforgettable experience!

We would like to give a friendly reminder that the completed papers and presentation boards for the Science Fair exhibitions are due next week on Friday, the 31st. Please encourage your student to review

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their work and practice their presentation at home.

In addition we are congratulating Braden Ghingher for moving onto the Algebra 1/2 book!

AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Brewer / Ms Wallace

During circle time this week, we read a book called "Planet Earth" to the children. The children's minds were engrossed in the topics we discussed. They kept asking very valid questions, for example, they asked why there was a night and day and another student asked what makes a waterfall. However, out of all the questions, the one that got most children's attention was 'why volcanoes are red and dangerous'.

When children went out to the playground, some tried to build volcanoes out of sand while in the sandbox. The rest pretended to be zoo keepers and try to gather animals that had escaped from their cages.



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Too many American people have become blasé to this type of corruption which has lowered the esteem that the general public holds for the people in power. This has created cynicism in the average joe concerning our leaders.

Lying has always existed. When a person in any group said one thing one day and the opposite the next, he would be branded as a liar. When it happens to a public figure, something more harmful transpires. Citizens lose faith in the institution and the person who represents it. This understandably creates more skepticism toward people in authority especially in government positions.

In local political positions such as police chiefs, they have to protect the citizens as well as their officers to fulfill their mission of keeping law and order. The same undermining of teacher's ability to educate their students has taken place in our educational system. The local community's power to oversee the children's education has been replaced by the state and national government. School boards went from community service to influential, political, well-paid positions. Administrative bureaucrats, teacher unions and state/federal directives altered the mission of teacher education to indoctrination. Large grants were instrumental in transforming our educational system into an institution of propaganda. Our public schools have lost the respect of most parents when they realized what was actually being taught and what was not.

The pundits in the media have sold their souls to advance the radical agenda and enhance their careers. We are seeing an avalanche of critical and factually incorrect anti-conservative narratives. These censored or false stories had a great impact on the election results and influenced the acceptance of anti-patriotic propaganda.

Changing the trajectory of our country is going to require politically involved citizens on all levels of government. Parents speaking truth to power at school board meetings has inspired others to do the same. It is the way our founders designed our constitutional government to rise from the bottom up, telling officials what to do. We citizens have lost our power because we have rarely stood up.

Our officials are supposed to represent the people, not big government, the media or mega corporations. The people from the roots of the community have to again do their duty. Detroit police chief, James Craig, just retired from the force to run for higher office. He was directly involved in the local neighborhoods in order to learn what the people were thinking and feeling. After learning from the community, he knew what he had to do.

These authentic authority figures exist throughout our nation. Citizens need to identify them from their deeds not from their looks or their blarney. Identifying the authentic, honest leaders from the fraudulent leaders through examining what they promised and what they actually delivered should be the method of deciding who gets your vote. Following this formula will preserve our freedoms and our Constitutional Republic.

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