

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Dear WHA families,

Happy fall to all! While temperatures are still quite warm, the calendar says fall is officially here. The beginning of school has been different but our students have adjusted nicely and are doing quite well in our new “normal”. Thank you parents for supporting our efforts.

Students received their **progress reports** last week. While these reports gave you a snapshot of the progress that has taken place thus far, the report focused mostly on the behaviors and adaptations that had to be made in the virtual lessons and then transitioning to the in-person classes. Please review and discuss with your child what the progress report showed about their performance in the classroom.

The grade school (grades PK-5th) will have **Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday, October 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Parents will have an opportunity to meet face-to-face with their child’s teacher for a **20 minute conference to discuss their student’s progress. Appointments will be set by the teacher for each 20 minute slot.** CDC safety protocols will be followed by the teachers for these conferences. Parents please remember that this year teachers do not have prep periods for parent conferences so this day will be especially important to discuss any concerns you may have of your child.

On **Parent/Teacher day students will have early release. Students will be released at noon, 12:00 p.m.** We ask that you make plans to pick your children up in the carpools at noon. Childcare will be provided from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. only for those families that have an essential need.

Picture days are scheduled for Tuesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 7 at 8:30. For their pictures, students are allowed free dress. Sibling pictures will be taken on Wednesday unless other arrangement are made with the teacher.

Halloween will be celebrated on Friday, October 30. Students will be allowed to wear only their costumes to school. **No costume masks, accessories or face paint will be allowed.** Teachers will plan specific activities for their students.

Our teachers are busy planning lessons with plenty of rigor and relevance and our students are busy learning. While the students are still reviewing many of the concepts they’ve previously learned, the transition to new concepts is taking place. Please remember the parent involvement is crucial to your child’s success. Take time to talk to your child every day and review what was learned. We also encourage you to make sure that your child is reading or being read to every night.

Please remember that I am here to serve the WHA community. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me as soon as you have a need.

Sincerely,
Patricia Aguirre
Director

This month:

Picture Day

October 6 & 7
8:30 AM

Oct. 6: ELC and siblings
Oct. 7: Pre-K - 5th

Parent/Teacher Conference

October 21
1:00-4:30 PM

Early Release

October 21
Pick-up @ 12:00 PM

Halloween

October 30
Costumes only.
No accessories.

Early Learning Center



Awesome 2&3 yr olds,
Fall is finally here. October brings cool weather, so please check your child's backpacks and change their clothes accordingly. During the month of October our class will be learning the colors green, purple, orange, and yellow. Numbers for this month are 6,7,8,9 and 10. We will continue to review all our numbers throughout the month. Our shapes will be rectangle, oval, diamond, heart and triangle. We will practice and review our shapes as well. The alphabet letters will be E, F, G, H, and I. Please don't forget to read to your children on a daily basis, reading is very important in their growing lives. Halloween will be celebrated differently this year, I will not be asking parents to bring goodies for the students due to COVID 19. We will still play games and work on Halloween activities on Thursday, October 29th, and Friday, October 30th, to celebrate this holiday. Individual student pictures will be on Tuesday, October 6th, and Wednesday, October 7th, starting promptly at 8:30am. Please be on time for school on those days. Have a safe and wonderful Halloween night.

Mrs. Carmen Lerma

Happy Fall Everyone!
Here we are, finally in the month of October. Part of August and the month of September went by so fast. The children are finally adjusted. The children are saying their names and each others names. This month we will be working with the letters E, F, G, H. In addition to that, we will be working on the number two, the color orange, and circles. We will also be doing art work of pumpkins, fall leaves, scare crows, and Halloween bats, ghosts and cats. Happy Halloween!!

Mrs. Marisela
Terrific 2's



Pre-K - 5th

Pre-K Families,

As we complete Theme 2 we will transition to Theme 3. We will be focusing on family and friends, exploring our feelings, and practice being polite. We will continue with, letters "EFGH". We encourage you to read to your child daily or have them interpret a book to you, it is amazing the stories they come up with just by looking at the pictures. Please be sure to complete the COVID-19 Questionnaire daily no later than 8:15AM to ensure a smooth transition. As always, thank you for all your support.

Blessings,

Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs. Aguilar

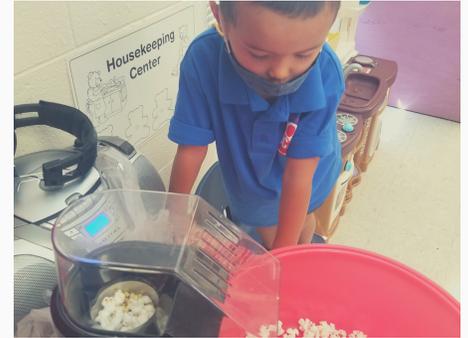


Dear parents.

I can't believe September is over! Students have been working really hard! Second graders will start reading "The Touch of Chocolate", and I will read to the first graders, "Charlotte's Web". They have been learning about the differences between rules and laws, responsibility and respect, and making good and bad choices. Hot lunch is starting on Monday, October 5th, and the before and after school care as well. Picture day will be October 7th for elementary, and we will have Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday, October 10th, from 1-6pm. I will be sending more information as the month progresses.

Thank you,

Mrs. Ramirez



Happy fall everyone!

Its been a very exciting time for me as I've transitioned back into the classroom. I'd like to thank you all for your patience and support. I've had a wonderful time working with your children and getting to know them. They are all very sweet and very bright! As we head into the fall season there are a few items to take note of. On October 7th we will be taking our individual pictures. This is a free dress day! Also, as we get closer to Halloween, I'll be sending out some information for costumes dress up. All of your children are working very hard and are off to a great start. I'm looking forward to meeting with you all individually for parent/teacher conferences on Oct. 21st. More information to follow.

Mrs. Mora

Kinder



What a great month we had, not just getting to know each other but creating a wonderful classroom community of amazing learners. In reading, the classes are reading two different books, both of them with a friendship theme. I felt this was a good way to start the year off. 3rd graders are reading, "The One and Only Ivan" and the 4th-5th are reading "Bridge to Terabithia". It is great to see all the students using creative writing techniques to relate to the characters, as well as showing patience as they take turns during shared reading time. During math, the students are reviewing math concepts in addition to multiplying and demonstrating their prior knowledge while working on word problems.

During science class, it has all been about properties, characteristics, and changes in matter. Using everyday materials, some of the science experiments the students have completed were to show density, vaporization, displacement, chemical reactions, solutions, and compounds. During social studies, we are currently working on learning about the government and the importance of the roles of each branch as it pertains to our community. We are studying the Constitution, Bill of Rights, branches of government, and checks and balances. The students even picked a branch of government that they would like to be a part of. In art, we created drawings using different lines, horizontal, diagonal, and vertical. We have also worked with colors, primary, secondary, warm, and cool colors. The student's artwork are all works of art. Finally, for physical education we are getting a workout playing team sports, such as: hockey (using pool noodles) and soccer. All in all it has been a very good month.

For the month of October, we will continue to read our chapter books, further the concepts in math, begin working on forces of motion in science, discuss having a classroom leader in social studies, and begin theatre during fine arts. We will also continue playing team sports during P.E. What a great way to start the year!

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's school year,

Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller

