

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Western Hills Academy Families,

As we say “see you soon” to some of our academy families and farewell to others, we want to wish everyone an amazing summer break. May you continue to walk in faith and joy.

We also want to extend our best wishes to our wonderful 2nd-grade teacher, Mrs. Araceli Sotelo, and one of our ELC teachers, Mrs. Valeria Candelaria, as they embark on new journeys of growth and formation. Ladies, you will be greatly missed, and we appreciate all the memories and love you have shared during your time here with us.

To our graduates, you will always be welcome here at the academy. We will be praying for you as you continue on your next academic journey.

A special thank you to the PTO, under the direction of Mrs. Jeannie Stringfield, for organizing and creating such beautiful memories for our students and families. We eagerly anticipate what they have planned for next year. Additionally, thank you to Mrs. Megan Shioji-Jaramillo for organizing all of our fundraising family nights, and to all who participated in various ways.

We also extend our gratitude to the school board for ensuring we can continue to do great things here at the academy. As we move on to the next phase in our NAPS accreditation process, you may notice a few changes aimed at the growth and development of our academy for the betterment of our teachers and students.

I want to thank you all for your support as I transitioned into my new role as director. Though it was a challenging year, with God's love and guidance, we can only improve for the betterment of our community. As we celebrate the end of the school year, we look forward to achieving even greater things with your continued support and dedication. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift. I will continue to serve for the glory of God, for He is my rock and foundation.

Blessings, peace, and all good,

Mrs. Christel Mendoza
Director

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

12-17 MONTH OLDS | MS. LORENA

Dear Parents,

I wanted to wish you and your family the happiest summer as well as express my joy in getting to work with Logan, Madelyn, Luca, and Aria this year. I enjoyed getting to see your children grow throughout the year, and I will always cherish the happy moments we spent together.

I hope to see you soon! Have a nice summer!

Best regards,
Ms. Lorena



18-23 MONTH OLDS | MRS. MARISELA

Dear Parents,

We are at the end of the school year. I give you back your child, the same child you confidently entrusted to my care last fall. I give them back pounds heavier, inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than they were then. It has been my pleasure and privilege to watch their personality unfold daily and marvel at this splendid miracle of development. I give them back reluctantly, for having spent nine months together in our classroom, we have grown close, become a part of each other, and always retain a little bit of each other. Thank you for the beautiful memories. Have a great summer.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Marisela

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24-35 MONTH OLD MS. CARILLO & MS. AMPARO

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of this school year, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to teach your wonderful children. It has been a privilege to watch them grow both academically and personally. I've seen each student overcome challenges, celebrate successes, and develop their unique talents. Their curiosity, creativity, and resilience have been truly inspiring. Your support and encouragement at home have greatly contributed to their achievements, and I thank you for that. I am very proud of all they have accomplished and excited for what the future holds for each of them. Thank you for entrusting me with your children's education. It has been an honor to be part of their journey. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,
MS. Carillo & Ms. Amparo

24-35 MONTH OLD | MS. CANDELARIA

Dear parents,

The last day of school has arrived. It was a great pleasure having your little ones in my classroom. I'm really sad to say goodbye to them. They're always going to be in my heart. I return your children to you, the same children you entrusted to my care when Ms. Cuevas moved up to another classroom and I took over. I return them with a few more pounds, a few inches taller and months wiser, and with their 7 recharged batteries. I have enjoyed all the hugs, smiles, craziness, and laughs your child shared with me. Thank you for supporting all my efforts. Thank you for allowing me to be their teacher. It was wonderful and rewarding for me. Take care of them because they are very precious. Remember I shall always be interest in your children and their destinies, wherever they may go, whatever they do and whoever they become.

Sincerely,
Miss Candelaria

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

36-47 MONTH OLD | MRS. DAVIE

Dear parents,

It was a great pleasure to have your little ones in my classroom this year. We learned so many things. This year is over, so now I return your children to you, the same children you entrusted to my care this fall. I return them with a few more pounds, a few more inches taller, and months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than back then. Even though they would have grown without my help, it has been a pleasure and privilege to see their personalities grow day by day and see how they have developed in their learning. We have laughed, played, learned, and enriched our lives during the year. Take care of your children, for they are so precious. Remember that I will always have great interest in your children and their destinies, wherever they may go, whatever they do, and whoever they become. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely
Mrs. Davie
Xoxo



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

36-47 MONTH OLD | MRS. ORTIZ

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a wonderful year!! I give you back your child, the same child you entrusted to my care last fall. I give them back pounds heavier, inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature. It has been my pleasure and privilege to watch their personality unfold daily. We have learned, laughed, played, and enriched our lives together this year. I wish you all a fun and safe summer. Best wishes for next year at Pre-K!

Sincerely,
Mrs.Ortiz



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

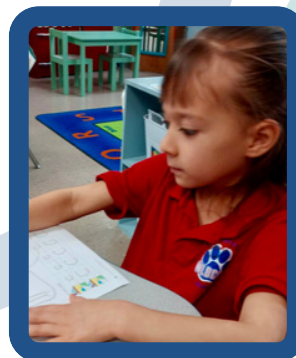
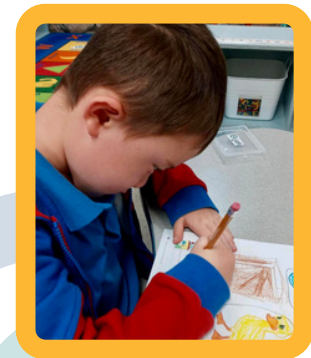
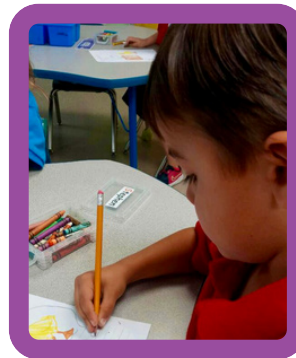
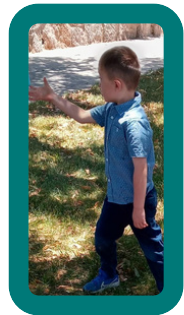
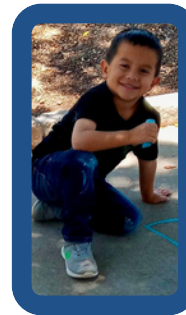
PRE-KINDER 1 | MRS. PEARSON

Dear Parents,

The children have learned much this year, and I'm sure you're proud of their remarkable progress. It has been a joy to watch them grow and learn over the past months. They have learned letter recognition and phonics. Their ability to express themselves has also flourished as they become more confident in communicating their thoughts and ideas. They have also enjoyed counting and recognizing their numbers along with their shapes and colors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their unconditional support, and a special thank you to Mrs. Jaramillo for always lending a helping hand and supporting us as a classroom, she has been an amazing room mother. May you all have a wonderful summer.

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Pearson



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

PRE-KINDER 2 | MS. BARNES

Happy Summer Break Pre-K!!

This school year flew by. It has been an incredible journey filled with love, laughs, and learning. I am so blessed to have been your Pre-K teacher. Each and every one of you has touched my heart and brought so much joy to my life. Emma, Eric, Stassi, Isaiah, Mya, Alex, and Valentina - You have grown so much this year, and I am so excited for you all. I will miss each of you dearly, and for those returning to WHA, I will see you again soon. Have a safe and wonderful summer break! To our room parents, Adriana and Ricardo, thank you so much for everything you did for our classroom. I appreciate all of the love and support this year and your help in making events and activities in the room run smoothly.

Pre-K, you are entering your Kindergarten year, which will be unique. Keep being the amazing, funny, and loving kids you are. Thank you for allowing me to teach and help you grow this year. I couldn't have asked for a better class for my first year of teaching. I love and adore each of you.

Much love and blessings,
Ms. Christine Barnes



KINDERGARTEN

KINDER 1 | MRS. CARDONA

Dear parents,

I would like to take this time to thank you for such an amazing school year. I couldn't have done it without your help and support. I also want to thank my wonderful students for all the laughs, hugs, and unforgettable moments. We had so many fun experiences, and we learned so much together. I am so happy and proud of you because of all you learned and achieved this year. I hope you continue to learn, grow, and have fun. You'll always be in my heart,

Love always,
Mrs.Cardona



KINDERGARTEN

KINDER 2 | MRS. MERCADO

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that this will be our last newsletter this academic school year. This school year has been a wonderful experience for all of us and I have truly enjoyed the time I spent teaching your child. I thank you for entrusting your child to me this year. Congratulations to my kindergarten class of 2024! This group of kindergarten students is certainly a group to celebrate!! They walked into our school in August with an eagerness to learn. I watched them grow, develop new skills, make new friends, and learn what it means to be a "Wildcat," which makes me so tremendously proud!! I am confident that they are ready to take the leap to first grade in the Fall! I am taking a piece of them in my heart for the rest of my life!!! I will miss them so much! I will keep my sweet students and their families in my prayers every day! Please don't forget me and stop by to say hi once in a while! Congratulations kindergarten students!

Love,
Mrs. Mercado



GRADE SCHOOL

1ST GRADE | MRS. RAMIREZ

Dear Parents,

I can't believe the end of the school year is over! It has been a joy to watch your children grow emotionally, physically, and academically! Thank you for letting me be part of your children's life! Have a great summer and be safe!

Love,
Mrs. Ramirez



GRADE SCHOOL

2ND GRADE | MRS. SOTELO

Dear Parents,

With the end of the school year drawing near, I would like to take some time to thank each and every one of you for all the support and patience you have given me. It has been a privilege and honor to teach your children this year, but now the end is near. Although it is hard to say goodbye, I know my kids are ready to spread their wings and fly. I have watched them grow, work, and learn, knowing greatness is in their future. I am glad I was given the opportunity to get to know each one of my second-grade students. I will always remember all the time we spent together reading, writing, and laughing. I can't wait to someday hear a familiar name in front of something extraordinary. I will forever keep them in my heart.

Love always,
Mrs. Sotelo



GRADE SCHOOL

3RD & 4TH GRADE | MRS. CUEVAS

Goodbye school, Aloha summer! I just wanted to give thanks for all the support, and I appreciate the opportunity to have taught the students these past few months! Thank you for all the memories and laughs we shared these past few months together! We had a tough transition, but I appreciate all the support and love! I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I hope to see a few of you at camp and next year! I wish all of you the best to the ones that aren't returning. I hope you always follow your dreams and reach for the stars. God bless you all!

Thank you!
Mrs. Cuevas



GRADE SCHOOL

5TH & 6TH GRADE | MRS. QUIÑONEZ

WOW!!! Another year has gone by, and your students have grown and learned so much this year. We know there were hard days and easy days, but all that matters is that you, as parents and your students, made it through it all. I would like to say thank you for trusting me to be part of your student's education journey. We know it wasn't for a long period, but I hope the short period we had together your students enjoyed their time in my classroom. Once again, thank you for an amazing school year and I hope you all enjoy your next adventure and have a great summer.

Blessings,
Mrs. Quiñones



EXTRACURRICULARS

BASKETBALL | COACH CUEVAS

Wildcat basketball

Last month of practice!! The students have learned so much this school year about teamwork, competing, and having fun learning a new sport. I want to thank you for all the support this school year during our practices. I have enjoyed coaching and playing basketball with the students. I really appreciate all the effort and hard work the students have given during our practices! Don't forget we have basketball camp during summer hope to see many of the students there!!! Enjoy your summer, and I can't wait for next school year's basketball team!!!

Thank you!
Coach Cuevas

