

MAY 2020

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

Dear Western Hills Academy Families,

We welcome May 2020 while we're still at home in quarantine. By now most of us have developed daily routines and have found ways to make life more manageable for everyone in our homes. I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. As I watch different classes on Zoom it's so nice to see our students. They look happy and seem to be enjoying their time together on the screens. I know they miss their friends and classmates and their teachers miss them as well.

Speaking of Zoom, I want to thank our teachers for taking on the challenge and learning to use this app as our chosen instructional piece. When we first talked about it, some of us were not all too sure that it would work. We've had positive experiences and the teachers have grown more proficient in using the different components of this tool. While there are technical issues every now and then, I appreciate the positive attitudes displayed by the teachers. Thank you ladies for a job well done.

While we will not get to be together for the end of the year, I would like to take this time to recognize our **5th graders**. These four young people will be moving on to middle school when school starts again and they will be greatly missed. To our twins, **Matthew and Claire Rivera**, we have seen you grow up right before our very eyes and it's been a fun ride. **Camilla Camacho** also came to Western Hills at a young age and leaves us with good memories. **Alexi Baeza** joined the class this year and sadly is now moving on. We will miss our 5th graders and we wish them well no matter where they go. I know they are well prepared for whatever comes their way and success will be theirs. Good luck!

Teacher Appreciation Week was set for May 4-8. While we won't be able to see our teachers in person please take a minute to thank them for their efforts during their Zoom sessions.

Just want everyone to know that WHA will be open next year. I am waiting for directives from the state as well as watching what EPISD will be doing before we start making plans. Unfortunately we will not be able to have any type of summer programs. If you are planning to enroll your child for the 20-21 school year please let us know by sending an email to: **whschool@sbcglobal.net**.

While this year has been quite different, I want to thank everyone for being part of the Wildcat family and staying with us during this difficult time. Our teachers love teaching and your children are what keeps them going. Continue staying well and healthy. And Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

Best wishes,
Patricia Aguirre
Director

Dear Parents,

I want to express my gratitude to parents for this short school year. Thank you for your trust with your children. And to give me the opportunity to teach them this past months. I sure missed my students and I hope this experience was as wonderful and fun to the children as it was to me. Please stay safe. I wish you all a safe and fun summer.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ortiz

Awesome 2&3 yr olds.

Hello everyone I hope that as you read our final newsletter of the year, you all are doing well practicing our stay at home safely and practicing safe distancing while out and about. I really don't know what to say other than that I miss all my students very much. I did not expect to close our school year this way. I would like to thank all of my parents who had their children participate in our Zoom classes I really enjoyed it and so glad I was able to do it. Wishing all the Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. Congratulations to Mr. And Mrs. Narvaez and Oscar Andres on their new born baby boy. Have a safe and great summer and hope to see you all next school year.

Sincerely,
Mrs Carmen

Dear Pre-Kinder 2,

I am so glad I was your teacher and I wanted you to know I can't believe the end is here. I am sad to see you go, but remember all the fun we had in all the things we did! But most of all remember... You are a Very Special kid to me!

Love,
Mrs Mercado

Dear Pre-K Families,

Wow, the year has gone by so fast and it has been a great pleasure to be a part of your children's lives. They have grown and matured so much. I just want to thank you for all your support throughout the year, and especially during these past few weeks of online learning. I hold our time spent together dear to my heart. They were always so eager and attentive in all our zoom sessions and ready to share. Parent involvement plays such an important role on student's success and self-esteem and you have gone above and beyond. You helped make this year an amazing one. I pray for the day that we may get together to celebrate all their accomplishments. It has truly been a Blessing to have served you.

Blessings,
Mrs. Mendoza

Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Miss all your smiling faces. Hope to see you next school year. Have a great summer. I want to wish a Happy Birthday to Maddox Dudley 5/6 and Zachary Garay 5/31!

Mrs. Marisela De La Garza

Hello Parents,

I hope you and your child are doing well during these difficult times. There isn't a day that passes I wish I was able to be with my students and watch them grow. I wanted to personally wish you all a safe and happy summer break. Please stay safe and I hope to see you all for a new school year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Davie



learning on Zoom



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homemade paper pots

Hello everyone!

I hope you and your families are still doing well. The school year is coming to an end and despite this uncertain time, I feel blessed to have been able to continue working with the children on our curriculum activities and to spend time with them every day. It has been a great experience! I am sure this current situation has been a great opportunity for all of us to learn new ways of communicating, to spend more quality time with our loved ones, to develop new skills but most of all, to think about what really matters the most. Thank you for your support during this school year. It was a pleasure to work with your children and I wish you all the best on the coming years.

God bless,
Ms. Ostos



earth day poster



google 3D animals

News from 3rd and 4th grade

Where did the time go! Even though we are continuing to work through online learning, I feel we have been accomplishing a lot. We have finished the "The BFG" book by Roald Dahl. It sure was an entertaining book. To further extend this story we will be watching the movie, the students' will be comparing and contrasting the similarities and differences from the book to the movie. I can't wait to read their results. Our next adventure into reading will be, "Sideways Stories from Wayside School" by Louis Sachar. I felt what better way to end the school year but with a book of hilarious mix of misadventures from the teachers and students of Wayside School. In math, it was all about geometry and measurement. The students were able to use there outside environment to observe, measure and illustrate different geometric solids, 3-dimensional shapes, angles, lines, and segments. We even measured and made a No Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars. They were delicious!

During science, the students continued to work on life processes by illustrating drawings of photosynthesis and leaf transpiration. It was really special during Earth Week, the students created Earth Day posters, sun prints, and nature mobiles they hung in their backyards, and we even cooked s'mores in solar ovens that they created. Yummy fun! During fine arts, the students created beautiful masterpieces, their renditions from the artist Piet Mondrian. They created composition pieces using straight lines and primary colors. Finally, the students finished their new country project in social studies. What an amazing job they all did. Their 3 dimensional countries were a sight to see and when they each gave their descriptive tour, I could really see myself visiting their country. All in all, what a great learning time we are having. I want to give a special thanks to all the parents for your continued support with our online learning classroom, and I would like to wish all the mothers and grandmothers a very blessed Mother's Day.

Wishing you continued good health,
Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller

Dear Parents,

We have had a great year, learning, laughing, crying and growing together! The last few weeks have been a complete new learning experience for all of us, but hopefully it has made us appreciate all the blessings we have! The students did some amazing things to celebrate Earth Day this last month! We have been reading, writing and focusing on Math. I am sure the children will be well prepared for next year. Thank you all for entrusting me with your child's education, and by having your support and patience throughout the year! Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Kindly,
Mrs. Ramirez

Hello Everyone!

As we come to the end of the school year I have mixed feelings. I am sad that our current situation doesn't allow us to be together, I miss my students and my coworkers whom I am happy to call friends. Still, I am grateful to God we all are safe and healthy at home. I am grateful we all have a comfortable home full of food and love! I have never been so grateful in my life for technology! Thanks to technology I have been able to keep teaching my students! I am very proud of all of them for being always on time to their on-line classes and ready to learn. Great job Alexi, Camilla, Claire and Matthew! I just wish I have the chance to see them one more time to say good bye and send them off to Middle School!!! I wish you the best! Hope to see you all soon! Stay home, Stay safe!

Respectfully,
Ms. Urias



congrats 5th graders (Claire, Matthew, Camilla, and Alexi)!

