Western Hills academy

November 2026

A word from our director

Academy Families,

October was a month full of fun, excitement, and wonderful memories! We kicked off the month with our annual field trip to La Union Corn Maze on October 1st, and it was a fantastic day for everyone.

A huge thank-you to everyone who participated in our Fall Festival! It was a wonderful evening filled with fun, community spirit, and plenty of smiles. A special shout-out goes to our Sponsors and amazing PTO for organizing such a successful event. We had a great turnout and Delicious Food, we truly appreciate everyone's support.

Thank you to all our generous donors who supported our El Paso Giving Day campaign! Your generosity helps us continue to make a difference in the lives of our students.
Picture Day was a success! If you forgot to place your order, there is still time. Please give us a call for assistance.

We ended October with Fall Spirit Week, with our Wildcats! Their creativity was able to shine, as they learned about making healthy choices.

November Highlights
As we move into the holiday season, students are beginning a new grading period. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for clarification or suggestions on how to support your student's success.

Veterans Day Program
We can't wait to see what our students have prepared for the upcoming Veterans Day Program! In addition, our students are creating crafts and writing heartfelt letters that will be sent to the Support Our Troops organization for soldiers stationed overseas. We are proud to teach our students the importance of gratitude, kindness, and honoring those who serve our country.

Season of Giving: Food Donation Drive

With the holidays approaching, it's a wonderful time to give back to our community. We will be hosting a food donation drive benefiting the Western Hills United Methodist Church pantry. Please refer to the provided QR code for a list of requested pantry items.

As a special incentive, students who donate five items will receive a free-dress ticket for November 18th! Additionally, the class that collects the most donations will earn a "Gobble 'Til You Wobble party!

Thank you for helping us spread kindness and make a positive impact in our community.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our Thanksgiving Luncheon will be one of the highlights of the month! Sharing a delicious meal together as a community is one of the many things that makes Western Hills Academy so special.

Our students are already getting creative with festive art projects, from disguising turkeys to creating handprint placemats. We can't wait to see their wonderful creations on display!

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and involvement in making Western Hills Academy such a special place. We are grateful to have such a wonderful school community and look forward to celebrating a joyful November together.

Be sure to check out our Wildcat Wellness Section for more tips and information to support the health and well-being of our Wildcats!

Blessings,
Mrs. Mendoza
Western Hills Academy

Important Dates

November

4th - Veterans Day Event
9:00 AM in the Chapel

11th - No School

18th - Thanksgiving Luncheon

23rd - 27th - Thanskgiving break

December

7th - 11th - Middle of Year Diagnostics

16th - End of Grading Period

18th - Christmas Program and Early Release
(All Students - No aftercare Available)

21st - Jan 5th - Winter Break

Nursery Mrs. Amparo

A Season of Gratitude, Creativity & Fun!

Dear Families,
Thank you for being part of our Fall Festival! We are so grateful for your support and for helping make this special celebration a wonderful experience for our little ones.

Our children enjoyed celebrating the beauty of fall through creative activities, including painting pumpkins and creating colorful fall trees. These fun experiences encouraged creativity, imagination, and fine motor skills while allowing the children to explore the colors and beauty of the season.

It was a joy to see their little faces light up as they expressed themselves through art and enjoyed the magic of autumn together.

We truly appreciate your continued trust and support. Thank you for being such an important part of our nursery family!

With gratitude and warm autumn wishes,

Happy Fall, and thank you for growing with us!
Mrs Amparo







PreSchool Mrs. Susie

Hi Parents

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who contributed to making our Fall Festival such a wonderful and memorable event! Your time, support, and collaboration are truly appreciated. We are grateful to have such a supportive school community that helps make these special moments possible for our children.

We are also excited to welcome our new students, Ulisses and Benton, to our Preschool classroom! We are so happy to have them join our class and look forward to watching them learn, grow, and create wonderful memories with their new friends.

What We Are Learning

Our classroom is filled with fun, creativity, and exciting learning experiences! During this season, our students are:

- Creating pumpkin-themed art and fall crafts.
- Making beautiful tree projects inspired by the autumn season.
- Practicing and recognizing the letters G, H, I, and J.
- Learning, recognizing, and counting numbers 1 through 10.
- Developing fine and gross motor skills through hands-on activities, creative projects, and classroom exercises.

These activities help strengthen early literacy and math skills, creativity, coordination, and independence while making learning fun and meaningful.

Thank you again for your continued support, cooperation, and trust. Your partnership makes a meaningful difference in your child's educational journey. We look forward to another wonderful week of learning, discovery, and growth!

Blessings,
Mrs. Susie







PreK 3 Mrs. Davie

Hello, November! Grateful hearts and new beginnings!

Dear Families,
November is a wonderful time to reflect on all we are thankful for. We are especially grateful for our classroom families and the kindness, generosity, and support you share with us!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
Thank you for helping make our Halloween party so special! We truly appreciate your donations, contributions, and support. Thank you, too, for all of your contributions to the festival. Your generosity helps create joyful experiences and wonderful memories for our children.

A NEW ADVENTURE WITH FROG STREET
We have started a new curriculum called Frog Street, and we are excited about this new learning adventure!
We also met our new friend, Fernando the Frog! We are happy to welcome Fernando into our classroom as we begin this exciting new chapter together.

OUR CLASSROOM FAMILY
Thank you for being such an important part of our classroom. We look forward to a November filled with learning, friendship, kindness, and grateful hearts!

With love and gratitude,
Mrs. Davie







K4 & K5 Mrs. Cardona

Dear Parents,

This month, our K4 class has been learning the names and sounds of the letters a, b, c, e, h, i, l, m, n, o, s, and u, along with words and blends using these letters. In math, we have been counting to 50, identifying numbers 1–10, and putting them in order.

Our K5 class has been learning to read sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with a period. We have also been reviewing blends and reading CVC words. In math, we have been counting to 100, counting pennies, and learning to tell time to the hour.

All students have been learning about fall, singing the months of the year song, and doing yoga at the end of the day.

Thank you so much for your help, support, and cooperation. A special thank-you for contributing to our Fall Festival basket!

With appreciation,
Mrs. Cardona







1ST GRADE MRS. PEARSON

Dear First Grade Parents,

We have been working hard and making wonderful progress in our class! In phonics, we are learning new reading and spelling skills while continuing to review vowels, consonants, blends, vowel rules, special sounds, compound words, syllables, rhyming words, and complete sentences.

In Math, we are building our skills in counting, number formation, addition families, doubles, comparing numbers and solving story problems. We continue to review previously learned concepts to strengthen our understanding and build confidence.

Thank you so much for your continued support, encouragement, and help at home. We appreciate you being part of your child's learning journey!

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Pearson







2ND & 3RD GRADE MRS. ORTIZ

Welcome Second Grade!

I am very excited to have a combined 2nd and 3rd grade class this year. I look forward to creating a fun, engaging, and supportive learning environment where all students can grow, learn, and achieve their goals.Thank you so much for your support.

Best Regards,
Mrs.Ortiz









4TH & 5TH GRADE MRS. MOTA

Dear Parents,

Welcome to November!

November is already here! As the beautiful fall season continues, we are reminded of how special it is to spend time with our loved ones.

Here is what we will be learning this month:

Spelling: We will learn new spelling words and practice using them to make sentences and write stories.

Math: We will continue working on multiplication, division, and measurement.

Language: We will study proper nouns, compound nouns, and abstract nouns.

History: We will learn about the American War of Independence.

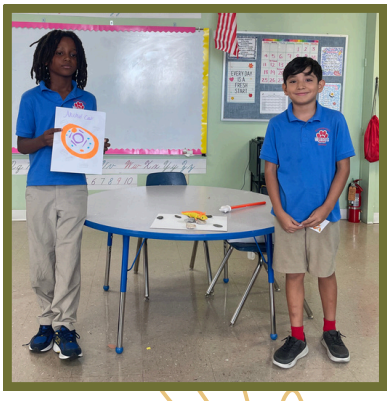
Science: We will study plant and animal cells, as well as the respiratory system. Students have also completed a project about a plant or animal, showing what its cells look like.

Bible: Three days a week, we will learn something new from the Bible and continue growing in our faith.

Thank you, dear parents, for your continued love, time, support, and help.

May this November bring your families many reasons to smile!

With warmth and gratitude,
Mrs. Mota











Spanish & Art Ms. Natalia

Dear Parents,

Another month of school has flown by! We've been working hard in Spanish class, and I'm so proud of everyone's progress! Our upper grades will slowly start reading in Spanish to challenge them a little more, while our younger kiddos continue learning the basics, little by little!

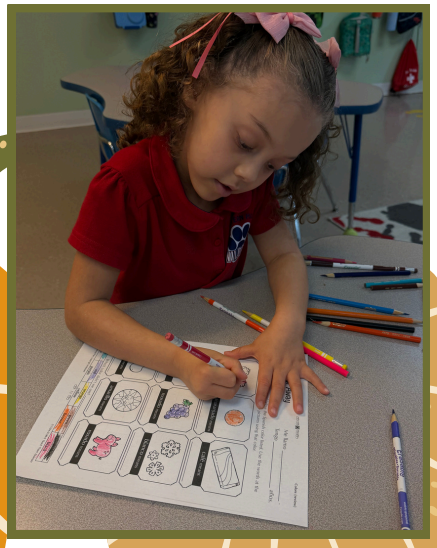
In Art class, we have one more week of Andy Warhol before moving on to our next artist, Yayoi Kusama! The students have been doing amazing with their projects, and their creativity never fails to surprise me! We've also decided to move our Art Expo to the spring to give us more time to fill a room with all their beautiful artwork!

Lastly, a big thank you to all the parents who have been sending art donations! I truly appreciate your generosity and support. It means so much!!

Thank you,
Ms. Natalia









PE Coach Karla

Hello, parents!
Today, we spent time practicing the dance that we presented at the Fall Festival. Thank you again for allowing your children to participate.

I truly appreciate your support!

Moving forward, my goal is to help the children learn how to jump rope (la cuerda), as this activity has many wonderful benefits for their physical development, coordination, and motor skills.

Thank you once again for your support and encouragement. We will continue moving forward and learning together!







Wildcat Wellness

Healthy Holiday Habits Start at Home! 🎄

The holiday season is a wonderful time to make memories with family and friends, but it can also make it challenging to maintain healthy routines. This year, encourage your family to make wellness part of your holiday traditions! Enjoy favorite holiday foods in moderation, include fruits and vegetables in meals and snacks, stay hydrated, and find fun ways to stay active together. Whether it's taking a family walk, dancing to holiday music, or trying a new healthy recipe, small choices can make a big difference. Remember, healthy habits don't have to take away from holiday fun — they can make the season even more enjoyable!

Looking for more tips? Check out Mayo Clinic Health System's 6 Tips for a Healthy Holiday Makeover for simple ways to help your family enjoy a healthier holiday season.

La Union Corn Maze













Fall Festival



El Paso Giving Day



We truly appreciate all of the love we got on El Paso Giving Day!

Your donations make a huge impact for our school and our students!