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WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Parent-Teacher Conference Day has been scheduled for May 25. The students will have a half day schedule with early release at noon. After school care will be provided starting at noon. More information will be sent home after Spring Break.

Science Fair takes place the week after Spring Break on March 26. A separate set of instructions has been sent home with your child with the details of what needs to be done. If you did not receive this information please contact your child's teacher. Parents may come to view projects in the gym at 1:30.

Our students celebrated **Dr. Seuss Day** with a parade, games and a movie. We had lots of great costumes and the children enjoyed a morning of fun. Thank you to all of our teachers for putting on such a wonderful celebration and to our grade school students for being awesome volunteers.

Our 3rd-5th graders recently took a trip to visit the missions in Ysleta, Socorro and San Elizario. The students had their own personal guide who was well informed on the history and importance of the missions which have been there for several hundred years. They finished the trip with a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. A great time was had by all and everyone we met was impressed by our students.

Please remember that we are taking **registrations for the 20-21 school year** for both of our programs, the Early Learning Center as well as the grade school program. Registration payments can be stretched out until July if needed.

The Western Hills staff would like to wish all of our students and their families a safe and restful Spring Break. Parents take time to enjoy your children and do something fun. We will return on Monday, March 23. See you then!

Blessings and best wishes,

Patricia Aguirre

Director

DEAR PARENTS,

March is here and Spring Break is just around the corner, can you feel it? But before we go we just wanted to update you on the upcoming events for March:

March 4, Wednesday- WHA night at Chick-fil-A from 5-8 p.m. Come out, have dinner and visit with other WHA families

March 5, Thursday- Kids, Kows and more, agricultural program at the ELP Coliseum

March 8, Sunday- Daylight Savings Time begins

March 13, Friday- End of 3rd grading period

March 16-20- SPRING BREAK

March 25, Wednesday- Science Fair, parents viewing at 1:30 in the gym

March 31, Tuesday- SAVER'S collection ends





The children have come a long way. They love the letter activity. I'm so proud of them when it comes to sitting down listening, singing ABC'S and the weather, what day it is and learning the letter and number and color of the week. We will be working with number 6 and color yellow and blue. And will be reviewing with all the shapes. The little ones are still exploring and like playing with the push button and roll cars and they like sitting on the horses and going back and forth. I want to thank Mrs. Rojas for helping us with the children for the Dr Seuss activities. I also want to wish Kai Cruz a Happy Birthday on March 6. Spring Break is from 3/16-3/20, 2020. Enjoy and have a fun week.

Mrs. Marisela
Fantastics 2's

Hello parents,
In this last semester we will reinforce our subjects. In March we are going to reinforce blue and yellow colors and numbers from 1 to 6.

Mrs. Ortiz
Terrific 2's

February has been a fun month! We are nicely settled into a routine. This month we will focus on our shapes and colors that we see in our everyday life, and letters s,t,u and v. You can support this by pointing out or asking about the shapes and colors of everyday objects.

Mrs. Adriana Davie
3's

Winds blow March right in. During the month of March we will be busy making and learning about wind socks, kites, hot air balloons and St. Patrick's Day. The children will be learning the letters R. S. and T. Shapes for this month will be circle, octagon, and triangle. Our class will be participating in our annual school Science Fair we will be working on it in our classroom and then we will present it on Monday March 23rd. Spring break this year will be on Monday March 16- Friday March 20th 2020. Enjoy your time off. Our school book fair was a great success thank you to all who bought books for our classroom library.

Mrs. Carmen Lerma
Awesome 2&3 yr. olds

Dear Pre-K Families, Book Fair week was a great success, students enjoyed listening to stories by our volunteers, as well as shopping for new books. It was great to see so many of you at Family Luncheon. Thank you for your generous book donations for our classroom libraries. We will be busy planting seeds, and will be anxiously waiting to see them sprout. We will also begin working on our Science Fair projects, students are excited to present. We look forward to seeing you at Science Fair on March 26th @2pm. We will begin Theme 7 "The World Around Me" which will include different ways of transportation. Our featured letters will be U,V,W, and X .As always thank you for all your support. Have a blessed Spring Break!

Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs. Mercado
Pre-K

Hello everyone!

I would like to thank you for your active participation and support during our Book Fair. We are very excited for this upcoming Spring! During the month of March, we will continue working with letters and basic mathematical concepts such as addition and subtraction. To end the month in a fun way we will also grow bean plants to further understand plant growth. Please continue to read with your child regularly, so that they develop a love for reading. As always, thank you for your support.

Regards,

Mrs. Ostos
Kinder

February was a busy month. We celebrated the 100th day of school, Presidents' Day, Read-a-thon; Scholastic book fair, and ended with a Dr. Seuss celebration. Our class did outstanding in the read-a-thon; thank you for your support! In March, we will be focusing on the Science Fair. Students are very excited researching and learning about their project. It is going to be an amazing learning experience. Our FunDrive with Savers is still going on until MARCH 31st. Don't forget to Spring clean and put everything you are not using in 33 gallon bags and bring them to school. We will be going to Kids & Kows, Thursday, March 5th. Thank you for your support in helping our students grow as well as our wonderful school.

Kindly,

Mrs. Ramirez
1st & 2nd

Hello Parents! This has been a very interesting month! In our Social Studies class the students learned about the missions the Spanish built in our area. We visited the Ysleta and the Socorro Missions and the San Elizario Chapel. We were so excited to see our history book literally come alive...we were even able to walk the "Camino Real"! It was lots of fun and a great learning experience. For Valentine's Day the students learned to write a poem using metaphor, simile, rhyme and alliteration. They were very creative decorating their poems. Finally, they read them in front of their classmates. These were just a sample of the many activities they recently had. Please feel free to stop by the library to look at their "Geometry box" displays and their "President's day" posters. Thank you again for trusting your children's education to us.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Urias
5th

News from 3rd and 4th grade.

I felt like February just flew by and what a great month it was. The students finished another great book. "How to Speak Dolphin" by Ginny Rorby was an amazing read that looked at the struggles and triumphs of growing up with an autistic family member and in the final chapter it left the whole class with an amazing feeling of hope for the main characters future. Our next reading will be the BFG (Big Friendly Giant by Roald Dahl). This will be a more lighthearted book about found friendships in the strangest of places.

During the month of February, the students were encouraged to give back to the students at Western Hills Academy. The way they did this was by reading to the younger children on "Read Across America Day." They chose the books and read to the Preschool through Kinder classrooms. They also did an amazing job helping out during the Dr. Seuss parade and activities. The students were partnered up with a child from the learning center and hand in hand walked with them in the parade as well as assisting the younger children with their games and activities. What a great way to encourage and show empathy.

During Social Studies, the students had their first debate. They created the theme, opening and closing statements and even created and provided well thought out arguments and rebuttal. Also for Social Studies after studying missions of El Paso, the students were able to see first-hand not only the missions themselves but learn the history of how the missions of El Paso came to be. Our guide Mr. Wright was amazing, we couldn't have asked for a better tour guide. Fine Art class has begun, the students have been working on reader theater plays as well as art activities using line, space, and realistic sketches. We hope to do a lighthearted play for the children in the Spring.

Finally, in Science it was all about Earth Science. The students created planet activities and broke open geodes, created fossils and even erupted volcanoes. Now we are in the midst of Science Fair. The students have chosen their projects and will be working on their procedures and experiments. I can't wait to see the final project. What a great month and I am looking forward to what's in store for us next month.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Stegmiller
3rd & 4th