



NOVEMBER 2019

Western Hills Academy Newsletter

A message from the director

Dearest WHA Families,

I will start this newsletter by expressing my sincerest thanks and appreciation for all the help, donations, acts of kindness and all the encouragement our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all our friends have given us during the month of October when so many activities were taking place. Seeing so many people come forward wanting to make things just right for our students has been amazing. Our children enjoyed the Mesilla Corn Maze trip and had a great time at our Trunk or Treat which was the best! Special thanks to those of you that participated and decorated your cars for Trunk or Treat. We also truly enjoyed the gift baskets that were at the auction and donated by some of our parents. Whew, October was exhausting but fun! November is coming in much calmer as we prepare for the time change which takes place on November 3, remember to fall back and claim the extra hour of sleep. Come and join us for our next fundraiser at Peter Piper on Balboa on November 6 from 4-9p.m. It will be fun. We will be celebrating our veterans on Friday, November 8. Details for the program have been sent home already, if you have any questions please call the office. There will be no school on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. Our traditional Thanksgiving luncheon will take place on Tuesday, November 19. Advanced purchase tickets are required and the orders were submitted with your child's lunch order. Thank you. And finally our Fall Break is scheduled from November 25 to November 29. It will be a well-deserved break for everyone and we hope you take time to enjoy some family fun. The staff and I would like to wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving. Our WHA families are those that I personally count among my blessings. At times when things are feeling somewhat overwhelming, one of you will walk in and do something that will make everything all the better. Thank you! Many blessings to all and have a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely,
Patricia Aguirre
Director

Coming up:

November 6
Peter Piper Night

November 8
Veterans Program

November 11
Veteran's Day

November 19
Thanksgiving Lunch

November 20
Progress Reports

November 25-29
Fall Break

December 19
Christmas Program

December 19
Early dismissal for
Winter Break

Dec 23 - Jan 8
Winter Break



Hope everyone had fun at the Fall Festival and trunk or treat. Thank you parents and everyone who participated for making it a wonderful evening for the children. Our classroom is doing great. We will be working on the letters: G & H, shape: square, color: green, and the number: 3. The children love to work with play dough and like to paint with tempera paint. We will be working and talking about turkeys pilgrims, Indians and foods. I want to welcome Mikayla Briggs and Liam Terebessy to our classroom. And a Happy Birthday to Preston Gasca. Have a great Thanksgiving holiday. If you're traveling have a safe trip. Enjoy!

Mrs. Marisela

Fantastics 2's

This far into the school year I have notice great progress with the children. They socialize and know each other. They are fast learners and already know colors, numbers and some shapes like circles and squares. I am so proud of my students! I wish you all a happy thanksgiving.

Mrs. Ortiz

Terrific 2's

My sincere thanks to all Western Hills Academy students, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who joined us at our school Fall Festival as well as for your generous donations. November is upon us. This month is a very short month due to our Thanksgiving Holiday. During this month our class will be learning about Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, Indians and good table manners. Letters for this month are I, J, and K. Our numbers will be 9 and 10. This month we will also start learning and practicing shapes and colors as well. May everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday with Family and friends.

Mrs. Carmen Lerma

Awesome 2&3 yr olds



Pre-K Families, our Trunk or Treat was a great success; we want to thank you for all the generous donations, time and support to make this event possible. Thank you, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Navarez & Mrs. Reyes for donating our class pumpkins they came out great! It was great to see you all there. Can't wait to see you at our Veteran's Day Program, Nov. 8th @ 10:30 in the gym. The students have been working hard making thank you cards for our Veterans and practicing their patriotic songs. As we complete Theme 3 which focused on family and friends, explored our feelings, and practiced being polite, letters EFGH. We will transition to Theme 4 where we will be exploring the concepts of time, weather, and seasons. As well as focus on letters I, J, K, and L. Sight words will be the, is, see, and I please keep an eye out for these lessons and review the words with your child. Please continue to read with your child daily, nursery rhymes are great and play an important role when it comes to phonological awareness. As always thank you for all your support. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs. Mercado

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Thank you for making Trunk or Treat a huge success! A special thank you to Mrs. Mora and Mrs. Escapite for making the awesome pumpkins with the children and of course to the rest of the parents for making this possible. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Ramirez



Greetings from the 3rd and 4th grade, October was a great month! The students finished up their 3rd book; The Chocolate Touch. This book had a wonderful moral at the end, to be careful what you wish for. To encourage the students to make connections to their readings, they created character trait posters as well as written book reviews of the character they related to the most. During social studies, the students worked diligently doing research on historical buildings of El Paso. They not only wrote research papers and gave oral reports, but they also created 3 dimensional structures that replicated the buildings that they researched. The display included light posts, a trolley, cars, and even the crocodiles in San Jacinto Plaza. To culminate this project the students took the trolley downtown, visited many historical buildings, including a tour of the Hotel Cortez. The students got one more chance to experience history when they were able to visit Union Pacific's historic "Big Boy" steam locomotive No. 4014. A restored locomotive from 1941 that made its way from Colorado to the El Paso rail yards, their visit included questions and answers with the conductors, hands on railroad exhibit, and the students even took home some souvenirs. Finally, electricity, electro-magnetism, force, motion, simple machines, and pulleys were the focus during science labs. The students lit light bulbs, confused compasses, created "telephones, witnessed light projection, experienced centripetal force first hand, and lastly created ramps and pulleys. What a great month, we are looking forward to November!

Mrs. Stegmiller

We've made it through the first school trimester! I have been enjoying teaching your children very much. They are wonderful students. We have been working very hard in all of our core subjects. We also had lots of fun at the "El Paso Downtown historical buildings" tour, at the "Big Boy" train exhibit, and at Las Cruces "Maze" experience. From all those field trips I included lessons to our classes. For ELA writing the students wrote wonderful short-stories using the maze animals as characters. They also wrote a descriptive essay on their experience at the "Big Boy" exhibit. For Science class they researched on a "maze" animal and made a poster with the information they gathered. For Social Studies they each researched the history of an El Paso Downtown building. Then, together with the 3rd and 4th grade peers we worked to create a beautiful display of our beloved city. I look forward to the days to come, preparing your kids for Middle School! We also will be having fun while learning with Veteran's day, Dia de Muertos, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will keep learning about our culture and traditions in our beautiful, bi-cultural borderland city!

Mrs. Urias

