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WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

Happy Fall Wildcats!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Western Hills Families,

Our children are busy in the classrooms learning lots of new concepts and enjoying hands on activities. But October is upon us and I wanted to fill you in on the events coming up as there are quite a few. Most of the events we will be celebrating have become a tradition at WHA, so we look forward to seeing all of you there taking part in fun family activities. Here's a snapshot into what's taking place:

October 2 and 3 – Individual pictures, Sibling day is Wednesday, October 2. Free dress on the day of your child's picture

October 9, Wednesday – WHA Fundraiser night at Charcoaler from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come out and treat your family to a night of good food and fun. Make sure to toss your receipts in the donation bin to ensure credit for our school.

October 18, Friday – Trunk or Treat Celebration! We will also be having a spaghetti dinner (details coming your way soon), bouncy house, face painting and more. We'd like about 30 cars to participate in the Trunk or Treat so why not get into the fun and volunteer. You will have to provide your own candy and have someone at the car to pass candy out.

October 22, Tuesday – Field trip to Mesilla Valley Maze for grades PreK-5th. Depart at 8:30 a.m. Details for this trip will be sent home soon.

October 23, Wednesday – Fall Parent-Teacher conference day from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Teachers will meet with parents in 20 minute intervals. Report cards will be distributed at this time. Students will have early release at noon.

Parents, you recently received your child's progress report, if you have any concerns about your child's grades please contact us immediately. You can contact your teacher or you can call the office and set up an appointment. Now is the time to work together and put together plans to make our students experience the most success. As always please come by the office and share your thoughts, suggestions or concerns. We need your input in order to make our school the best it can be for our students and their families.

Blessings to all,
Patricia Aguirre
Western Hills Academy Director

CHARCOALER FUNDRAISER

10/09/2019 • 4-9pm • 15% of profits go to WHA this evening



FANTASTIC 2'S

I would like to say welcome to all the children that came to my classroom. They have enjoyed the new classroom. We have been working with the letter C, number 2, the color green, and the shapes heart and circle. We have also been learning to share and taking turns. The month of October will be a busy month with individual photos, fundraiser at Charcoaler and Trunk or Treat.

Happy Birthday to Gonzalo Rojas 9/18 and Eveyln Bogner 10/2!

Mrs. Marisela

AWESOME 2&3YR OLDS

October is here and with it comes Fall my favorite season of all. Western Hills Academy will be having its annual Fall Festival/ Trunk or Treat event on Friday October 18th from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. We are asking all parents to please participate in the Trunk or Treat event. Parents are asked to decorate their trunks and hand out treats during the festivities. Please invite all your family and friends to this fun-filled event. The school is asking for volunteers to help set up the activities during the day. Please let me know or you can sign up in the office. Thank you all for your support. Our fundraiser for the month of October will be at Charcoaler restaurant. Please support Western Hills Academy on October 9th from 4-9pm.

This month our class will learn about fire prevention, apple week, Fall season, and Halloween activities. Classroom learning activities will be letters E,F,G and H numbers are 5,6,7 and 8. Our class will have a small Halloween party on October 30th during our snack time. Parents are welcome to bring treats for the children.

Happy Birthday wishes to James and Thaddeus!

Mrs. Carmen Lerma



IMPORTANT DATES

October 2 Picture Day (Early Learning-Pre-K1)
 October 3 Picture Day (Pre-K2, Kinder, 1st-5th Grade)
 October 9 Charcoaler Fundraiser Night (4-9pm)
 October 18 Fall Trunk or Treat/ Spaghetti Dinner (5-7:30pm)
 October 22 Field trip to Mesilla Valley Maze (depart @8:45am)
 October 23 Parent-Teacher Conferences (1-5pm)



TERRIFIC 3'S

Happy fall everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your child with me. This month we will continue to study the ABC, shapes, numbers and colors. We will also be doing Halloween arts and crafts. We will have a Costume day, details will be sent home later.

Important dates to remember: Individual pictures Oct. 2nd and 3, Trunk or treat, Oct. 18th. Thank you!

Mrs. Adriana Davie



PRE - K

Pre-K Families,

As we complete Theme 2 we will transition to Theme 3. Where we will be focusing on family and friends, explore our feelings, and practice being polite. We will continue with, letters "EFGH". We encourage you to read to your child daily or have them interpret a book to you, it is amazing the stories they come up with, just by looking at the pictures.

Our school Trunk or Treat is a great opportunity to get involved; parent involvement plays such an important role on student's success and self-esteem. Stop by the office and find out you can help. We look forward to seeing you at all our October events.

As always thank you for all your support.

Pre-K Teachers

Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs. Mercado



KINDER

Hello Everyone,
Fall is now here and with that come many exciting activities. During October we will continue to work with letters: P, A, N, I and M along with blends, compound and rhyming words. In math we will work using numbers and operations, measurements, and geometry. We will also continue talking about our community and seasons.

Please remember that picture day will be held on October 2th and 3rd. On October 9th, we will have a Fundraising night at Charcoaler on Mesa. The following week on the 18th we will have our Trunk o treat Celebration and it will be great if we all could participate. On October 22nd our annual field trip will be to Mesilla Valley Maze. Details will be sent home regarding this event during the upcoming weeks. As you can see, October will be a busy and exciting month! Please plan to participate in all these fun activities! Thank you for your support.

Ms. Rocio Ostos



1ST & 2ND GRADE

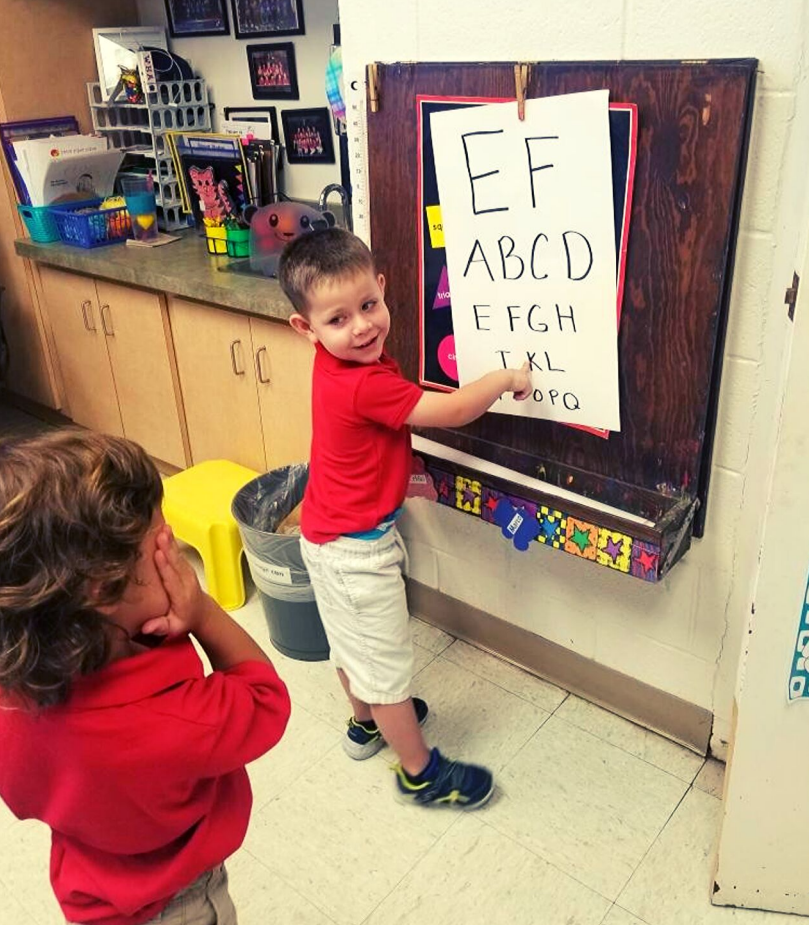
September has gone so fast! The students have been learning about plants, the respiratory and digestive systems, and the five senses during science labs. Also, we are learning about our communities in Social studies, respect, responsibility, laws and rules. The students are making excellent progress everyday, in their writing, reading and math skills.

Important days to remember this month:

- October 2 and 3- Picture Day. (Pre-k-5th, October 3)
- October 9- Charcoaler Western Hills Academy Night- 4-9:00 p.m (15%profit).
- October 18- Trunk or Treat Fall Celebration, 5-7:30 p.m. Parents are asked to decorate their vehicles and hand out treats during the festival. Spaghetti dinner from 5-6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- October 22- Field trip to Mesilla Valley Maze. Depart at 8:45 a.m.
- October 23- Parent-Teacher conferences from 1-5 p.m. More information will be sent as dates approach.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Laura Ramirez





3RD & 4TH GRADE

What an amazing month of fantastic activities. In ELA we are diving into our 3rd book, "The Chocolate Touch." So far we are having a great time learning more about the Midas family especially their son John who LOVES chocolate! To further make connections to the books we have read. The students picked their favorite character and have begun creating full size character posters.

During Social Studies, the students have been working on a 3D community of historical buildings in El Paso, Texas. Not only did they pick their buildings but the students created cars, light posts, and even a trolley to really give this project a more realistic look. To finish up this project, the students are working on a research paper about their building to further help them make those connections of how important historical buildings are to cities. Keep a look out, you will soon be able to see the final project.

What a time we are having in Science from learning about the human body and all of its systems to recognizing habitats of animals and how they adapt to their environment. To enhance the mastery of science subject matters the students have been working very diligently on labs. They are encouraged to make predictions, draw conclusions, and developing scientific reasoning while attentively following multi-step directions. So far they have experimented using goggles, measuring cups and spoons, and even M&M's and Skittles. What a great month we had, way to go 3rd and 4th grade!

Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller

5TH GRADE

Hello Parents:

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! In the past few weeks I have enjoyed very much working with your children. They are all wonderful students! We are working hard on developing and reinforcing writing, reading, and math skills. We are learning about our body systems and how they work through fun and interesting science experiments.

In Social Studies we are learning about the historic buildings of our beloved city of El Paso. I look forward to October for a month full of fun learning experiences!!! I am always available for you if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Alejandra Urias

SPANISH & CHINESE

Hello all! I hope everyone has had a great September. In our language courses, we have focused on many new and exciting things. From the days of the week, to colors, seasons, shapes, and numbers! The students never cease to amaze me with everything they retain from our lessons together. This month we were also able to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival in Chinese class, and El 16 de septiembre in Spanish class.

In the younger grades, we sing a lot of songs, learn dances, and play games. The older grades get to learn more about Chinese and Mexican culture and do crafts that challenge them to be creative. They are also using a wonderful free online language-learning platform called Duolingo that helps us in both Spanish and Chinese. I am looking forward to seeing what October brings!

Ms. Kaitlin A. Conner

