



Woodland Hills Private School

Where children gain love and knowledge



Camp Open House and Carnival

Sunday, April 2
10 am to 12 pm
Oxnard Campus



Elementary Group Tour – TK to 5th

Wednesday, April 5th @ 10 am

Come see what WHPS can offer your child in 2017-2018!

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP!](#)

Donations and Birthday Books

- Glickstein Family – Toys
- Wood Family – Art Supplies
- Hollis Family – Birthday Books
- Boston Family – Birthday Book
- Lopez Family – Birthday Book
- Kalmus & Muler Family – Preschool Books



Your donations are appreciated. Thank you for thinking of WHPS and helping to make a difference!

Thank You to PAG and PAWS

Thank you to all the parents for participating in our Annual Gala & Silent Auction! It was so much fun!



Save the Date - Open House

Oxnard Thurs, May 11th | Collins Thurs, May 18th

6:30-8:00 pm

April Events Calendar

Both Campuses | Collins | Oxnard

- 2 Camp Woodland Hills Open House @ 10 am - 12 pm @ Oxnard Campus
- 5 **Elementary Group Tour @ 10 am**
- 5 **5th Grade Culmination Meeting @ 2:15 pm**
- 5 **PAWS Meeting @ 6:30 pm**
- 6 **Preschool Group Tour @ 10 am**
- 7 **Elementary Spring Talent Show @ 10 am**
- 10-14 **Elementary Spring Recess**
- 10-14 **Elementary Spring Break Camp**
- 12 **PAG Event – Bubblemania**
- 14 **Annual Egg Hunt @ 11 am**
- 14 **Spring Half Day Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSES @ 12:30 pm**
- 17 **Elementary Classes Resume**
- 17 **Camp Woodland Hills Registration & Deposit Due**
- 18 **PAWS Restaurant Night**
- 19 **PAWS Preschool Event – Kiddle Karoo**
- 19 **Farmers Market – Room 9**
- 20 **PAWS Elementary Event – Boxtales**
- 21 **GO Event for Earth Day**
- 21 **PAWS Babysitting Night @ 6-10 pm**
- 21 **PAG Kids Night Out @ 6-10 pm**
- 24 **PAG Restaurant Night – The Habit**
- 24 **Gold Rush Field Trip – Rooms 18 & 19**
- 25 **PAG Meeting @ 5:30 pm**
- 28 **Elementary Assembly @ 8:00 am**

“Our Barnyard” News | The WHPS Science and Nature Center

At the end of March, we made two exciting changes to “Our Barnyard.” First, we have built an outdoor enclosure in front of the reptile house. Stanley the Bearded Dragon and Ares the Blue-Tongued Skink will be out every day enjoying the sunlight in a more natural environment. Secondly, we have added some new birds to our aviary! Our new birds include Finches and Diamond Doves, and we will be adding some Parakeets soon. This new aviary is now a walk-in aviary, meaning you can ask Mr. Dana or me to open it so that you can go inside and enjoy our new birds!

This month, the preschoolers are going to start planting a garden in “Our Barnyard” with vegetables that we can share with the animals! The elementary students will be planting native and drought-tolerant plants to help conserve water, as well as attract native wildlife like hummingbirds and butterflies. – Mr. Matthew, Animal and Nature Specialist



Preschool News



Oxnard Campus

*Ms. Tracy and
Ms. Christine*

Collins Campus

Robin and Ms. Ailin

Spring has brought us warmer weather and plenty of sunshine! Our children are enjoying spending more and more time outdoors discovering all the changes the spring season brings. Flowers are blooming and new leaves are appearing on our trees. Very soon, the trees will be shading us from the hot summer sun.

We are excited to see so many different topics of study emerging in our classrooms, from space vehicles and robots to butterflies and buzzing bees. The children will become active in planting and gardening as well. Many classrooms will observe transformations take place right in front of them!

This month, the classrooms will also

explore Earth Day and the environment. The children will discuss how to be resourceful and how to keep our planet healthy. To celebrate Earth Day, both campuses will have our annual GO Event (Get Outside) on April 21st. It's a wonderful way for children to experience some fun activities related to our environment.

The Oxnard campus will be holding a preschool group tour on Thursday, April 6th @ 10:00 am. Join us by contacting the Oxnard main office at 818-348-6563! We also have an elementary group tour for the 2017-2018 school year on Wednesday, April 5th @ 10:00 am. You can **RSVP here!**

Happy spring!

Elementary News

We had so many wonderful things happen at WHPS this past month. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day around campus with bagpipers and those sneaky leprechauns visited again! The BEARS held their last basketball game of the season and we held our first ever BEARS vs. Staff basketball game. Go BEARS! Volleyball season will begin soon, so be on the lookout for sign-up sheets for our 3rd to 5th graders. Please be sure to come and cheer them on at one of their home games!

It is hard to believe that we are in the final trimester for this school year! Our students have really been working hard this third trimester as they prepare to step up to the next grade level. We're also looking forward to our first annual Spring Talent Show! The students are working hard around campus (and I'm sure at home) to perfect their acts. Please be sure to join us for this event on Friday, April 7th @ 10:00 am.

On Sunday, April 2nd, we'll be holding our Camp Open House and Carnival from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please stop by to see the fun and exciting events we'll have during summer and meet some of our amazing camp counselors! Enrollment forms for Camp Woodland Hills are due by **April 17th**.

Spring Break is April 10th to 14th. We will be holding our annual Spring Camp during this time. We've got fun activities planned for our campers, including an egg hunt, "dirt" desserts, spring clay sculptures, and a field trip to Sky High. Forms are available in the office and due back by Monday, April 3rd.

Elementary classes will resume on Monday, April 17th. When we return, we will have a special event from PAWS, and Rooms 18 & 19 will visit Valley Trails Ranch to learn more about the California Gold Rush. Be sure to save the date for Open House on Thursday, May 11th. We are looking forward to the remaining 9 weeks of the school year. We are sure that it will be a memorable and exciting finish! Happy spring!



*Ms. Jacey Dexter
Elementary Principal*

Special Edition: WASC Update

As you may know, WHPS has been accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) since 1996. This past March, as part of our school's six year accreditation renewal, we completed a Mid-Cycle Review. You may be wondering what WASC was looking at during the visit. Below are the seven key areas which our school had chosen to focus on in our 2014 WASC Action Plan:

1. Formalize the cutting-edge curriculum and programs that were happening in some classrooms across the entire school.
2. Educate the school community on the research that underpins our educational philosophy.
3. Increase strategic technology integration across the entire school.
4. Continue to enhance the physical structure of indoor and outdoor learning spaces.
5. Strengthen our relationship(s) with feeder schools.
6. Build Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLRs) into student metrics and strengthen community awareness of the ESLRs.
7. Engage the school community in the adoption of new programming.

As a result of the emphasis areas in our WASC Action Plan, you have already seen some of the following enhancements:

- Elementary Division's adoption of Responsive Classroom, Columbia University literacy program and leveled library, Words Their Way, FOSS Science, and STEAMTrax 3D Printing & Engineering.
- Preschool's adoption of Emergent Learning, Dramatic Play, and the expansion of the Outdoor Classroom.
- Family education opportunities for our programs, such as The Leader in Me, Columbia University literacy, Emergent Learning, and our recent screening of *Most Likely to Succeed*.
- Expansion of technology hardware and infrastructure at both campuses, focusing on novel, transformative uses of technology, such as the 3D Printing & Engineering program, the addition of Interactive Projectors, and mobile technology.
- Formation of strong relationships with 25 top middle schools that are of interest to our families and the launching of middle school information sessions.
- Report Cards and Progress Reports that are now aligned to the ESLRs.

As the 2014 WASC Action Plan is nearing completion, we are already beginning to strategize for the school's next steps. In the year ahead, will be exploring a number of ways to take our children's critical thinking to new heights and focusing on Arts-Integration across the curriculum. Stay tuned for more discussion about these topics in the 2017-2018 school year!

Seth Pozzi
Asst. Head of School

WHPS ESLRS

Build a strong foundation for learning
Everyone is part of a community of thinkers and learners
Appreciate yourself and the world around you
Responsible and independent citizens

