



Woodland Hills Private School

Where children gain love and knowledge



Open House & Book Fair 6:30-8:00 pm

Oxnard Thurs, May 11th | Collins Thurs, May 18th
School will close at 5:00 pm.

Join us in celebrating the achievements of all the students and take a look ahead to 2017-2018!

Your child will be your guide as you explore the classrooms and visit all of our Open House activities, including:
Classroom Displays • Book Fair • Art Fair • Refreshments

Donations and Birthday Books

- Reeves Family – Recycled Materials
- Garber Family – Dramatic Play Toys
- Bleske & Wydra Family – Birthday Book
- Rosengren, Krauss, & Paul Family – Books
- Werbe Family – Arts & Crafts Materials
- Sume Family – Puzzles, Puppets & Games
- Kline Family & Coastline Motorsport – Tire Donation for Our Forest



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

End of Year Ceremonies

Please check with your classroom teacher for times.

Wed	May 31	(OX) Transitional Kindergarten
Mon	Jun 5	(OX) Pre-K Rooms 9 & 10
Tues	Jun 6	(OX) Pre-K Rooms 8 & 12 (OX) 5 th Grade
Wed	Jun 7	(C) Pre-K Rooms 7, 9, & 10
Thurs	Jun 8	(OX) Kindergarten

May/June Events Calendar

Both Campuses | Collins | Oxnard

- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 3 PAWS Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 4 Cinco De Mayo Dancers @ 10 am
- 4 Elementary Spirit Day – “May the Fourth Be With You”
- 5 PAWS Event – Ballet Folklorica
- 5 5th Grade Graduation Pictures
- 10 PAG Event – Petting Zoo
- 11 PAWS Art Auction
- 11 **Open House & Book Fair @ 6:30-8 pm**
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 5:00 PM
- 15-19 ERB Testing – 3rd to 5th grade
- 16 PAWS Restaurant Night – Hook Burger
- 17 Farmers Market – Room 4
- 18 **Open House & Book Fair @ 6:30-8 pm**
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 5:00 PM
- 19 PAWS Babysitting Night @ 6-10 pm
- 20 PAG Kids Night Out @ 5-9 pm
- 22-26 3rd Preschool Progress Reports
- 29 **MEMORIAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 31 TK Presentation & Lunch @ 11 am
- 2 Elementary Awards Assembly @ 8 am
- 3 Family Picnic @ Grape Arbor Park
- 5 Pre-K Promotion – Rooms 9 & 10
- 6 Pre-K Promotion – Rooms 8 & 12
- 6 5th Grade Culmination Ceremony
- 7 Elementary Beach Trip
- 7 Pre-K Promotion – Rooms 7, 9, & 10
- 8 Kindergarten Stepping Up Ceremony
- 9 **CAMP SETUP – SCHOOL CLOSED**

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

There have been some new additions to “Our Barnyard” this month! We have added four new parakeets to our new walk-in aviary. The two males have been named “Para” and “Keet,” but the two females don’t have names yet. If you have any ideas for their names, please make sure to let Mr. Matthew know! Also, our finches have been busy this month. So far, they have laid ten eggs and five have hatched. We expect the rest to hatch soon, and hopefully in a few weeks, our parakeets will lay some eggs too (they’re not quite old enough yet). Make sure to stop by and visit our new walk-in aviary!



We also purchased a new egg incubator. Our students will be able to watch the process of eggs developing and maturing and also learn what it takes to raise baby chickens! – Mr. Matthew, Animal & Nature Specialist

Preschool News



Oxnard Campus

*Ms. Tracy and
Ms. Christine*

Collins Campus

Robin and Ms. Ailin

Spring has finally sprung! The month of April was very busy with spring holidays and Earth Day celebrations. The play yards were covered with colorful eggs filled with surprises for our annual egg hunts. It took our little bunnies no time at all to collect their egg treasures. Thanks to all of you who participated and helped make these events so much fun for the children.

Taking care of our precious Earth was the main focus of the month. The children explored recycled art, bugs & insects, bees & beehives, gardening, and plant life, as well as the Rainforest. Both campuses also held their annual "Get Outside" event. These were ways to help educate our children on how we can preserve our planet for future

generations. Lots of wonderful planting and gardening took place. Be sure to check it out!

The children's interests also brought opportunities to explore butterflies, dinosaurs, space, and shadows. We spent more time outdoors enjoying the great weather and appreciating nature.

May flowers are coming along with the growth of your little ones. You may notice a new sense of maturity and self-confidence as your children are getting ready to move forward to the next level. With this in mind, mark your calendars for Open House where family and friends come together to see what has transpired throughout the year. We hope to see all of you at our biggest event of the school year!

Elementary News

We are in the final stretch of the 2016-2017 school year! I must say, it has been full of adventures. Looking back, there are so many things the elementary students have done and accomplished. We are so grateful to have not only spectacular teachers, who spend day in and day out planning and implementing exciting activities to enhance the curriculum, but also dedicated parents who provide support and enthusiasm to our program. Looking forward to May, we have many activities keeping everyone busy. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our Open House on May 11th. This is a wonderful time to see how your children shined this year. Many of our classes are taking their final field trips of the year to places like the Santa Barbara Zoo and the Long Beach Aquarium.



*Ms. Jacey Dexter
Elementary Principal*

Our volleyball season will keep our school spirit alive through June! Please keep an eye out for the schedule and stop by for one of our home games. We also hope you'll join us for our final Elementary Spirit Day, "May the Fourth Be With You!" Our 3rd to 5th graders are prepared and ready to take their ERB tests the week of May 15th – 19th. Please be sure your child has a healthy breakfast in the morning and have your child arrive at school on time.

Our last Awards Assembly and Parent Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Friday, June 2nd. We also look forward to meeting with all of you during our "Taste Of" meetings. We'll share with you many of the exciting things in store for your child in the next school year, what to expect, and how you can best support your child. Please keep an eye out for more information! You'll also want to save the date for our annual Elementary Beach Trip on Wednesday, June 7th. This is a time-honored tradition here at WHPS, as our entire elementary division celebrates the end of the school year with some fun in the sun! More information will go home in the coming weeks.

Finally, a special congratulations to the graduating 5th grade class! We are so proud of your achievements this year. We wish you all the best and hope you'll come back to visit WHPS!

Special Edition: Becoming Leaders

Someone recently asked me, "What is so special about your school? Why should I send my child to WHPS?" You might imagine my response would be to rattle off a litany of tangible items, such as our school's Science & Nature Center, Engineering curriculum, Responsive Classroom, or the number of hours our teachers spend on professional development each year. To be sure, these are all indispensable elements of our program. However, there is one thing we do that I believe supersedes, or perhaps grows out of, all of this. We help children find their voice and *become leaders!*

This first means developing self-confidence and becoming self-directed. Beginning in the preschool, leadership (of self) is explicitly taught to our youngest students. Whether creating their own classroom rules, learning to make their own choices instead of imitating their friend, or deciding how to independently work during centers, students learn that leadership means doing the right thing.

Beginning in our earliest elementary grades, students take on more formal leadership opportunities. TK and Kindergarten students learn to initiate the quiet signal—getting the attention of the whole school community—and speak at Morning Assembly. They learn how to hold themselves in public, how to project their voices, and how to feel comfortable in front of a crowd. They begin learning to adlib as they pull Bucket Filler cards on Fridays and call up students who were caught doing something good.

Elementary students also practice for the classroom job of *Greeter*, getting up from their seat the moment they see a guest walk into the room. They begin with: "Welcome to Room ___, I'm _____." Next, the *Greeter* puts out his/her hand, offering a firm handshake, and goes on to tell the guest what they are working on at that moment. Some of the older students go a step further and explain how they use their Leadership Binder or may even conduct a mini-SLC on the spot.

If you were fortunate enough to attend the elementary spring talent show, you saw the students' resulting confidence on full display. It was evident not only in the songs, dances, comedy routines and science experiments, but also in the stage presence of the student emcees, and students backstage, managing props and the sound system.

And as our students graduate and go on to some of the city's most elite middle schools, they demonstrate that they ARE leaders. They have a strong sense of right vs. wrong and choose to stand up for what they believe is right, they exude confidence, they demonstrate strong public speaking skills, and they positively influence others to make good choices. I could not be more proud of our students and the opportunity to work with them in a school that leverages all its unique ways of helping children find their voice and *become leaders!*



Seth Pozzi
Asst. Head of School

Friendly Reminders

- ✓ Please be patient, slow down, and watch out for pedestrians in the parking lots.
- ✓ Please do not park in fire lanes. Please follow the signs for our new temporary parking area.
- ✓ Please do not park in staff parking spots.
- ✓ Please lock your car and take any valuables with you.
- ✓ Please do not leave children or pets unattended in parked vehicles.
- ✓ WHPS has a no-nut policy, which includes coconuts!