



A Message to Our Communities

Happy spring, everyone! This season, Northwest Village School students and teams revolved around the themes of hope, renewal, and growth, and engaged in projects and learning activities that spanned classrooms, sidewalks, outdoor gardens, and the community. Our youth also spent time preparing for and participating in a Multicultural Day Celebration, exploring food, cultures, and contributions from around the world and sharing insights with members of the Wheeler community. Our stories are below.

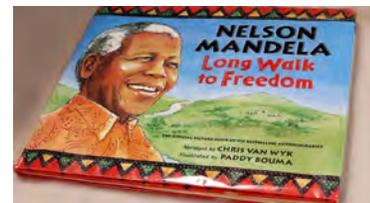
As we move through this last stretch of the school year, we are thankful for the innovation and imagination of our multidisciplinary teams, as well as the persistence of our students, and we look forward to our Extended School Year (ESY) program, starting July 6, featuring a “Go for the Gold” theme.

As always, thank you for being a part of our community and for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,
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Celebrating the World in a Day

Recently, students participated in an in-person Multicultural Celebration event, sharing insights, projects, and learnings with staff from across Wheeler. From delving into the lives of remarkable leaders such as Nelson Mandela, to an exploration of gardens, food, and cultures from around the world, the day was rich in discussion and discovery.



Lessons in Gardening



A Facebook fundraiser initiated by Brian Dowgiewicz, senior teacher, provided fertile ground for school gardening efforts this year. With private funds raised on Facebook, Brian launched an interdisciplinary “gardening from around the world” project for our learners on Team C. Funds supported the purchase of seeds, planting trays, soil, mulch, tools, and more.

Brian’s geometry students are optimizing planting areas and drawing their ideas to scale of moveable structures to optimize sunlight. Other students have plans for a meditation garden and are researching shade-tolerant perennials and prices for mulch and stone, while still others are focused on building workout stations, with visions of being the next “American Ninja.”

Chalk the Walk With Positive Messages

Visitors will find positive messages lining our sidewalks this season. Room 15 teacher Diane Drapeau-Foyer brought the national "Chalk the Walk" program to our school, and since March, students have created dozens of messages and drawings that reflect joy, optimism, and hope. The project is ongoing.



The Power of Gratitude



Room 8 students worked on a community service cards project for health care staff, police departments, and other members of the community, expressing gratitude for their service, especially during this challenging time.

Reaching Goals Through Persistence

Teodoro Anderson Diaz, LCSW, LADC, vice president of Wheeler's Family Health and Wellness Center Outpatient Services, spoke recently with students about the transformative nature of life experiences and the power of persistence in reaching goals. His story inspired our youth to consider how they will use their own experiences to chart their futures.



A Place to Grow, Too



We put the finishing touches on our new greenhouse recently, and this amazing structure will provide a place for our school community to learn and hone their gardening and other skills, this season and beyond! Learn more about the lessons and activities happening at our school [here](#).

Questions? Concerns? Feedback?

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