



The Welby Way

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**THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The Welby Way staff is rested and ready to get back to work. Rumor has it that our parents are ready for their rested children to return to school too! Our entire staff was overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and generosity of our Welby Way parents and community members during the holiday season. **In addition, Mrs. Koff, Ms. Yoo and I would like to thank all of the parents and students for the many lovely personal gifts received.**

I would like to compliment our *Parents of Welby Way Association* President, Mrs. Cory Hacker, for her superb leadership and I look forward to working with her and her exceptional board members as we begin the 2006 school year. If you would like to become more involved with Welby Way, please join us at our monthly evening School Site Council meetings. These meetings are informative and focus on school business and educational goals.

*Respectfully, Gigi Edler*



## THE WELBY WAY DINNER DANCE IS ALMOST HERE!

The Welby Way Mexican Fiesta Dinner Dance and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2006, at the Sagebrush Cantina in Calabasas. There will be delicious dining, dancing and shopping, and you will be supporting important Welby Way programs which benefit every child at Welby Way. Your invitation will arrive at your home by mail in the next few days. Please return your RSVP as soon as possible, and we hope to see you there!

## SILENT AUCTION NEWS

**We depend on all of our Welby Way families' support to make this event successful. You can help by donating new items or services for our Silent Auction.** Please be on the lookout for your *Mexican Fiesta Dinner Dance and Silent Auction* information packet which will go home in the next few days. **THE DONATION OF ANY NEW ITEM OR SERVICE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.** Additionally, we are looking for generous supporters who can donate some of the following items:

**RE-GIFTING:** Did you get that holiday gift that was "just not you?" Donate it to the Silent Auction!

**AIRLINE TICKETS:** Do you have frequent flyer miles or connections with the airline industry? Contact Jennifer.

**TIMESHARE OR ANY VACATION:** Do you have a timeshare you do not use very often? Connections to the travel industry? Donate it!

**HOTEL WEEKENDS:** If you have connections to the hotel industry and can arrange a donation, contact Jennifer. Additionally, some companies offer hotel weekends as bonuses. If you are not planning on using yours, donate it!

**GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR SERVICES YOU USE OR DONATIONS FROM SHOPS THAT YOU FREQUENT:** Ask your manicurist, hair stylist, etc. if they would like to donate a gift certificate. Most service personnel are familiar with the Silent Auction concept and are happy to donate as it is good advertising for their business. You can also ask for a donation of goods or a gift certificate from retailers where you shop regularly.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR SERVICES THAT YOU OFFER OR ITEM DONATIONS FROM YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS:** If you are a businessperson, we welcome a gift certificate or donation from your business.

**KID'S ACTIVITY GIFT CERTIFICATES:** Miniature golf, movies, paintball, skating park, etc. – anything fun for kids!

Donation solicitation letters are available at the school office, and will be included in your Silent Auction information packet.

Contact Jennifer King at (818) 313-8533 or at [mommyking@yahoo.com](mailto:mommyking@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about donations.

Additionally, Jennifer still needs volunteers! If you can volunteer some of your time, please contact her!

**If you have contacted Jennifer recently about a donation, and have not yet received a reply, please contact her again. Thank you!**

## CLASSROOM THEME BASKETS



Each year our Dinner Dance Committee organizes the collection of items for Classroom Theme Baskets. Each classroom is given a theme, and families donate new items to be included in a gift basket, which is auctioned at the annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction. You should be receiving the flyer describing your child's classroom theme shortly. The due date for classroom basket items is Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Classrooms with 100% participation will receive an ice cream party! Any questions about the Classroom Theme Baskets can be directed to Event Coordinator Lisa Hansen at (818) 715-9848. **THANK YOU!**



## THE WELBY WAY HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Welby Way Holiday Boutique was a tremendous success! Thanks to Boutique Coordinator Cory Hacker and all the dedicated Boutique volunteers, without whom the Boutique would not have taken place.

## QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOOL DISMISSAL TIMES, SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, ETC.

Welby Way would like to alert all of our parents that our website [www.welbyway.org](http://www.welbyway.org) is a valuable source of information about Welby Way. The website has a calendar which notes shortened days, minimum days, and school holidays. Please consult our website regularly to keep up-to-date on all that is happening at Welby Way.

## THE TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER ONLINE RESOURCE

Introducing the "K-12 TEACHING & LEARNING CENTER" online resource! Under development since 1997, the K-12 Teaching & Learning Center is the first and most complete K-12 organizer on the Internet, and the web's very best resource for student research and teacher preparation. Normally, a membership is required, but LAUSD District 1 has arranged a subscription for all of our students and teachers. This is an invaluable resource for all students, as it contains an inexhaustible supply of research data, and links to historical and other websites have been researched to insure that they are appropriate for use by students. To use the site, log on to [www.k12tlc.net](http://www.k12tlc.net), and click on to "Student Research Center." When prompted, enter in the user name DISTRICT1 [all capitals] and no password, and press enter. We hope all of our students and families will find this website informative.

## MAGNET SCHOOL TOURS

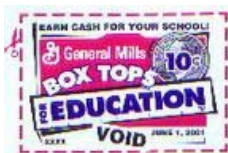
Magnet Coordinator Marcia Koff will be conducting a Welby Way Magnet tour for parents of prospective magnet applicants. The tour will be held on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM in the school library. Please contact the Magnet office at 818-992-8229 to make a reservation for the tour if you are interested in attending. Magnet applications are due in mid-January.



## BASKET ALERT – LARGE BASKETS NEEDED!

We are in need of LARGE gently used baskets for our Silent Auction. . If can donate one (or more),, please drop it off at the school office. THANK YOU!

## THANK YOU!



Thanks to the families who contributed boxtops to the *Boxtops for Education* program, Welby Way has received \$235! Please keep sending in your Boxtops for Education! If you have questions about the *Boxtops for Education* program, log onto <http://www.boxtopforeducation.com/>. Additionally, thanks to the families who have registered their *Ralphs Club Card* with Welby Way, we have received \$683 from Ralphs. If you have not registered your *Ralphs Club Card*, forms are available at the school office.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Magnet Parent Orientation:** Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM in the library
- School Holiday - M.L. King Jr. Day:** Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>
- Minimum Day:** Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> with dismissal at 12:35 PM
- Honors Assembly:** Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM (weather permitting)
- Site Action Council Meeting:** Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the library



## The Welby Way Student Gallery

## CONGRATULATIONS!



We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Mr. Weissler's *Southern California Stock Market Simulation Game* team, who placed FIRST out of 68 teams in Southern California. *Great Job!*



Congratulations to the *Coach Gina's Welby Way Girls Soccer Team*, who placed FIRST!