



The Welby Way

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THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Marcus, a teacher at Welby Way School for twenty years, passed away in August, 2003. She had a quiet demeanor, but it was always evident that her students came first. Walking past her room on any day after school, there were students working on homework and receiving assistance from her. It was very important to Mrs. Marcus to offer her students an environment that was safe and conducive to learning. She is missed by her two sons, Alex and Marshall, her family, and the parents, students and staff at Welby Way.

In her personal life, she was an avid reader so we have established a memorial fund to add a bookcase to the Welby Way library in her honor. If you wish to contribute to the fund, please send in your donation to the school. Please indicate that your donation is for the *Phyllis Marcus Memorial Fund*. Checks may be made payable to "Welby Way."

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REMINDERS AND TIPS

Regular school attendance is important if a child is to achieve his or her full potential. As the new year begins, we urge you to make an extra effort to ensure that your child established a regular attendance pattern. We congratulate those students and parents who are already meeting this goal.

The following are school attendance tips for parents:

1. Make sure your child goes to bed early (8:30 – 9:00 PM) so s/he will be well rested and ready to learn.
2. Lay out school clothes and supplies each evening before school.
3. Allow ample time in the morning for dressing, eating, brushing teeth, etc.
4. Have a designated area for items that are to be taken to school (homework, papers requiring a parent's signature, etc.).
5. Make sure your child eats a nutritious breakfast.
6. Discuss with your child the importance of regular and timely school attendance and how it creates successful habits required for the workplace.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD ARRIVES TO SCHOOL ON TIME (TEN MINUTES BEFORE CLASS BEGINS). We have noticed a significant number of students arriving at school after the tardy bell. This not only causes a disruption in your child's learning, it disrupts the entire class to have students arriving late. We would appreciate it if parents could make an extra effort to insure that their child arrives at school on time.

MAGAZINE DRIVE

Due to popular demand, the magazine drive has been extended to October 9th. This will be the last day to turn in magazine orders for the Welby Way Magazine Drive. Please participate in this important school fundraiser.



CONCERNED PARENTS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING NEWS - THE COUNTRY WESTERN DINNER DANCE

For the 2003-2004 school year, the Concerned Parent Foundations have again joined together for our annual Dinner Dance fundraiser, which supports Welby Way's classroom programs, including music, art, physical education, computer lab, computer hardware, and specialized class supplies. **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.** Solicitation letters are available at the school office, and you may contact Francine Silver at (818) 591-1198 if you have any questions about donations.

The Dinner Dance theme this year is "THE COUNTRY WESTERN DINNER DANCE" and the event will be held on Friday, November 21, 2003, at the Warner Center Hilton Hotel. **Mark your calendars**, and plan on having a fun-filled evening! Invitations for the event will arrive at your home during October. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please check your option on the "Volunteering at Welby Way" form you received at **Back-to-School Night** and return your completed form promptly. If you have any questions about volunteering for the Dinner Dance this year, please leave a message (including your name and phone number) for Rhett Tallas at 818-349-7375 and Rhett will contact you.

CONCERNED PARENTS FOUNDATION

The Concerned Parents Foundations Membership is currently in full swing. We hope that at least one member from each family will join our Concerned Parents Foundations. All family members are welcome to join, and membership is only \$5 per member. Of course, additional donations are welcome. Funds are used for classroom needs and projects, as well as for students and families with special needs.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRAFFIC SAFETY

It is very important that all families follow the school traffic safety rules around the school. We have noticed the following unacceptable traffic practices at our school drop-off points: **Parents stopping in the middle of the street to pick up and drop off children; Cars parked and left unoccupied in the loading zones; Cars driving at unsafe speeds; Parents jay-walking with and without their children (a bad example to set!)**

We do not want to endanger any students, so we ask that you follow the school traffic pattern located in your Welby Way Handbook. Traffic moves in a clockwise direction only around the school. When driving in your car, make sure that the school is always on your right side.

BANKING TIME TUESDAYS

Tuesday, September 23rd, Welby Way started our Banking Time Tuesdays. On these days, school will begin at the regular time of 8:05 AM but will end at 1:30 PM. Banking Time Tuesdays will extend through May 18, 2004.

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 COUNTRY WESTERN DINNER DANCE** and Silent Auction. Please be on the lookout for the flyer describing your child's classroom theme, and please follow the directions on the flyer. Additionally, our Theme Basket chairperson Cory Hacker is looking for volunteers to assist with the collection of items and the assembly of the theme baskets. If you can help, please call Cory at (818) 313-9543. THANK YOU!



BASKET ALERT – LARGE BASKETS NEEDED!

Welby Way is looking for large, gently used baskets for our Silent Auction to be held during *The Country Western Dinner Dance*. If you have one or more you can donate, please drop it off at the school office. THANK YOU!

READERS ARE LEADERS

The "Readers are Leaders" form for October is going home now. It is mandatory that all Welby Way students participate in this at-home reading program. Each student is expected to read or be read to at home each day for a period of time based on the student's grade level. We believe that reading is the key to learning, and the more a child reads, the more successful he or she will be in school. Parents – please follow the directions on the "Readers are Leaders" log.



WELBY WAY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION PARADE

Welby Way is scheduled to have its annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31st at 10:00 AM on the playground (*10/31 is a minimum day, ending at 12:35 PM*). Students may dress up in costume to celebrate. Costume and masks should be appropriate to an elementary school setting. Replicas of weapons are *not* permitted on campus. Students and teachers participate in a Halloween Parade, after which each classroom usually celebrates with a class party. You will be informed by your child's teacher as to times and details prior to this event.

DINNER DANCE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:

Tickets for this drawing are available until the Dinner Dance takes place November 21st. Tickets are \$1 each. Prizes include Four Passes to Universal Studios including dinner at In 'n Out Burgers, a Disneyland Animated Talking Goofy phone, a portable CD stereo, and many other prizes to be announced. Get your tickets now for your chance to win!



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WASHINGTON MUTUAL SCHOOL SAVINGS PROGRAM

Started in 1923, the *School Savings* program gives students hands-on lessons about how to handle money responsibly with their own Washington Mutual savings accounts. The Washington Mutual financial centers work with elementary schools and parent volunteers to teach students positive savings habits through weekly Bank Days at school. The first Bank Day was Tuesday, September 16th, and Bank Days take place every Tuesday through the end of school year. We hope that all Welby Way parents will consider participating in this educational program. Application forms are available on Bank Days near the office during recess.

MAGNET FIFTH GRADE INFORMATION

The Magnet 5th grade trip this year will be to visit a historical United States location. Each 5th grade student is responsible for raising funds to pay for his/her trip. The following fundraisers will be benefiting this exciting trip:

DINNER DANCE

5TH grade magnet students whose parents donate a minimum of \$165 to attend **THE COUNTRY WESTERN DINNER DANCE** will receive a \$50 credit toward their trip-funding goal. Raffle sales also will add to your trip fund.

SCRIP: Scrip order forms are available at the school office. Scrip is available for many different vendors. Please follow the directions on the order form. **SCRIP MAKES GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS! PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW!**

5TH GRADE E-SCRIP: This program is identical to the school-wide E-Scrip program, but funds raised go directly to fund the 5th grade trip (funds are not credited towards individual students' trips, but to the 5th grade trip fund). Sign-up forms are available in the office, or you can register online at www.escripinc.com. Welby Way Elementary 5th Grade's group ID number is 4855402.



MUSIC TALENT SHOW

Welby Way's Annual Music Talent Show will take place on the evenings of **March 24th** and **March 25th**. In past years about 90 students have displayed their talents singing or playing an instrument. It is not too early to start thinking about your performance now. Remember, you may perform music (classical, pop, jazz or international) as a soloist or in groups. As always, no lip-synching will be allowed.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Child ID Program Day:</i>	Wednesday, October 1 st
<i>School Holiday – Unassigned Day:</i>	Monday, October 6 th
<i>First Progress Report Goes Home:</i>	Friday, October 17 th
<i>Halloween Parade:</i>	Friday, October 31 st at 10:00 AM
<i>Minimum Day:</i>	Friday, October 31 st with dismissal at 12:35 PM (all Kindergarten students will attend 8:00 AM – 11:20 AM)