



The Welby Way

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THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE WELBY WAY FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING TO WELBY WAY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH between the hours of 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. There will be lots of fun carnival games, and lots of fun family activities. Face painters will be on hand, and you will be able to try your luck at the putting green and the cake walk. We have lots of delicious food planned, and winners of the Welby Way Opportunity Drawing will be announced. **DON'T MISS OUT** – it will be a fun day for the entire family! Look for more information as the event draws closer.



FALL FESTIVAL OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:

Tickets for this drawing are available until the Welby Way Fall Festival takes place on October 29th. Tickets are \$1 each. **OUR FABULOUS PRIZES INCLUDE AN IPOD SHUFFLE, A SONY PSP PLAYSTATION, AN XBOX GAME SET, A BMX BICYCLE AND MANY OTHER FABULOUS PRIZES!** Winners do not need to be present. Get your tickets now for your chance to win!



NEW PARENT INTRODUCTION TEA – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Welby Way is hosting its second annual New Parent Introduction Tea for all parents new to Welby Way. Here is the perfect opportunity to meet other Welby Way parents. Learn more about being involved with Welby Way School and meet the members of the *Parents of Welby Way Association* Board of Director Officers. Tea will be served on Thursday, October 6th at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Be on the lookout for the *New Parent Tea* flyer to come home soon with all the details!



RESTAURANT NIGHT AT THE PIZZA COOKERY

Welby Way is having a Restaurant Night on Wednesday, October 19th from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the always-delicious Pizza Cookery. The restaurant is located at 6209 Topanga Canyon Boulevard in Woodland Hills. Twenty percent of sales from dine-in and carry-out purchases will go to Welby Way. Flyers will go out prior to the event.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REMINDERS AND TIPS

Regular school attendance is important if a child is to achieve his or her full potential. As the new school year begins, we urge you to make an extra effort to ensure that your child established a regular attendance pattern. We congratulate those students & 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 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH.

This will be the last day to turn in magazine orders for the Welby Way Magazine Drive. Please participate in this important school fundraiser.

WELBY WAY PLEDGE DRIVE

We would like to thank all of the generous parents who have contributed toward the first annual Welby Way Pledge Drive. The Pledge Drive has so far raised over \$20,000 for our important Welby Way programs. Every dollar contributed goes to support the students and teachers of Welby Way. If you have not yet contributed, please consider supporting this important fundraiser. Forms and information about the Pledge Drive are available at the school office and online at http://www.welbyway.org/current_events.htm.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

If any Welby Way families have had changes in address, phone number, or any other important information this summer, please contact the office so your information can be updated. SUBMISSION OF A ROSTER FORM IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR NOTIFYING THE OFFICE OF CHANGES IN INFORMATION. Please make sure the office can contact you when necessary by keeping your information current.

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 and online at <http://www.welbyway.org/handbook.htm>. 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.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING KITS ARE DUE NOW

If you have not turned in your Emergency Preparedness Planning kit, please turn it in now. If you have misplaced your instructions, a copy of the form is available online at http://www.welbyway.org/school_forms.htm. Please remember to include a \$5 donation for the school to purchase emergency water.

BANKING TIME TUESDAYS

On Tuesday, October 25th, Welby Way will start 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 16, 2006.

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" form. The "Readers are Leaders" form is now available online at http://www.welbyway.org/school_forms.htm



WELBY WAY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION PARADE

Welby Way is scheduled to have its annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31st at 10:30 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.

WASHINGTON MUTUAL SCHOOL SAVINGS PROGRAM

 **Washington Mutual, Inc.**® The Washington Mutual *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. Bank Days will take place at recess beginning Wednesday, October 5th and every Wednesday afterwards through the end of school year. We hope that all Welby Way parents will consider encouraging their child to participate in this educational program. Application forms are available on Washington Mutual Bank at Recess Days near the office during recess.

SUCH A DEAL – 22 LUNCHES FOR \$20!

Anne, our Welby Way Café manager, would like all of the Welby Way families to know that you can buy 22 lunch tickets for only \$20 – *THAT IS LIKE GETTING TWO LUNCHES FOR FREE!* Lunch tickets may be purchased at the Café in the morning hours.

SCHOOL FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Welby Way has a fabulous website with lots of important information about our school. The site includes a selection of downloadable school forms, including the Readers are Leaders form, the Emergency Preparedness Planning form, the Field Trip Permission Form and the Transportation Waiver form (on http://www.welbyway.org/school_forms.htm). All of these forms are available for viewing and downloading in a PDF format (Adobe Reader Portable Document Format) and a form-filled Word document.



BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Boxtops for Education is a General Mills company program which donates to participating schools based on the number of "Boxtops for Education" proof-of-purchases turned in. Boxtops for Education proof-of-purchase tags can be cut from General Mills products and sent in to the classroom, or dropped off in the "Fundraising Labels" box in the main office. Additionally, you can shop online or apply for the Boxtops for Education Visa card and 1% of purchases go to Welby Way. Check out boxtops4education.com for more information about the program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Unassigned Day – No School:</i>	Tuesday, October 4 th
<i>Washington Mutual Bank at Recess begins:</i>	Wednesday, October 5 th
<i>School Site Council Orientation Meeting:</i>	Monday, October 10 th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium
<i>Unassigned Day – No School:</i>	Thursday, October 13 th
<i>Last Day to Turn In Magazine Orders:</i>	Friday, October 14 th
<i>School Site Council Elections:</i>	Monday, October 17 th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium
<i>Restaurant Night at the Pizza Cookery:</i>	Wednesday, October 19 th from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM
<i>Banking Time Days Begin:</i>	Tuesday, October 25 th with a 1:30 PM dismissal
<i>School Site Council Meeting:</i>	Tuesday, October 25 th at 7:00 PM in the library
<i>Welby Way Fall Festival:</i>	Saturday, October 29 th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
<i>Halloween Parade:</i>	Monday, October 31 st at 10:30 AM
<i>Minimum Day:</i>	Monday, October 31 st with dismissal at 12:35 PM