



The Welby Way

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THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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A NOTE FROM ASST. PRINCIPAL JENNIFER YOO TO OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, & STAFF MEMBERS

Some of you may already know that I will be leaving Welby Way on December 3rd to become the assistant principal of Haynes Elementary. District policy requires assistant principals to have experiences at two separate schools, so I have accepted the position at Haynes Elementary, which allows me to still be part of the El Camino complex of schools.

I have truly LOVED my time at Welby Way. As a student receiving my teaching credential, my supervisor insisted that I student-teach at Welby Way. Living close to Orange County at the time, I was not sure if I wanted to commit to a 45-mile commute each way, but my supervisor assured me that Welby Way would be worth the drive. She was absolutely correct. When I was offered a position to teach at Welby, I walked around the school at 6:30 a.m. trying to decide if I could commit to the commute permanently. Roger Valencia, our plant manager, sat with me for over thirty minutes and convinced me that there is no other school like Welby Way. I have never regretted my decision, and I feel so fortunate to have started my career here.

I often get asked, "What makes your school so great?" I always respond, "The people of Welby Way make it so special." You have all shaped who I am as an educator and touched who I am as a person. The teachers and staff, parents, and community members genuinely care about each other and the students. The students continually impress me with what they are able to achieve and how hard they work. The POWW members and all of the parents who volunteer inspire me with their dedication and commitment, and the teachers and staff motivate me daily to be a better educator and person.

We have had many staff changes in the front office in the last few years, but you are in good hands. Mr. Merritt cares deeply about our community, and Mrs. Metson is passionate about keeping Welby Way's standards high. The core of Welby Way – the students, teachers and staff, and parents – remains the same.

I have so many cherished memories. Thank you for touching my life professionally and personally. I wish you all the best, and I hope our paths will cross again.

Warmest wishes from Jennifer Yoo



LOST AND FOUND

On December 13th, the articles of clothing in the Welby Way Lost and Found will be laid out for viewing and hopefully reclaimed by their owners. Please check the lost and found for your lost items. Clothing that is not claimed will be donated to a non-profit organization prior to Winter Recess.

WINTER MUSIC PROGRAM

Please join in welcoming in the holiday season with the sweet singing voices of our students. On Wednesday, December 12th, there will be two performances at 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM. **Families of performing classes will be notified by their teacher.** Classrooms which do not participate in the Winter Music Program will perform in the Spring Music Program. Please share this wonderful morning with your family and friends.

MAGNET TOURS AND CHOICES APPLICATION DEADLINE

Welby Way Magnet Tours will be conducted on December 6th and January 8th at 8:30 AM where participants will hear about the Magnet Program and tour the Magnet classes. Please contact the school office to make a reservation for either tour. The Choices Application deadline is January 11, 2008. Please visit the Magnet office if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please volunteer your services to transport our collected plastic bottles to the recycling depot at Ralphs. The more drivers we have, the fewer times you will be asked to contribute your time. The money collected will benefit Welby Way. Thank you for your time!

THE POWW CORNER - Johanna Johnston, POWW President

"REACH FOR THE STARS" DINNER DANCE

A huge "Thank You" to all the Parents, Staff, and Community Members for their help and generous contributions to the Silent Auction. The Classroom baskets looked amazing and the evening was a great success thanks to your support!



SPIRIT STORE

Come see our new T-shirts and stock up on some old favorites for Spirit Day! The Spirit Store will be open on Friday, December 7th before and after school. One-pound bags of Rocky Roaster's custom spirit blend coffee will also be available for \$12 per bag.

PARENTS OF WELBY WAY MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 6th at 6:00 PM in Room 40. All parents and staff are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you!



SEE'S CANDY

Just a reminder that all See's Candy and Coffee orders will be delivered to your child's classroom on Wednesday, December 4th. Be sure to check your child's backpack! If you have any questions about your order, please call Johanna Johnston at 818-719-8695.

NEW PARENTS OF WELBY WAY BOARD SECRETARY

The POWW Board would like to extend a big welcome to our newest member, Claudia Vita, as the new POWW Board of Directors Secretary for the 2007-2008 school year. She is already such a vital member of our team. Welcome Claudia!

CHUCK E CHEESE NIGHT



What a perfect way to celebrate the New Year, a fun-filled night at Chuck E Cheese with all your Welby Way classmates! Our next Restaurant Night will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Chuck E Cheese in the Fallbrook Mall. Flyers shall be sent home prior to the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Magnet Tour:* Thursday, December 6th at 8:30 AM in the school library
- POWW General Meeting:* Thursday, December 6th at 6:00 PM
- School Spirit Store Open:* Friday, December 7th before and after school
- Honor Assembly:* Friday, December 7th at 8:15 (weather permitting)
- School Site Council Meeting:* Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 PM in the school library
- Winter Sing Music Program:* Wednesday, December 12th at 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM in the auditorium
- Lost and Found Walk-Through:* Thursday, December 13th
- Winter Recess:* Monday, December 17, 2007 through Friday, January 4, 2008
- School Resumes:* Monday, January 7, 2008
- Magnet Tour:* Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 8:30 AM in the school library
- Parenting Class:* Wednesday, January 9, 2008 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
- Choices Application Due:* Friday, January 11, 2008
- School Site Council Meeting:* Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the school library
- Chuck E Cheese Night:* Tuesday, January 22, 2008 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM