



The Welby Way BEE LINE

THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE WELBY WAY CARNIVAL IS APPROACHING!

Our Carnival organizers have set the Welby Way Carnival for **May 4, 2002**. We hope everyone will be able to attend! There will be lots of activities for kids of all ages! Our Welby Way classes will have fun booths set up, and there will be plenty of delicious food. We are looking for businesses that may be willing to donate items we can use at our carnival. If you think you may be willing to arrange a donation, please call Francine Silver at 818-347-8968.

Currently, the Welby Way Room Parents and teachers are starting to plan for each room's activity booth for the Carnival. **We would appreciate it if our Welby Way parents could contact their child's room parent and/or teacher and ask what they can do. We will need everyone's help to make this a successful event.**



"SPENCER'S TREASURES" UPDATE--A MESSAGE FROM SPENCER'S AUNT ANNA HEMBREE

"Many, many thanks to all the students and parents who have been participating in the Spencer's Treasures Toy Drive. We've received over 500 toys so far! The toys that were donated were terrific! They brought many sick children big smiles and much joy. The toy drive will continue through May, for small hand toys, to help keep our 40 treasure chests full, so the children can continue to have

'The Joy of a Simple Toy'. We really appreciate all your help and support!"

You can find the Spencer's Treasures website at www.spencerstreasures.org

WELBY WAY IS ONLINE!

Thanks to our new computer teacher, Mr. Joe Buttemeier, Welby Way's website is up and running. You can find us online at www.welbyway.org. The Bee Line and calendar are available online. Please check it out!



HELEN GRACE CANDY SALE FUNDRAISER

Currently, our Helen Grace Candy sale is going strong! Everyone should have received the candy order forms. If you need another order form, stop in at the office. Prizes will go to top sellers and top selling classes, in addition to individual prizes. This year we have a variety of delicious items from which to choose. Please follow the directions included with the order forms carefully.

ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT NEW COAT OR SWEATSHIRT?

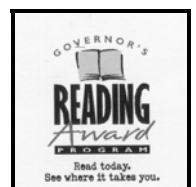
Well, chances are that it is in the Welby Way Lost and Found. Please check the Lost and Found and pick up your child's items. The Lost and Found has filled up, and **it will be cleared out Thursday, May 21st**. Please pick up your items before this date!



READERS ARE LEADERS

All students should be bringing home a "Readers are Leaders" form at the beginning of each month. 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. Studies have shown that the amount of time children spend reading silently or aloud in school and at home is directly associated with year-to-year gains in reading achievement. Parents – please follow the directions on the "Readers are Leaders" log. **It is mandatory that all Welby Way students participate in this at-home reading program.** Participation in this program will appear on students' report cards. **YOUR commitment** as a parent is to:

1. Help your child take responsibility for the "Readers are Leaders Log."
2. Ensure that your child reads or is read to nightly.
3. Make sure all completed books are recorded, including title, author, and number of pages, on the "Readers are Leaders Log."
4. Help your child total the pages at the end of the month by using a calculator.
5. Sign the record on the due date so it can be submitted on time.



WELBY WAY FEBRUARY HONORS ASSEMBLY

Welby Way was honored to have Brad Sherman, our state congressman for the 24th district, attend our February Honors Assembly. We would also like to thank the *Welby Way Singers*, under the direction of Karen Peterson, for their wonderful performance at the assembly. Students who received recognition for the months of January and February are listed in the "Welby Way Student Gallery" in this issue of the Bee Line.



ANNUAL WELBY WAY MUSIC TALENT SHOW

Welby Way's Annual Music Talent Show will take place on two evenings this year due to the abundance of musical talent among Welby Way's students! The two evening dates are April 24th and April 25th. Auditions will take place during the weeks before the event. Start preparing your songs and instrumental performances now so that you will be well prepared in April. You may perform alone or in groups. You may incorporate movement and staging in your performance, but remember; lip-synching and dance routines without singing will not be accepted.

HOOPS AND JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Welby Way's annual participation in the American Heart Association's *JUMP ROPE FOR HEART* will take place on Friday, March 8th at 1:15 PM. Jump Rope For Heart is an educational fund-raising event. It's held each year in thousands of elementary schools across the nation by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). Jump Rope For Heart raises funds for medical research and for programs such as *HeartPower!* that help prevent heart disease and stroke. Jump Rope For Heart teaches students the benefits of physical activity, how to keep their heart healthy, and that they can help save lives right in their own community. Jump Rope for Heart was developed in 1978 by the American Heart Association and the AAHPERD. JRFH has raised more than \$327 million for cardiovascular research and education programs. We encourage all Welby Way students to participate.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jump Rope for Heart:** Friday, March 8th at 1:15 PM
Report Cards Sent Home: Friday, March 15th
Site Action Council Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM in the library
Honors Assembly: Friday, March 22nd at 8:15 AM (weather-permitting)
Spring Recess: Monday, March 25th through Friday, March 29th. School resumes Monday, April 1st.