



The Welby Way

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THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL GIGI EDLER RETIRES THIS MONTH – A MESSAGE FROM GIGI

Welby Way: A Labor of Love

Dear Welby Way Community,

For the past 15 years we have worked together as a team to create an exceptional learning environment. First, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wonderful June 2005 school yearbook dedication. My heart was touched by both the pictures and the comments made by your children. Over these many years, I have been blessed to have worked with so many supportive parents, dedicated teachers, hard-working support staff, and inspiring students.

You can all take great pride in the incredible reputation that Welby Way holds across both the school district and the state. Yes, our test scores are high, but more importantly, we take pride in our school being a comprehensive learning institution, where if the question was asked of a student, "Would you come to school tomorrow if you didn't have to?" the answer would be a resounding "YES." I can't tell you how many times through the years I have heard a child say, "I love my school." Pride, trust, and responsibility are key components of any healthy environment and these key elements exist at Welby Way.

I am often stopped by parents of past students who want to let me know with pride how their children are doing. Even more rewarding for me are the past students from my teaching or administrative years who feel comfortable enough to come up to me and say "Mrs. Edler, do you remember me?" I started teaching at Wilbur Elementary School in 1966, so this marks my 40th year with the school district. I have worked in ten different schools and held a variety of positions, but none have been more rewarding than the past fifteen years serving as your principal.

I am frequently asked "What will you do now?" The answer is "I'm not sure - you can't travel forever." I have a lot of things that I hope to accomplish in the next few years but I haven't quite decided which task I will take on first. My husband has me practicing the phrase, "I used to be a principal!" I will miss all of you and I know that a school as dynamic as Welby Way will continue to make its mark with a new leader setting new tracks. So in the words of Bob Hope, "*Thanks for the Memories!*"

With Love from Gigi Edler

WELBY WAY OFFICE MANAGER NILLA BROWN LEAVES– A MESSAGE FROM NILLA

I would like to say goodbye to the families at Welby Way, as I started my new position at Ranchito Elementary on May 30, 2006. Ranchito Elementary is a year-round school located in the east San Fernando Valley where I am serving as an administrative assistant to the principal. I am excited about the change, and I'll let you know how I survive without a summer break!

For over twenty years, it seems that everywhere I go I run into someone from our Welby Way family. I've seen former Welby students win the Academic Decathlon and graduate from college. I've seen Welby students grow up, get married, and send their own children to school here at Welby Way. I have loved every minute of every day working with the administration, teachers, staff, and parents. I have enjoyed helping families who have entered our little educational oasis within our very large school district.

I wish I could hug each and every one of you who have been so much a part of my life. I will think of you often as I meet the challenges of my new position.

Lots of Love from Nilla Brown

COME BY AND SAY GOODBYE TO GIGI EDLER AND NILLA BROWN!

Gigi Edler and Nilla Brown will be on campus in the auditorium on Friday, June 22nd from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM (*a pupil-free day*) to greet members of the Welby Way community who would like to come by and visit. We hope to see you there!



FIFTH GRADE CULMINATION

It is time to bid farewell to our senior Welby Way students. The Home School culmination will take place June 20th at 6:00 PM and the Magnet school culmination will take place June 21st at 6:00 PM.

PARENTS OF WELBY WAY ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The Parents of Welby Way Association Board of Directors selection process is over, and the officers for the 2006-2007 school year are listed below:



President: Jennifer King

Vice President: Bridget Keyser

Secretary: Johanna Johnston

Home School Representative: Mary Tuszynski

Magnet School Representative: Susie Wong

Home School Treasurer: Cindy Olivares

Magnet School Treasurer: Janice Fordham

There are many opportunities for participation in Parents of Welby Way activities during the 2006-2007 school year. Please contact POWW President Jennifer King at (818) 313-8533 or via email at mommyking@yahoo.com if you would like to participate in next year's Parents of Welby Way Association activities.



WELBY WAY RESTAURANT SPIRIT NIGHT AT RUBY'S DINER

Welby Way is having a Spirit Night at Ruby's. Join us on Wednesday, June 7th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Ruby's is located in the Promenade Mall at 6100 Topanga Canyon Boulevard in Woodland Hills. 20% of proceeds from Welby Way participants will go towards our school **BUT YOU MUST BRING YOUR RUBY'S RESTAURANT NIGHT FLYER** (extras will be available in the office and online at http://www.welbyway.org/current_events.htm). **SEE YOU THERE!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE S.T.A.R. PROGRAM AND WONDER OF READING PROGRAM

Marla Allen, Welby Way's Reading Program Coordinator, is looking for adult volunteers who would like to help students as part of the *Wonder of Reading* program. If you are interested, please contact Marla at (818) 610-8057. Additionally, Marla is the new director of the Welby Way *S.T.A.R.* after-school educational program for the 2006-2007 school year. If you have any ideas for class topics, please contact Marla and leave a message.



THE WELBY WAY LOST AND FOUND IS CLOSING FOR THE SUMMER!

Please take a look at our Welby Way Lost and Found (adjacent to the office-behind room 1) to see if you can retrieve any of your child's lost clothing, lunch boxes, hats, etc. **The Welby Way Lost and Found will be cleared out Wednesday, June 21st.**

SCHOOL INSPECTION

This month, specially-trained personnel will return to Welby Way to check on the condition of any asbestos-containing building material. A copy of the inspector's written report will be included in our asbestos management plan, which is available in the main office.



ART FOR EDUCATION GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the *Art for Education Greeting Card Fundraiser*. Welby Way received over \$6000 as a result of your orders. Beginning now, online ordering is available by visiting <http://www.artworkforeducation.com/california.html>. Cards ordered online will be shipped directly to your home and Welby Way will receive 50% of every purchase.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Welby Way's Spring Sing:</i>	Wednesday, June 7 th at 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM in the auditorium
<i>Gold Rush Days at Welby Way (fourth grade):</i>	Thursday, June 8 th
<i>Welby Way Talent Show:</i>	Thursday, June 8 th at 6:30 PM in the auditorium
<i>School Site Council Meeting:</i>	Tuesday, June 13 th at 7:00 PM in the library
<i>Home School 5th Grade Culmination:</i>	Tuesday, June 20 th at 6:00 PM
<i>Magnet School 5th Grade Culmination:</i>	Wednesday, June 21 st at 6:00 PM
<i>Last School Day, Report Cards Go Home, and Minimum Day:</i>	Thursday, June 22 nd - dismissal at 12:35 PM
<i>Pupil Free Day - No School</i>	Friday, June 23 rd
<i>School Office Re-Opens:</i>	Wednesday, August 23, 2006
<i>Fall Semester Begins:</i>	Tuesday, September 5, 2006