



The Welby Way BEE LINE

THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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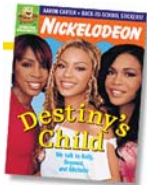
Tuesday, September 2, 2003

WELCOME BACK FROM MRS. EDLER, MS. YOO AND MRS. SCHROEDER

Greetings to returning Welby Way families, and *WELCOME ABOARD* to all of the new students and families joining our learning community. The summer, as usual, has passed by very quickly, and we look forward to an exciting and challenging 2003 – 2004 school year.

The Welby Way Elementary School Handbook for the School Year 2003 - 2004 will be distributed to all students' families during this week. Your Handbook contains much of the important information you will need through out the school year. Changes have been made to the handbook, so it is important that all parents read all the information contained within our Handbook. It is imperative that you keep your Handbook in a safe place. Due to printing costs, we will be unable to replace lost Handbooks.

Parents, your past participation has made Welby Way one of the most outstanding schools in California, and your continued involvement will assure its future excellence. We need you! We value your help and as a Site Action school, we are all accountable for our children's academic success. Volunteer forms will be distributed shortly, and we ask all parents to fill out and return the form to your child's classroom.



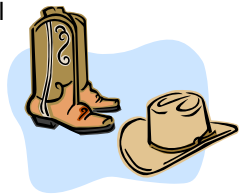
WELBY WAY MAGAZINE DRIVE

The Welby Way Magazine Drive will begin on September 8th and end on September 25th. The Magazine Drive is a **major** fundraiser for Welby Way. You will receive information on how you can participate in this important event.

Additionally, we are in need of volunteers to help with this event. If you are able to volunteer to help with the magazine drive, please leave a message at the office.

CONCERNED PARENTS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING NEWS – THE DINNER DANCE PLANNING IS IN FULL SWING!

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. The 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. It is sure to be a fun event for all! Volunteers have already started working towards this event. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please check your option on the "Volunteering at Welby Way" form you will receive soon and return your completed form promptly.



READERS ARE LEADERS

All students will 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 # 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.

TARDINESS

Students **must** arrive at school on time. Tardiness is disruptive to others in the classroom. Lost minutes turn into lost hours over the period of a year. Please help your child be successful at school by insuring that they arrive at school on time.

LABEL YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each school year thousands of jackets, lunch boxes and other personal items are lost at Welby Way. Please label your child's jackets, lunch boxes, backpacks, and any other items your child brings to school, and check the Welby Way Lost and Found regularly for your child's lost items. The Lost and Found is emptied out on a regular basis, so be sure to retrieve your child's items as soon as they are missed.

HOW TO MAKE SCHEDULING CHANGES FOR YOUR CHILD

If you wish to pick up your child early, please send a note in with your child on the morning of the day in question. The teacher will arrange to have your child sent to the office at the specified time. **Only call the office for scheduling emergencies.** Thank you for your help in this matter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Day of School:	Tuesday, September 2 nd
Welby Way Magazine Drive:	September 8 th through September 25 th
Concerned Parents Foundations Membership Drive:	September 23 RD through October 10 th
Banking Time Days Begin:	Tuesday, September 23 rd with dismissal at 1:30 PM
Back to School Night for Grades K, 4 and 5:	Tuesday, September 23 rd
Minimum Day:	Wednesday, September 24 th with dismissal at 12:35 PM
Back to School Night for Grades 1, 2, and 3:	Wednesday, September 24 th
School Photo Day for Grades K-3:	Monday, September 29 th
School Photo Day for Grades 4-5:	Tuesday, September 30 th