



The Welby Way

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THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK!

We here at Welby Way hope that you have had a fun and event-filled summer! We know it seems as if summer has flown by, and you can't believe your child is entering a new grade level. The administration, school staff, and teachers would like to welcome our new and returning students and their families to an exciting year of learning here at Welby Way!

A Message from Magnet Coord. Adria Metson

It is great to be back and I hope that all of you had a fun-filled, restful summer. There are many new and exciting programs that will be implemented this year! We welcome back Mr. Larry Newman and the Children's Music Workshop. We hope to add cello and violin this year along with the sax, trumpet, clarinet and flute. We have become an Arts Program School enabling us to have four resident teachers in music, theater, dance and visual arts, in addition to Mr. Courtney, Mrs. Peterson, and ballroom dancing. We will also receive art grant money of \$18,000 over the next three years for supplies in these four areas, thanks to the hard work of our own, Ms. Valerie Plaisance. Students will also be experiencing exciting, interactive lessons with our newly purchased Promethean Activeboard. And this is just the beginning! We all look forward to an enriching, challenging year for our students. Thank you for your continuing support and we appreciate your involvement in the upcoming year.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri., 9/12: POWW New Parent Mixer at 8:30 AM
Fri., 9/19: Movie Afternoon at 2:45 PM
Tues., 9/23: Back to School Night 6 PM-8 PM
Thurs., 9/25: POWW General Meeting
Thurs., 9/25 & Fri., 9/26: School Photo Days
Tues., 9/30: No School
Thurs., 10/2: Emergency Packet Due
Wed., 10/3: Magazine Drive begins
Thurs., 10/9: No School

The Welby Way 08-09 Handbook

You should have received your copy of the Welby Way Handbook for the 2008—2009 school year. Your Handbook contains important information about Welby Way programs, rules, and other information you will need throughout the school year. Each year the Handbook is revised, so it is important that you read it in its entirety each year. It is also imperative that you keep it in a safe place and do not misplace it. Due to printing costs, the school office will be unable to replace lost handbooks. Please refer to your handbook regularly.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

This event is designed for parents only and will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Teachers will meet with their students' parents in their classroom to discuss their instructional program, daily schedule, homework assignments, and opportunity for classroom parental involvement. Also discussed are the expectations for your child while in the classroom for the upcoming year. We hope to see all of our parents attend this important event.

Check out www.welbyway.org for the LAUSD school calendar for 2008-2009 school year!

EMERGENCY PACK/EMERGENCY CARD

Welby Way is very well prepared in the event of an earthquake or other disaster. The classrooms and school maintain items that may be needed in a disaster (See "Emergency Preparedness Kits" for sale below). At the beginning of each school year, all Welby Way students are asked to bring in some additional supplies to prepare for such an event. You will receive a list of these items. It is important that you send in all items requested promptly. ***This year the Emergency Pack and completed Emergency Card are due back to school on or before October 2nd.*** If you have misplaced your Emergency Pack list and request, it is available online at www.welbyway.org/school_forms.htm.

Additionally, you will receive an **EMERGENCY CARD**, to be filled out by you and returned to your child's teacher. **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THESE CARDS BE FILLED OUT CORRECTLY AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL IN A TIMELY MANNER.** If any of this information changes, please notify the school office immediately. Submission of a *School Roster* form is **not** a substitute for notifying the office of information changes.

THE WELBY WAY WEBSITE – www.welbyway.org

Please check out our own informative website regularly. There are updated forms online, our Welby Way Handbook has been updated for 2008-2009, and cafeteria and calendar information are posted as available. Additionally, the Welby Way Bee Line Newsletter is posted, and past issues are available online back to the premier edition of September 2000. New additions to our site include a Campus Map (to assist new parents in locating classrooms and offices on campus) and new forms in our "School Forms" page (under "Our School").

CONNECT-ED

Connect-Ed is our new outgoing phone message system which allows all Welby Way families to receive important messages simultaneously on their home phone. *To make sure the school office has your current phone number, please fill out and return the form on page 40 of your LAUSD handbook, or access the Connect-Ed form online on our website at www.welbyway.org/school_forms.htm. FORMS ARE DUE BACK BY SEPTEMBER 29TH.*

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 regularly, so be sure to retrieve your child's items as soon as they are missed.

TRAFFIC SAFETY



Please follow the Welby Way traffic pattern (see the Welby Way Handbook for a graphic representation). Traffic moves in a clockwise direction only around the school. When driving in your car, make sure that the school is always on the right. There are designated areas to drop-off your child for school and pick up your child from school depending on their grade level. You can stop your car in the adjacent loading zone, but you must stay in your car. In the morning, please drop off your child(ren) at the appropriate loading gate, then safely and quickly move out of the loading zone. In the afternoon, please have your child(ren) quickly proceed to the appropriate loading gate so you can pick them up and move off safely and quickly.

It is illegal to commit any of the following: fail to come to a full stop at a stop sign, leave a car unattended in a loading zone from 7AM to 5PM on school days, jaywalk (dangerous and sets a bad example to the children), make a u-turn or a three-point-turn involving a driveway, park in the staff parking lot, or enter or leave the school through the staff parking lot. Please follow the directions of school staff or traffic safety personnel.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL DAY CLEANUP DAY

On Saturday, September 20th, from 9:00 AM till noon, over 11,000 volunteers from all over L.A. County will take action to rid our beaches and inland waterways of unsightly and harmful debris. Come and participate at one of over 70 cleanup locations throughout L.A. County. Please contact Healthbay.org/CCD to sign up.

THE POWW CORNER – Nikki Weiner, POWW President



WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

The Parents of Welby Way Association would like to welcome everyone back to school. Also, we would like to give a warm welcome to the families that are new to Welby Way. We hope that everyone had an awesome summer vacation! The POWW is excited about the upcoming year – there are lots of fun and exciting events in the works. Here is to a year like no other!

NEW PARENT "MIXER"

Are you new to the school? Want to know what you can do to help? Have questions? Want to meet other new parents? Well, mark your calendar – September 12th at 8:30 AM in the Auditorium the POWW will be hosting a "New Parent Mixer". This will be an opportunity to meet the POWW Team and get any questions that you might have answered.



TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

Traffic Safety needs your help! Making sure the children get from the car to the school grounds safely and vice versa is *everyone's* priority. The POWW needs you! If you have 20 minutes in the morning or afternoon, please help by working one of our gates. Whether it is one day a week or once a month – every little bit is appreciated. Please contact Nikki Weiner via email at iddnthearu@socal.rr.com if you can contribute time to the Traffic Safety Program.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KITS

Every child at Welby Way is required to have an Emergency Preparedness Kit. Normally, you have to run around town to assemble this kit, but POWW is now offering you the convenience of ordering a pre-assembled Emergency Preparedness Kit for \$15. Order forms will be sent home the first week of school or you can also download the form at www.welbyway.org/school_forms.htm. So don't hesitate-order your child's kit today!



AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

The first "Afternoon at the Movies" will be held on Friday, September 19th at 2:45 PM. The movie will be "Camp Rock", which features the Jonas Brothers and is rated G, will be shown in the Auditorium. Admission is \$5.00 per child, which includes entrance to the movie, popcorn, and water. Additional snacks will be available for purchase. Children in Kindergarten and 1st grade *must* be accompanied by an adult.

POWW MEETINGS

On September 9th at 8:30 AM, the POWW will be having a Fall Festival meeting. If you wish help out at this event, please join us – we would love to have you! The meeting will be held in Room 40. You may also contact Anne Stendel via email at stendi66@hotmail.com if you want to help out or have any questions. The first POWW Meeting of the new school year will be on Thursday, September 25th in the library, all are welcome to attend. The POWW Team still has committee positions available. Anyone interested can contact Nikki Weiner via email at iddnthearu@socal.rr.com for more details.