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## *Happy New Year, Welby Way!*

A Message from Principal, Jennifer Yoo  
and Magnet Coordinator, Adria Metson

Happy New Year! As educators, we celebrate two “new” years every year, one on January 1, and another on the first day of every school year. We welcomed almost 200 new students to Welby Way this new school year. Together, with our returning students, we are an extended Welby family of 830 students. That’s 830 reasons to commit ourselves to work together, work smart, work hard, and work with focus.

Our exceptional teachers and staff partner with you to inspire our students to seek deep understanding of concepts and love learning for the pure joy of learning. We believe that developing strong academic skills means also promoting creative and independent thinking. Hand in hand with academic development, we ask our families to assist us in teaching empathy, self-awareness, character traits, and strategies to manage disappointment and stressful situations. Research shows that our emotions can either enhance or inhibit our ability to reach our full potential. We ask our families to help us support the social and emotional health of our children as well as their academic needs.

As you review the spelling words, math facts, historical events, or the science terms your child is learning, we ask that you also focus on the school’s topic of the month at home as well. Make the topic part of your daily dinner or car conversations. Discuss characters in books, historical figures, or situations in your own life that relate to the topic. Children need heroes and heroines to look up to and they need to reflect upon different situations they might face to determine how he/she might handle a challenge.

This month, the topic is **Courtesy**. Practicing courtesy involves showing kindness, helping others, using manners in the community, and including everyone. Children need to be taught these concepts explicitly and be shown what courtesy actually looks like and sounds like in a concrete way. Throughout the month, we look forward to learning from our students about what courtesy means and what it looks like in their daily lives.

We look forward to another enriching year. See you at Back-to-School night on Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

## Important Dates!

- Wed. 8/21:** Island’s Restaurant Night from 5 – 9.
- Tues. 8/27:** Back to School Night (6pm-7pm grades K-2 and 7pm – 8pm grades 3-5)
- Wed. 8/28:** POWW Board Meeting @ 8:15 am in Room 37 - all are welcome.
- Fri. 8/30:** No School – Admissions Day
- Mon. 9/2:** No School – Labor Day
- Tues. 9/3:** School Site Council/Governance Orientation Meeting @ 8:10am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm in the library. (You must attend one of the meetings if you are interested in being an elected SSC member.)
- Tues. 9/3:** BeeU enrichment classes begin
- Wed. 9/4:** Room Parents’ meeting in the Library - 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. 9/5:** No School - unassigned day
- Tues. 9/10:** Child Safety Picture ID day (optional)
- Fri. 9/13:** Fall Student Picture Day
- Tues. 9/17:** School Site Council/Governance Meeting and Election @ 7:00pm in the library. All are welcome. (Always held the 3rd Tuesday of each month.)
- Thu. 9/19:** Pizza Rev Restaurant Day from 11am - 10pm
- Fri. 9/20:** Magazine Drive Kick-off
- Fri. 9/20:** Bingo Spaghetti Night
- Wed. 9/25:** General POWW. meeting @ 8:10 am in Room 37
- Wed. 9/25:** Parent University 7pm - Topic TBD
- Fri. 9/27:** Mid-term progress reports go home
- Thurs. 3/27/14:** Welby Way Open House
- Thurs. 6/5/14:** Last Day of Instruction

### **2013/2014 Minimum Days – 12:30 Dismissal:**

Oct. 31; Nov. 13/14/15; Jan. 17; March 27; April 25; June 2; June 4; June 5.

**A message from Nikki Weiner, Past POWW President:**

Dearest Welby Way Families,

After much thinking and reflection, I have decided to pass the "torch." I am sending each of you this little note to express my sincere gratitude for the past 5+ years. Now that two of my girls will be in middle school, I feel I need to be there for them more than ever. Having been the president for the past 5 years, this was a very difficult decision for me. I never became involved or POWW president for self- recognition or self-promotion; I did it to better Welby Way for the children AND staff. Many "things" were tackled and accomplished during my time; however, none of what we did would have been successful without help from each of you. It was a team effort and you were all a part of that team. As I said before, none of POWW's successes would have ever happened if it wasn't for the willing involvement of the teachers, staff and Welby families. We were victorious in almost all of our endeavors because each of you made a conscious decision to partake in POWW's fundraisers. With your continued support, I hope the board can maintain and improve upon all that was achieved with a fresh outlook and new ideas. On that note, I end this little note to all of you, with "So I say, Thank you for the music, the songs I'm singing; Thanks for all the joy they're bringing; Who can live without it, I ask in all honesty; What would life be?; Without a song or a dance what are we?; So I say thank you for the music; For giving it to me." (courtesy of ABBA). ~ Fondly, Nikki Weiner



**A Message from POWW:**



**POWW'S Annual Giving Campaign:**  
**We Need YOU!**

When you make your contribution early, it means we can return our best attention to the kids: their academics, enrichment and FUN! The Annual Giving Campaign is POWW's largest fundraiser – allowing us the budget to fund many of Welby Way's essential programs and staff. **Please consider a donation of \$275 per student or the most generous gift your budget can accommodate.** We are relying on you. For more information about our Annual Giving Campaign, please visit : [www.parentsofwelbyway.com/agc](http://www.parentsofwelbyway.com/agc).

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year. My name is Sharon Keating and I am the new POWW (Parents of Welby Way) president. Before I go any further it is important to say a HUGE thank you to our previous president Nikki Weiner. After over 5 years of dedication to Welby Way, Nikki is stepping back to focus on her family. POWW would not be where it is today without her hard work and commitment to all our children!

About me: I am a mother of 3 boys. My eldest is in his 3rd year of college and I have twins in the 3rd grade. When my oldest was in elementary school (it was not at Welby,) I was a single parent working full time outside the home. I never knew what was going on at the school and never heard from a room parent. I felt lost and disconnected. It was horrible. It is important to me that whatever your home/work situation is that you always feel connected to Welby Way. Our room parent system is excellent and you will receive regular communication through it about what is going on both in your child's class, and at the school. If you have any questions about school events, or would like to get more

involved as a volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact me at [parentsofwelbyway@gmail.com](mailto:parentsofwelbyway@gmail.com). I am looking forward to our upcoming year.

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*On behalf of the entire Welby Way staff, we sincerely thank Nikki Weiner for being the POWW President and for dedicating her time, talents, and heart to start POWW on behalf of the children. She became the president of our parent organization and helped create POWW, Inc. as an official non-profit 501c3 during the worst economy and budget-cut years to face this generation. Through her leadership, POWW grew, and with the help of all the families and volunteers, POWW helped to sustain our enrichment programs and keep the school running. We thank you for your vision, your ability to work with people to achieve big goals, and your dedication to our children. Even though you are not serving as the president, we know you will continue to be involved and be an active member of our school's community. We wish you all the best with all your future endeavors.*

**Check Out POWW's New Website!** Check out the newly updated POWW (Parents of Welby Way) website at [www.parentsofwelbyway.com](http://www.parentsofwelbyway.com). You will find information about our Annual Giving Campaign, upcoming school events, restaurant nights (no cooking in this heat-YEA!), and so much more. Forms and flyers will be updated regularly. Please come back often to see what is coming up, get newsy updates from POWW or refer to the calendar. Many thanks to our webmasters, Hector & Rachel Ramirez, for all their work.

**Welby's Back to School on Tuesday, August 27:** Please join us on Tuesday, August 27 for Welby's Back to School Night. Come meet your child's teacher and hear about the upcoming year. Grades K - 2 will meet from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Grades 3 - 5 will meet from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This event is designed for parents only. We hope to see all of you there at this important event.

**Welby Way Cafeteria Information:** Welby Way's Cafeteria Manager is Anne Capati. You can find her in our school's cafeteria from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday to assist you with all your cafeteria needs and questions. The phone number is 818. 346.6360. To find the Welby's menu, go to [www.schoolmenu.com/menu/ca/lausd/welby-way-elementary/](http://www.schoolmenu.com/menu/ca/lausd/welby-way-elementary/) or you can easily find the cafeteria menu link on Welby's website ([www.welbyway.org](http://www.welbyway.org)). To fill out a meal application, go to LAUSD's Food Services website ([www.cafe-la.lausd.net/meal\\_programs/meal\\_applications](http://www.cafe-la.lausd.net/meal_programs/meal_applications)) or call the cafeteria and ask for Mrs. Capati.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to add money to a child's account for breakfast and lunch. Each time a student purchases a meal, the amount is deducted from the account. We discourage sending money each day because it slows down the lunch line considerably with the computerized system. Your child's account carries over from year-to-year and from any LAUSD school to another, so there is no harm in adding funds to the account. You can pay in person by bringing cash to Mrs. Capati or by paying online at ([www.mypaymentsplus.com/default.aspx](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com/default.aspx)).

The price of the meals is as follows:

Free	No Charge	No Charge
Reduced Price	\$0.30	\$0.40
Full Price Elementary	\$1.00	\$1.50

The menu has been updated for this school year to be more kid friendly with hundreds of children taking taste tests to help the chefs prepare. The meals are nutritious, affordable, and appetizing.

### **2013/2014 School Closures:**

**8/30/13:** Admissions Day

**9/2/13:** Labor Day

**9/5/13:** Unassigned Day

**11/11/13:** Veterans Day

**11/25/13 - 11/29/13:** Unassigned Days and Thanksgiving

**12/23/13 - 1/10/14:** Winter Break

**1/20/14:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**2/17/14:** Presidents' Day

**3/31/14:** Cesar Chavez Birthday Observed

**4/14/14 - 4/18/14:** Spring Break

**5/26/14:** Memorial Day

### **PLEASE VISIT OUR WELBY WAY WEBSITES:**

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