



The Welby Way
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The Latest News at
Welby Way Charter Elementary School
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A Message from Adria Metson, Magnet Coordinator

- The safety of our children, staff and volunteers is extremely important to us at Welby Way. In order to maintain a safe environment for our children to progress academically, socially, and emotionally, our Safe School Committee, Teachers and Governance Council review our yearly Safe School Plan during the months of September and October. We review the previous year's goals concerning our physical environment, positive behavior support plan, healthy school practices, mandated reporting requirements, our afterschool Beyond the Bell program, and the attendance of our students and teachers. We also set forth our goals for the current school year in these same areas of importance. We review our emergency procedures for earthquakes, fires, shelter in place and lockdown situations. We work to improve our earthquake plans of action to be more efficient and comprehensive. Once our plan is completed, a school police officer reviews our plan which is then submitted to the district for approval. You are welcome to come to the office to take a look at the entire 2018-2019 Safe School Plan that was submitted to the District. Throughout the year, our students and staff participate in monthly

Important Dates

Fri 10/12	Father/Daughter Disco Dance Welby Way Auditorium
Wed 10/17	Scrip Orders are due
Thur 10/18	Great CA Shake Out 10:45am
Wed 10/24	Honors Assembly & Middle School Night
Thur 10/25	Magnet Tour, 8:30am & SSC/Governance Council Library, 2:45pm
Fri 10/26	Trunk or Treat/Dance Party 6-8pm
Tues 10/30	POWW Board Meeting 8:00am
Wed 10/31	Halloween Parade 8:15am



earthquake and fire drills, as well as periodic shelter in place and lockdown drills.

- **The Districtwide Great Shake Out drill will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 starting at 10:45 am.**
- During the month of October we will be conducting tours for perspective parents and students who would like to attend Welby Way Gifted Magnet for the 2019-2020 school year. Our tours are held once a week with October 16th, 25th, and November 5th dates still available. The verification and application processes will be discussed as well as a tour of the magnet classes. Our 5th grade students are also touring middle schools for their next stage of schooling.
- **Echoices applications are due by November 9, 2018 for the 2019-2020 school year either online or we have hard copies in the office.**
- An interesting discussion was held at the Fall GATE Coordinator's Meeting. They presented findings based on research conducted by Dr. Silvia Bunge, a neuroscientist at UC Berkeley. She and her team of researchers were interested in understanding the development of children's intelligence. They were measuring kids' intelligence and scanning their brains for several years in order to understand what

Sept Honors Assembly Winners



KINDERGARTEN

- Aaron T.
- Demi S.
- Oren L.

1ST GRADE

- Srinika K.
- Lucy P.
- Nitheesh J.
- Kathryn L.
- Taksh S.

2ND GRADE

- Anthony M.
- Theodore H.
- Jordan S.
- Averl W.
- Julia B.
- Eden M.
- Sahil T.
- Gabriella F.

3RD GRADE

- Nathan L.
- Shane K.
- Diliana F.
- Dion N.
- Levi L.
- Erin H.

4TH GRADE

- Christopher C.
- Katelyn M.
- Dominic A.
- Kiersten C.
- Nitai S.
- Elaina G.
- Nicholas V.
- Paxton H.
- Kaitlyn R.
- Evan P.

5TH GRADE

- Benazir D.
- Natalie S.
- Jayden P.
- Sonya S.
- Srinidhi G.
- Spencer H.
- Daniella N.
- Isha P.
- Ethan N.

exactly makes some brains function better than others. They used off-the shelf board games and card games during their research. The games they chose were card games such as **Set**, the traffic jam puzzle **Rush Hour**, and **Quirkle**, a cross between Dominos and Scrabble. Each game requires developed reasoning skills. They took their research to a low performing school in Oakland and evaluated the students' reasoning skills, and then twice a week, the students played the games for an hour and fifteen minutes, moving onto another game every fifteen minutes. After 8 weeks, twenty total hours of game playing, the students' IQ scores increased by 13 points. Bunge's most important finding is that the training helped the neediest kids the most.

These findings were published in **Neuroscience**, April 24, 2014 and a **Newsweek** article written by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman. The article states, "with good reasoning skills, you can learn

new things more easily, both at school and in your favorite hobbies. These skills help you to:

- (1) Make sense of new information by linking it to other things that you know already
- (2) Understand the point of a story or problem and how this can be applied in a different context
- (3) Notice when something does not make sense or goes against something else that you have heard

Studies show that children with good reasoning skills find it easier to get good grades in school and can handle more challenging careers when they grow up."

The findings as well show how important it is to exercise the brain and practice reasoning skills. Getting into the habit of tackling challenging puzzles and games might improve brain function and might even help to solve difficult problems both in and out of school. **Blink, Azada, SET, Perfection, Chocolate Fix, Rush Hour, Quirkle, Big Brain Academy** and **Picross** are the low cost games they suggest. It might be worth the small investment to look into some of these games and create a fun learning opportunity at your next Family Game Night!

Announcements from POWW



Father/Daughter Dance

Put on your boogie shoes and hustle on down to the disco!! This Friday is the Father-Daughter dance in the Welby Way Discotheque (auditorium). Grooviest DJ in town will keep the vibe alive from 6:30-9:00 p.m.!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat is Friday Oct 26th and we are all buzzing with excitement!



Three ways to help!

- 1) Donated sealed bags of candy!! (please drop off in the front office)
- 2) Trunk Decorators: There are still a couple of spots left to have your trunk displayed at Trunk or Treat. Deadline to sign up is Friday Oct 12th! <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KkbeXGjPp33fpezNL6kcUsmNVkaCWpHjb2RBNN0Q3wo/edit?usp=sharing>
- 3) Volunteering on the night of the event. Please sign up! https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RmXxsmt5LvXxftGxZak2p1w9rHLPPXI_s6lldvJAslo/edit?usp=sharing



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October 8, 2018

Dear Parents;

The safety and welfare of our students and staff are our highest priorities. To provide schools an opportunity to practice emergency response procedures, the Superintendent of Schools has asked all students and staff to participate in a District wide emergency preparedness drill on **October 18, 2018 at 10:45am.** Please be advised that students will be dismissed at the regular time on this day.

The goals of the training are to improve our ability to protect students, save lives, and reduce injuries. As part of the drill, the students and staff will participate in the activation of our school's Safe Schools Plan. You are encouraged to participate in this drill.

Prior to the drill, please discuss with your child your family's home preparedness plan. Several resources are available to help you prepare. The American Red Cross has outstanding materials. You can obtain Red Cross materials in English or Spanish from their website: <http://www.redcross.org> or by calling the Los Angeles chapter at (213) 739-5200. Your telephone directory also has valuable information on first aid, CPR and home preparedness.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call our school office at (818) 348-1975.

Sincerely,

Helen Kim
Principal

BOOGIE FEVER HITS WELBY WAY!!!

DADS/DANCE PARTNERS AND DAUGHTERS
PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES AND HUSTLE TO

THE DISCO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

6:30-9:00 P.M.

\$25 PER COUPLE, \$15 PER EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

(CURRENT WELBY WAY STUDENTS ONLY)

23456 WELBY WAY - IN THE AUDITORIUM/DISCOTECH

R.S.V.P. EARLY — PRICES GO UP \$5 PER GUEST ON OCTOBER 8

STUDENT NAME: _____ ROOM # _____ GRADE: _____
ADDITIONAL STUDENT: _____ ROOM # _____ GRADE: _____
ESCORTED BY: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ VIB # _____

R.S.V.P AHEAD THROUGH YOUR POWW ACCOUNT AND PAY ONLINE: OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
POWW, OR ATTACH AGC COUPON WITH FLYER AND PUT IN POW BOX IN OFFICE
IF PAYING AT THE EVENT, CASH OR CHECK ONLY

SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED!!!

I WILL BRING: ___ BAKED GOOD ___ FRUIT/VEGGIE ___ WATER

PLEASE DROP OFF DONATION TO MAIN OFFICE ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

**BONUS: BRING A NEW BAG OF CANDY TO THE DANCE TO DONATE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT
AND BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE TO WIN A \$20 BASKIN ROBBINS GIFT CARD!**

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TRUNK OR TREAT IS BACK!!

Sponsored by POWW

Don't forget to
bring
flashlights

BYOB
Bring your
own bags!!

Donations
of sealed bags
of candy needed
Collection box in
the main office



Awesome
Inflatable Maze!

Food Available
for purchase

Fun for the
whole family!!

\$5 per child
(INCLUDES: Trick or Treating,
Unlimited trips through
the maze, AND entrance
to the Dance Party!
(children under 2 free)

October 26th 6pm - 8:00 PM

Car Decorating: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Trick or Treating: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Dance Party in the Auditorium: 6 - 8 PM

This event is for families in the Welby Community

Sign up to decorate your car, truck, or SUV!

Contact Leanne Santoyo at leannesantoyo@gmail.com

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