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Student Safety is Top Priority at Welby

A Message from
Welby Magnet Coordinator, Adria Metson

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.

Throughout the year, our students and staff participate in monthly earthquake and fire drills, as well as periodic shelter in place and lockdown drills.

We would like to clarify the school's procedures as well as parents' roles in the event of an emergency:

Fire on School Grounds: As the fire alarm sounds, students and teachers stop their lessons, and file out quietly to their assigned assembly areas. Students have designated areas to meet on the playground with their classroom members. Volunteers should also meet on the yard. Students understand the importance of filing out as quietly as possible for further instructions. Once the fire has been extinguished, students return to their classrooms.

Important Dates!

- Tues. 10/4 - Thurs. 11/10:** Choices brochure window open online @ echoices.lausd.net
 - Wed. 10/5:** 2nd Grade Eureka Parent Workshop, Room 32 @ 2:45-3:45
 - Thurs. 10/6:** Fall Festival Room Parent Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.
 - Mon. 10/10:** Magnet Tour #1 in Library from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.
 - Tues. 10/18:** Magnet Tour #2 in Library from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.
 - Tues. 10/18:** POWW Board Meeting @ 8:00 in Room 37.
 - Tues. 10/18:** Site Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in Library.
 - Thurs. 10/20:** McTeacher Restaurant Night from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Platt.
 - Thurs. 10/20:** Great Shake Out Drill
 - Wed. 10/26:** Magnet Tour #3 in Library from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.
 - Thurs. 10/27:** Honors Assembly 8:10 4th/5th; 9:20 K - 3rd
 - Fri. 10/28:** Trunk or Treat from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 - Fri. 10/31:** Halloween Parade @ 8:15 a.m. (come to school dressed)
 - Sat. 11/6:** Welby Way Fall Festival
- School Closed: Mon. 10/3 & Wed. 10/12**

- **Parents:** The students will be taken to the assembly area. A ConnectEd message will go out to our families informing them of the event of a fire on campus and further instructions to retrieve your students. When students are released, parents must first go to the Request Gate with ID to request your child and then proceed to the Reunion Gate to receive your child. Family or friends who are on your

emergency form may pick your child up with the appropriate ID and only if their names are stated on the emergency form.

Earthquake: At the first signs of shaking, teachers instruct students to duck and cover, then proceed when the shaking stops to the assembly area. Staff members proceed to their duties for the duration of the emergency. Staff members are assigned to teams for search/ rescue and have practiced our procedures for many years. Staff members are required to stay at school until the emergency has ended.

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Congratulations to our September Honor Assembly Winners!

Kinder: Alexis H., Olivia J. **First:** Asher C., Naomi C., Eric D., Lillie G. **Second:** Naynith B., Kara W., Jordan G., Johnathan H., Evan P., Dominic A. **Third:** Krish K., Ethan N., Natalia G., Rhiya R., Nidhi D., Yana S. **Fourth:** Amanda K., Hunter C., Kayleigh E., Victoria K., Enoch C., Mia M., John Paul B., Matthew B., Taylor S., Danielle B., Aayur S. **Fifth:** Michelle T., Briana C., Deepika S., Abhijeet D., Katelynn L., Sriya D., Shawn T., Zahra N., Audrey S., Ariel H.

Shelter-in-Place: This action is taken to place and/or keep students indoors in order to provide a greater level of protection from airborne contaminants in the outside/or inside air on the school campus. Teachers keep students in the classrooms until further notice. Teachers secure their classrooms by locking their doors and windows, sealing gaps under doors and windows.

- **Parents: We will not release your children until we receive an all-clear message from the authorities. A ConnectEd phone message will be sent informing parents and family members of the event that is occurring on campus. Instructions will be given as to when you may pick up your children. Parents must wait to receive the call to come to school. We do not want emergency responders to be hindered by traffic around the school.**

Lockdown: This action is taken when the threat of violence or any other nature is identified or we are directed by law enforcement. Students remain in the classroom or designated locations at all times. Teachers instruct students to stay away from doors and windows, lock doors and close shades. If students are outside, they will proceed to the nearest classrooms. If not, teachers or staff will direct students into the nearest classroom or school building. Teachers and students will stay together until an all-clear message has been sent by the authorities. During recess or lunch, students practice going to designated rooms close to their play areas. If the principal feels that the students are in imminent danger, she may initiate a rapid relocation. Students and staff will relocate by the safest possible route to our primary site, Haynes Elementary school or our backup site, Woodlake Elementary School.

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Please remember that these safety practice drills are conducted to help maintain Welby Way as a safe place for your students to thrive. The Safe School Plan is available to anyone who wishes to read our complete plan. Please let me know if you would like to set up an appointment to review the information.

The Great Shake Out will be conducted District-wide on October 20th.



POWW Information:



2016 Choices Brochure – The 2016 Choices brochure has been distributed and the window for application opens online from October 4 through November 10. Go to echoices.lausd.net for more information.

Trunk or Treat @ Welby Way, Friday, October 28: Calling all Welby trick or treaters Come and join us for an unforgettable evening of fun, safe trick or treating!!! Donate the "trunk" of your car for the evening and decorate it if you can, or just come dressed up in your best costume and trick or treat. Food will be available for purchase as well. All we need are cars, costumes and candy. If you can please donate a bag of candy, that will make the evening spooktacular! Can't wait to see you there!

Welby's Fall Festival & Silent Auction, Sunday, November 6 –POWW volunteer bees are starting to buzz around in preparation for our annual Fall Festival - which is coming up on Sunday, November 6th. Fall Festival is a fantastic fun filled day for the entire family, including games, food, entertainment, gift basket auctions, book sales, and having fun with our Welby family and community. This is also POWW's second biggest fundraising event, after AGC, for the school. Your support is greatly appreciated!

As we get started on this wonderful event, we would like to share some information with you:

- The book donations drop off box is now available in the school office for the book sale.
- Join us for the Fall Festival Game Booth and Silent Auction Basket Meeting on Thursday, 10/6 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
- Look for further announcements/flyers in the coming weeks as we start working on this fun filled event.

If you have a talent you would like to share or if you would like to be a helping hand along with other volunteer bees, please contact the event chairs, Tejal Jambusaria, or Paris Patel at fallfestival@parentsofwelbyway.com.

McTeacher Night on 10/20: Come support Welby Way by not cooking and bringing the family between 4:30 and 7:30 to McDonalds on Platt for McTeacher Night. Guaranteed to be a fun evening as our teachers take your orders and serve your food. And Welby makes some money in the process.

Stay After School on Friday's for SNACK SHACK! Snack Shack will be open every Friday after school from 3:00 – 3:30. Bring a dollar (or your AGC coupon) and buy a refreshing treat while supporting the school. Snack Shack Friday's!

Bring on the box tops! Box Tops ... Box Tops ... Calling All Box Tops! We are collecting box tops again this year. Each top is worth 10 cents – and that adds up! Please remember to trim and check for expiration dates and then turn into your child's teacher. Each month we will be awarding the top primary and upper grade classrooms!

5th Grade Restaurant Cards: Welby's 5th grade class is selling restaurant DISCOUNT cards for only \$20.00. Discounts can be used more than once. Pop into the office for an order form. Restaurants include: Shalimar, PickUp Stix, Tikka Grill, Dickey's, Thai Fusion Bistro, Menchie's, Corner Bakery, West Hills Pizza, Jersey Mike's, and Wendy's.

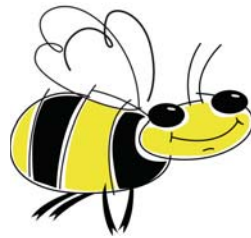
Looking for gently used books: We are looking for some gently used books (adults and kids) for our Fall Festival book booth. Have your child bring the books to the classroom and the teacher can let us know to come collect them. Or drop them off at the office.

We Need Your Baskets: In preparation for the Fall Festival, we are in need of any large or small baskets for our silent auction. Contact Brandi Cardona at auction@parentsofwelbyway.com for more information. Any donations can also be dropped off in Room 37.

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www.welbyway.org and www.parentsofwelbyway.com

Also, check out our Student Portal (upper grades) at www.mywelby.org



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