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THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Thank you SO much for a wonderful Staff Appreciation Week!
We are thankful and appreciative of all your efforts and our
partnership with our Welby families! Thank you for this
special week and for another fabulous year together.**

Wrapping Up the Year

A Message from Assistant Principal, Helen Kim

It is hard to believe that we are already in the very last weeks of the 2015-16 school year. It seems only yesterday that our students were coming to school with shiny new backpacks and lunch bags. Here we are, however, already in the month of May! As we approach the end of this school year, here are some important reminders, dates, and events to note in your calendars.

- 1) **Intent to Return Letters** – Yesterday, we sent home letters asking you to let us know if your child(ren) will be returning or not returning to Welby Way in the fall. Please return the tear-off as soon as possible, as this information is necessary for us to begin planning for the next school year. Your honest response is important and time-sensitive. Rest assured that your response on this form is neither binding nor does it cancel your child's enrollment. It merely gives us an idea of what our enrollment numbers will look like next year.
- 2) **Spring Sing** – Our students in Grades 1, 2 and 4 have worked hard this season with our music teachers to prepare an amazing performance. Please join us on Wednesday, May 18th, in the auditorium and enjoy a fun arrangement of songs performed by our inspired Welby Way students! There will be two performances, one at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please note that Chorus will perform only at the 1:00 performance.
- 3) **Grades 3-5 Only:** We have begun our Smarter Balanced (SBA) testing and will continue throughout the month of May. Specific dates should have been or will be communicated to you by your child's teacher. Please make sure that your child gets a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast on the morning of the test. Most importantly, be positive about the test. Encourage your child to do his/her best and help him/her feel comfortable and confident.

Important Dates!

- Fri. 5/6:** 5th grade "Minions" movie night 6:30-9:30 in the auditorium
- Sat. 5/14:** Manly Man Event 1:00-4:00
- Wed. 5/18:** Spring Sing 1st/2nd/4th grades 8:30 and 1:00. Chorus will only perform at 1:00
- Thurs. 5/19:** POWW Meeting Room 37 @ 8 a.m.
- Sat. 5/21:** Ballroom Dance Competition at El Camino Real @ 2:30
- Mon. 5/23 – Fri. 5/27:** Fitness Week
- Mon. 5/30:** School closed for Memorial Day
- Tues. 5/31:** 5th grade Growth & Development Presentation
- Thurs. 6/2:** Wendy's Restaurant Night from 11 a.m. -9 p.m.
- Fri. 6/3:** 4th Grade Gold Rush
- Wed. 6/1:** 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Olympics
- Thurs. 6/2:** 4th/5th Grade Olympics
- Tues. 6/7:** Olympics Ceremony from 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.
- Thurs. 6/9:** Resident Culmination @ 8:15 a.m.
- Thurs. 6/9:** Magnet Culmination @10:30
- Thurs. 6/9:** Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m.
- Fri. 6/10:** Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:30
- Fri. 6/10:** Kindergarten Ceremony in morning.

- 4) **My Math workbooks:** Sometime this month, your child's teacher will be sending home math workbooks with your child. You can use these consumable workbooks to review math skills with your child during the summer.
- 5) **5th Math Pathways:** This week, your 5th grader will bring home a letter with information regarding the 5th Grade Math Pathways test. This test will be given to 5th graders who may want to participate in an accelerated math program in middle school. If interested, one of the parents should have already attended a mandatory district parent meeting. Parents who were unable to attend an informational meeting can click on the link below and follow the instructions to view an online presentation. This video will give you the necessary information regarding the assessment and accelerated math program. You must complete the online survey as proof that you have watched the presentation.

Congratulations to our April Honor Assembly Winners!

Kindergarten: Oliver H., Matthew R., Liam T.
First: Anabel C., Jackson S., Giovanni G., Brooklyn B., Varun K. **Second:** Declan H., Christina S., Ikksha D., Sadie W., Saveena J., Betty G. **Third:** Connor P., Lucy C., Sophia G., Owen P., Anthony M., Aidan F., Tejas G., **Fourth:** Niv M., Nicholas R., Aakash S., Sophia T., Emilio A., Noelle K., Ariel H., Madison B., Doreen D., Harrison H. **Fifth:** Connor L., Krishal C., Annika P., Elinor J., Maya B., Callula H., Jack H., Sophia W., Joshua V.

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Please return the tear-off from the letter no later than May 16th with your preference. The test will be administered during the last week of May for a period of 120 minutes.

- 6) **5th Grade Science CST:** All 5th graders will take the Science CST during May 17-18th. Please make sure that your child gets good rest the night before.
- 7) **5th Grade Pali Camp:** The dates for 5th grade Pali Camp are May 11th-13th. More detailed information about the trip will be shared in each class. Students choosing not to go to Pali Camp are expected to be at school during those dates. We have many exciting activities planned for those students. Students are expected to come to school, and we will make the days equally as enjoyable as those attending
- 8) **Upcoming Minimum Days:** June 9th and 10th are minimum days, and dismissal will be at 12:30. Lunch will be served at the cafeteria after school for about half an hour. For students riding on the bus, please arrange for an earlier pick-up. *Please note that the last day of school for students is Friday, June 10th.*
- 9) **Culmination & Kinder Bridging Ceremony:** 5th grade culmination will be held on Thursday, June 9th at 8:15 for resident school students and at 10:30 for magnet students. Our Kindergarten bridging ceremony will be held on Friday June 10th. More information to come.
- 10) **Church Parking:** Please note that there is NO PARKING for school events in the church parking lot across the street. For many years, the church has graciously allowed Welby Way parents and staff to spill into their parking lot. However, due to recent close calls/accidents, the church parking lot is now off-limits for school events. Please plan ahead and come early to find street parking.
- 11) **Back-to-School Event:** Looking ahead to the 2016-2017 school year, we would like to remind you to update your home address with the office. Back-to-school events and other information will be sent to your homes via U.S. Postal Service during the summer, and we want to be sure that you receive our communication.

We have had a phenomenal 2015-16 school year, thanks to everyone connected to our school. We appreciate all your efforts to work with us and support our goals for our students. We hope to see you at all our remaining events, including our annual Fitness Week, Olympics, Ballroom Dance Festival, and Gold Rush Day, just to name a few. Have a restful and fun summer.



POWW Information:



FITNESS WEEK/WALK A THON: Welby's 7th Annual Fitness Week/Walk-A-Thon will be taking place the week of

May 23 – May 27. More information will be coming home shortly. This is a super fun week. Take this time to reinforce healthy habits at home and work as a family to “Eat a Rainbow” and get some exercise everyday. Help your class earn points by wearing your class color everyday; participating in recess and lunch activities; taking the rainbow challenge and asking family/friends to sponsor you in the Walk-a-thon and turn in your pledge forms. The Walk-A-Thon raises the money to provide PE programs to our students.

MANLY MAN EVENT: Welby’s Annual Manly Man event is coming up on Saturday, May 14 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. This year the theme is “Star Wars: Episode V!!!: The Man Awakens.” Join us for a rigorous day of Jedi/Sith training – master blaster deflection, master self-discipline, master strength and agility and master the Force. Open to all Welby Way sons and their fathers (Uncles, grandfathers, father figures or brothers 18 and older are welcome too!)

WIN A BIKE IN AN “I LIKE TO BIKE” CONTEST AT WELBY!: As part of Fitness Week, we have partnered with Santa Monica Mountains Cyclery to hold a drawing contest. All entries must be hand-drawn and hand-written and submitted on paper. Drawings must be original. One winner from each grade level will receive a \$20 gift card and the grand prize winner of the bike will be selected randomly from all grade level winners.

RESTAURANT NIGHT @ WENDY’S: Don’t cook and bring your family to Wendy’s on Thursday, June 2 between the hours of 11:00 – 9:00 p.m. A percentage of your check will be donated to Welby Way!



A Message from our POWW President & Vice President:



We can't believe the end of the school year is almost here. It has been such a privilege to work with the POWW parents and be part of all of the fun and fundraisers from everything to the Annual Giving Campaign, Fall Festival, Magic Night, Spaghetti Bingo, Book Fair, to name just a few. And, we still have Fitness Week and the Manly Man event coming up. There is always something going on here at Welby Way. We are so lucky to have ongoing support from all of our parents and students for all of these events. Not only are these events fun, but they help raise money for so many extra programs and resources including up to date technology, music, PE, extra teachers aides and administrative staff, and the list goes on. Next year we will be adding even more access to technology for students and will be upgrading our auditorium and PA system. We could not have done any of this without the invaluable dedication of our parents.

We wish all of you a wonderful end of year and summer vacation. And to those who are graduating, congratulations and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. We can't wait to be back in August ready to start another amazing year with POWW and the Welby Way community. And, a huge thank you to all of the wonderful teachers and administrators. We could not achieve any of this without the dedication from all of you as well as our parents.

With much gratitude,

Stacey Weiss
POWW Inc., President

Summer Middleton
POWW Inc., Vice President

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