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THE LATEST NEWS AT WELBY WAY CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Welby Way Happenings

### A Message from Magnet Coordinator, Adria Metson

Welcome to 2017 at Welby Way. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your relatives and friends. It is amazing that we are in the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year and already sprinting toward the finish line in June. I want to tell you about a few important events that will take place over the next few months. Please contact the office at Welby Way if you have any questions.

- **Magnet Verifications** are underway for all LAUSD students who have applied for a gifted magnet program for the 2017-2018 school year. During the next month those who have applied will receive letters stating whether or not your child/children have been verified for placement on the magnet lottery list prepared by the District Magnet Office. If you have any questions, please call me, Adria Metson, Welby's Magnet Coordinator, at 818.348.1975.
- **Welby Way Charter Lottery** applications are available now for people who live outside the Welby Way resident boundary. Please remind your friends or family members wishing to submit an application for their children that the deadline is April 21. The lottery will be held on the morning of April 28. Attendance at the lottery drawing is not required, but all area welcome to the public drawing. The lottery generates a waitlist for enrollment. Enrollment will be offered in the order of the waitlist after our resident students have been enrolled and the remaining spaces are determined. We will post the results the next day online and outside of the school office. We will be conducting Charter tours on January 31, February 14, March 10, April 4, and April 20. Reservations are not needed and the tours will begin at 8:30 a.m., in the library. We ask that you make arrangements for your small children, since a lot of information is provided to the parents attending appreciate a quite environment.
- On Wednesday, February 1, you will be receiving the **School Report Card** for Welby Way for the 2015-2016 school year. Our School Report card contains useful information derived from the completed surveys gathered from our students, parents and staff. Statistics are also presented relating to our

## Important Dates!

2/2: Bring Your Parent to Lunch Day  
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2/14: Charter Tour 8:30 a.m. in the library  
2/16: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cap/Gown/Panoramic Picture  
2/20: School Closed for President's Day  
2/21: POWW Meeting in Room 27 @ 8:00 a.m.  
2/21: Governance Council in Library @ 7:00  
2/21: Talent Show Auditions Begin  
2/22: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Walking Tour to Hale Middle  
2/24: Father/Daughter Dance  
2/25: Odyssey of the Mind Competition  
2/27: Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:30  
3/1: Minimum Day Dismissal #12:30  
3/2: Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:30  
3/3: Books and Blankets morning  
3/8 - 3/9: LifeTouch Spring Pictures  
3/10: Charter Tour 8:30 a.m.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade Culmination will be on Wed.,  
6/7/17  
Rooms 14, 17, 20 will be at 8:15 a.m.  
Rooms 27 and 28 will be at 10:45 a.m.**

## Congratulations to our January Honor Assembly Winners!!

**Kinder:** Bella F., Lukas K., Beia S. **First:** Morgan L., Ava P., Vedansh A., Nathan D., Matthew D. **Second:** Ethan C., Joe F., Seth S., Alexander L., Varsha M., Kane B. **Third:** Lila G., Natalie S., True D., Sammy P., Spencer H., Aoi S., Nikhil M. **Fourth:** Sasha D., Lucy C., Kirshiv M., Joaquin P., Zachary R., Albert K., Piper V., Paislee E., Osmel R. **Fifth:** Diya K., Alice M., Mika A., Jessica C., Kamelia T., Sophia G., Kai T., Kennedy B., Hayden H., Keira L.

English learners, attendance, demographics, and proficiency in early literacy. Our school's scores exceed LAUSD averages in academic proficiencies and the well-being of our students, parents and staff members. Every year we continue to see improvement and are very proud of our accomplishments as we all work together for our children's growth.

- On February 1, you will also be receiving the 2016-2017 **School Survey** that is the basis for our School Report Card. The questions are very straight forward about the partnership between school and home. We work very hard to make sure that you are informed about the goings on at Welby Way through the monthly Beeline, Weekly Bee, Connect Ed calls, website, student portals for the upper grade students, and POWW, Inc.'s website and Facebook page. Our School Governance Board always welcomes parents to our monthly meeting at which we discuss our school budgets, emergency readiness plans, and other pertinent items associated with operating Welby Way. Please join us for these informative meetings. Our teachers conduct parent meetings to explain Eureka math. We provide Parent University classes on subjects ranging from Understanding Common Core to Developing Positive Mindsets for our students. Many teachers have websites and our wonderful room parents disseminate information through emails. Conferences are held twice a year, but you always have the option to request a meeting if needed. Our School Positive Behavior committee meets monthly to discuss ways to make students develop positive attitudes toward their school work, self-esteem and appropriate social behavior and values. The office staff is always available to answer your questions. We take pride in creating a warm, inviting environment that encourages parents' participation. It is very important to get your feedback and to be counted in the annual survey. The surveys will be sent home on February 1 and must be returned to the school by February 8. Teachers are including it as part of their homework assignments for the week. We thank you in advance.
- **The OLSAT-8 (Otis-Lennon School Ability Test)** will be administered to all LAUSD 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in March. The purpose of the test is to identify students as gifted in the High Achievement Category. The OLSAT-8 is a 60 minute multiple choice paper-pencil achievement test given by our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers. The total time of administration is approximately 82 minutes. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers will be giving the OLSAT on March 8 and there will be a parent OLSAT overview meeting on February 6 at Grant HS. A blue information sheet was given to the students last Wednesday with more details. Please let me know if you need another copy.
- Sixty of our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students were **randomly** chosen to take an assessment administered by **NAEP ( National Assessment of Educational Progress)** on March 6. NAEP is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in core subjects. NAEP is congressionally mandated, and was first administered in 1969 to measure student achievement nationally. Teachers, principals, policymakers and researchers all use NAEP results to assess progress and develop ways to improve education in the United States. Parents of students who were randomly chosen should have received a letter last week. **We will not receive individual student scores or Welby Way test scores.**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Fitness Testing:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are taking their physical fitness tests during their PE classes this month. Coaches Lois, Brenda and Gina are recording scores on the mile run, curl up, trunk lift, pull up and shoulder stretch until the March 17<sup>th</sup> due date. Test results will be available before the end of the school year.
- **Magnet 2nd Semester Mandatory Conferences** All District Magnet programs are required to hold 2<sup>nd</sup> semester parent/teacher conferences according to Magnet compliance policies. Magnet teachers will be holding conferences on February 27 and 28, March 1 and 2. February 27, March 1 and March 2 will be minimum days for both schools. Teachers will be sending home more information as the dates get closer.

As you can see, as always, we are very busy here at Welby Way. Please let me know if you have any questions concerning these different activities and I will be more than happy to answer them.



**BRING YOUR PARENT TO LUNCH DAY – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2:** Mark your calendars, bring your blankets and join your son or daughter for lunch at school on Thursday, February 2. The cafeteria will still be open for lunch and snack as normal. Lunch times for K-3rd: 12:15 – 1:00; 4th-5th: 11:30 – 12:15.

**FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE – FEBRUARY 24:** Save the date for Friday, February 24 for Welby’s Annual Father/Daughter Dance. The dance will be held in the auditorium from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. All Welby girls are welcome to bring that special man in their lives (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle., etc.) The theme this year is “A Masquerade Ball.” Cost is \$25 per couple, \$15 each additional daughter. RSVP by February 18. We are also in need of baked goods.

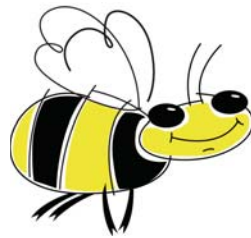
**DOES YOUR COMPANY MATCH YOUR DONATIONS?** Does your company match your AGC donation? If so, there is still time to register your donation! Most companies need the employee to register their donation first before having it confirmed by POWW. If your company matches, please email me at [agcmatching@parentsofwelbyway.com](mailto:agcmatching@parentsofwelbyway.com). I can help work with you on receiving these matching funds.

**WELBY WAY TALENT SHOW:** Information will be coming home soon with information on Welby Way’s Annual Talent Show. Auditions will begin on 2/21.

**PLEASE JOIN POWW’S FACEBOOK GROUP:** We have a very active and updated POWW Facebook group, which is used to send regular updates about events and activities at Welby. If you aren't already a member, please join the group POWW - Parents of Welby Way Elementary. This Facebook group is monitored closely and is limited to POWW business only. It is a great way to stay connected.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WELBY WAY WEBSITES:**

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