



## Westlake Charter School

*Expanding Opportunities... Connecting Children to the World*

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Good Evening Westlake Families,

This is Kate Burwinkel with this week's connect-ed message,

Thank you families for donating milk jugs for our Penny Drive starting this week. We have received all of the milk jugs we need. During the month of January, we will be focusing on the character traits: Caring and Compassion. We are going to be looking deeper as a school into what it means to be a citizen who practices global compassion. Beginning January 11<sup>th</sup> and continuing until February 3<sup>rd</sup>, students are encouraged to bring in pennies to benefit children in Haiti. Let's see how many pennies we can collect!

This week also kicks off a copy paper drive for our school at both campuses. You can earn parent hours by dropping off copy paper reams at either WCS campus. Parents can receive 2 volunteer hours for a box of paper or 1 hour for every 5 reams donated. For more information, check out:

<http://www.westlakecharter.com/pdf/events/2012.paper.drive.pdf>

There are some new after school offerings available: <http://www.westlakecharter.com/base.php> We are also seeking interest in a possible after school guitar class. Please click the link to complete a survey if this is something that your family is interested in: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PL2PGCG>

Please save the date **Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** at the state capitol building in Sacramento for a statewide charter school rally. This rally is being hosted by the California Charter School Association and is to advocate for equal funding for charter schools. Won't you join me?

Let's GO WALKERS!!! Please join us at 7:45 am on **Tuesdays/Thursdays** at Fastsigns, for our **4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students** and at 8:00 on **Wednesdays/Fridays** at the Walgreen's Shopping Plaza for our **K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students**. Rain or shine, we walk to school.

Applications for next school year will be available **January 15<sup>th</sup>** and need to be completed and returned in person to either campus by **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you know any families who would like their children to attend WCS, please encourage them to apply. Remember, even siblings of current students need to have applications completed in order to be eligible to attend WCS. Current WCS students do not need to apply to continue with us. Any questions? Contact Toni Alexander [talexander@westlakecharter.com](mailto:talexander@westlakecharter.com) or Aimee Wells [awells@westlakecharter.com](mailto:awells@westlakecharter.com), our school office experts.

Finally, we have one upcoming event this week:

WAVE Board Meeting - Tuesday January 10th @ 6:30 on the East Commerce Campus

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