



## Westlake Charter School

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

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Happy Weekend Westlake Families,

This is Kate Burwinkel, with the connect-ed message for this week,

The rain has finally arrived! I don't know about you but despite having indoor recesses, I'm glad to see the wet stuff.

This week NWEA testing begins on both campuses. Over the next three weeks your child will participate in a series of computerized assessments that helps us guide instruction. Please make sure that your child gets enough rest and eats a healthy breakfast each morning.

We are still in great need of parents to help with outreach efforts! If you are in need of parent volunteer hours, this is an easy way to get them. Sign up to assist on our website at:

<https://docs.google.com/a/westlakecharter.com/document/d/1KPE9zkiCXTGFJEogFZ3T16p0Uy2JCIOWFAP2MZHDUT4/edit>

If you haven't already, please check out the January newsletter which can be downloaded from our website: [http://www.westlakecharter.com/pdf/newsletters/WCS\\_Newsletter\\_010112.pdf](http://www.westlakecharter.com/pdf/newsletters/WCS_Newsletter_010112.pdf)

As you know, applications for next school year are available and need to be completed and returned in person to either campus by **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Applications can be downloaded on the WCS website.

Please join us for our first annual "**Parents Go to School Night**" on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm. On this evening, we will focus attention on how you can help your child succeed in school. A plethora of parent-centered sessions will be offered including: Homework Tips for Parents, The Ins and Outs of NWEA, iPad Resources, Basic Spanish Concepts to Help Your Child, Preparing Your Child for Success in the Intermediate Grades, Accelerated Reader- At School/At Home, Cyber-bullying, and much more. Don't miss this exciting event! Bring a dessert to share!

On February 29<sup>th</sup>, parents, students and staff will join community groups from across California for the **2012 Charter School Funding Equity Rally** at 3:45 PM on the North Steps of the State Capital. Charter Schools are public schools, however we receive less funding per student than traditional district schools. In addition, charter schools aren't automatically provided school buildings, so many charters, including ours, are forced to spend a large percentage of their budgets to rent facilities. Join us to advocate for equal funding for charter schools.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful weekend! Let's have a tremendous school week!

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