



Westlake Charter School

Expanding Opportunities... Connecting Children to the World

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Happy December!

This is Saja, Ella, Mrs Burwinkel, and Megan with this week's Connect-Ed message.

Megan- Join us for **Family Night Out** this **Friday** (December 9th) from **5:30-7:30 PM** at the **Natomas Barnes and Noble** in the Promenade Shopping Center. Teachers and staff will have games, crafts, storytelling and music performances to share! Any purchases made at B&N from December 9th-11th will benefit our school. Just mention WCS at checkout or download the flyer on the WCS Website:

http://www.westlakecharter.com/pdf/events/FNO/FNO_BN_120911.pdf

Ella- The **Olympic Triathlon Closing Ceremonies** will be on Wednesday, December 7th starting at 6:00 PM on the Del Paso Campus. Come join us as we celebrate all of the students' hard work!

Saja- Westlake Charter's first ever **SPELLING BEE** will be at the East Commerce Campus on Wednesday, Dec. 8th from 5:00 -6:00 PM. Each class has advanced top spellers to compete for the school-wide title. The school winner will move on to the regional competition in January.

Megan- We need your help! Our SPELLERS have been hard at work, and we would like to offer refreshments for the **Dec. 8th Spelling Bee**. If you are willing to donate any snacks (brownies, cookies, cupcakes, drinks, etc.), please drop them by the East Commerce Campus anytime next week. We are truly thankful for any donations! Remember, parents can receive parent hours for refreshment donations.

Ella- We have **Kylee Lillich Charitable Giving Trees** on each of our campuses this year. Help this great cause by coming by to pick an ornament, purchase the gift, bring it back unwrapped with the ornament attached. Gifts need to be returned by Friday. Thank you in advance for helping a child this holiday season!

Saja- The WAVE Meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th has been canceled. The next WAVE meeting will be January 10th.

MrsB. In a strained educational budget, every penny counts. Schools receive funding from the state based on student attendance. Not only does your child miss out on important instructional time when absent, our school also loses about \$35 for every student who is absent each day. It's also important to call in absences. An excused absence because of an illness is considered different than an unexcused absence by the state regarding funding. We appreciate your efforts in getting students to school everyday!

Mrs. B- Our Holidays Around the World event starts this week during school. Each day our students will rotate and learn about a different tradition around the world. Don't forget to ask your child each day what country they explored.

All- Have a great week explorers!

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