



Westlake Charter News

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GREETINGS!



My name is Howard Chan and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Westlake Charter School (WCS) community.

I am a native San Franciscan, and our family relocated to Sacramento from the Bay Area in 2002 as the result of a job recruitment effort by the City of Sacramento. I continue to work for the City as a Division Manager in the Department of Transportation. Emily and I have been married for over 12 years, and will have two children at WCS in the fall: Andrew (2nd grade) and Amanda (Kindergartner).

My interest in participating on the WCS Board is quite simple....I have a vested interest in ensuring that WCS continues to be successful in providing a top-notch education for our school's children. It is my opinion that WCS can maintain its competitive advantage by continuing to make its decisions, both short-term and long-term, based on sound business practices with a focus on providing staff with the necessary resources to carry out the WCS Board's vision.

I want to express to you all what an honor and a privilege it is to serve as your Community Board Member. I am looking forward to working with you all to achieve our school's goals.

Have a great spring break!

We CAN Wednesdays!

We're ramping up for the testing with "We CAN Wednesdays!" to get our students ready for testing with practice tests, test taking strategies, and some fun activities. If 98% of our students come to school on the first day of testing, Principal Liles will move his desk onto the roof of the main office for an entire day! We will have other announcements as the date gets closer.

CST/STAR Testing begins on April 27th

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Catch the WAVE

Parent Participation Opportunities

- ☺ **Scholastic Bookfair:** April 23rd @ 5:00—7:00pm during WCS Family Night Out
April 24th @ 9:00am—noon to clean-up and pack-up the books
Contact Barbara Ros bros@natomas.k12.ca.us or 567-5760
- ☺ **Recess snack sale:** We are looking for parent volunteers to man the snack table on Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:40pm. This will continue through April. If you would like to sign up for a day or two, please contact Lorna Alsbagh at lornaj1998@yahoo.com 947-8891
- ☺ **Recycling:** Need parents to drive recycling to center once a month or so. Contact Lanie Holmer at sosaholmer@yahoo.com
- ☺ **Board meeting:** April 14th at 6:30. Earn hours just for attending
- ☺ **Library support:** We need books reshelved and things straightened up on a regular basis. Please contact the office to volunteer at 567-5760 or admin@westlakecharter.com
- ☺ **Clean-up Day:** April 25th More information to come
- ☺ **International Festival:** It's coming up fast! Saturday, May 2.
Come to the meeting on Monday, April 13 @ 6pm at Panera (by Safeway)
Contact Cathy Nanni 419-5189 or 799-5647 or pcnanni2004@yahoo.com



CLOTHES CLOSET

Attention all parents

As the weather starts to get warmer and you start cleaning out your kids closets now is the time to donate those out-grown gently used uniforms before school end in June.

In this difficult economy everyone can benefit from recycled uniforms. Some of the new kindergarten parents have expressed an interest in obtaining these uniforms before the new school year starts, so I am planning to hold a free clothes closet the week before school ends. Everyone can take advantage of getting the next size up uniforms for your child before summer vacation starts. Please leave your clean donated clothes in the wave room under the sign in folders.

Thanks for recycling.

Vivienne Nolan

BANK DAY

There are only 2 more bank days at Westlake Charter School: Thursday, April 23 and Thursday, May 21. If anyone would like to assist with Bank Days next school year, please come to these 2 bank days and see what we do. We set up at 7:45 and finish around 9:00. Or you may call Lorna at 947-8891 to assist next school year.

BOUNCE SPOT PARTY

Join other WCS families on **April 24th from 5:30-8:30** for a Community Building Event - Private Bounce Party at the Bounce Spot in West Sacramento. Space is limited, so don't delay to sign-up. More information will be coming soon.



School News

Meet our new BASE director

As you may have heard there are some great changes coming to Westlake Charter. Starting May 4th Westlake Charter School will be taking over the current after school program and will be known as B.A.S.E. or Before and After School Explorers Program. I am very excited about this venture and hope that B.A.S.E. will become a true asset that will allow me to help our students in the after school hours with enriching and quality help and lessons.

A little bit about myself, my name is Caroline Cathey and I am from Dallas, Texas. I am a fully credentialed teacher in both California and Texas and have been teaching for over eleven years. I have a M.Ed. in Education from Southern Methodist University and was lucky enough to live in South America for a while and become fluent in Spanish. I was the head coordinator for our after school program at John R. Good Elementary in Irving, Texas; which ran under the 21st Century Grants. If you would like to know anything else, feel free to ask! I am a pretty open book. You can reach me in the office until May 4th (916) 567-5760.

Looking forward to working with you and your students.

RECESS SNACK SALE

On April 16 during the afternoon recess, the 5th graders are sponsoring an Ice Cream Social for the snack sale. We are inviting all parents, grandparents, and siblings to take a break from their work or being at home to join the students for afternoon recess and an ice cream cone from Leatherby's Ice Cream. An ice cream cone and a bottle of water will be \$3.00. There will be 6 different flavor choices. There will be Otter Pops available for the little ones for \$.50.

Here are the afternoon recess times: K-1st: 1:40 p.m.; 2nd - 3rd: 2:00 p.m.; 4th - 5th: 2:15 p.m.

Please join us for the Recess Snack Sale "Leatherby's Ice Cream Social" at recess time. Or you may spoil your dinner by picking up an ice cream cone when you pick up your student after school.

Thanks for supporting the 5th grade 4-day field trip to Westminster Woods May 5 - May 8. The total cost for each student is \$275.00. So far our fundraising has knocked \$72.00 off of the fundraising students' cost.

Important Dates

April 6-10	Spring break
April 13	International Festival meeting at Panera by Safeway 6:00
April 14	Board meeting 6:30
April 15	Spring pictures; free dress
April 16	Recess snack sale ice cream social
April 17	Deadline to sign-up for classroom volunteer jobs at the International Festival Spirit day -wear your pajamas; recycle Friday
April 20-24	Scholastic Book Fair
April 22	WAVE Board meeting 6:30
April 23	WAMU Bank Day; Recess snack sale; FNO at the bookfair ; Pennies for Peace drive ends
April 24	No school; curriculum dev day; Bounce Party at the Bounce spot
April 25	Clean-up day
April 27	CST/STAR Testing begins

Thank You

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