



Westlake Charter News

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Good news! Crosswalk addition on Del Paso

The City of Sacramento has decided to construct and fund a crosswalk with a button-controlled signal (i.e., a traffic light to stop traffic for pedestrians) about 50 feet west of the Westlake Charter driveway crossing Del Paso. Construction on this development, which will assist with foot traffic to the school for Westlake families, should begin in about 6 months.

A big "Thank You" to Westlake parents Scott and Jacky Dosick for their help in getting this proposal on the fastrack to completion.

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Announcements and Reminders

- Clean-up Day on October 25th is **cancelled**. May be rescheduled next month.
- **Town Hall meeting: Nov 13 @ 6:30—8:00. Meet our new interim principal.**
- NWEA testing: Nov 3-21. State-aligned computer adaptive tests measure student achievement and growth. All grade levels.
- WCS Board welcomes it's newest member—Michelle Ellis.
- Board Meeting: Nov 3rd at 7:00. Agendas are posted on-line or by the office 72 hrs before each meeting.
- Nov 4 - Fri Nov 7: **Halloween Candy Buy Back**. Take your Halloween Candy to Dr Saladin's dental office. You will receive \$2 for every pound of candy you turn in and \$2 will be donated to UCD Children's Hospital.
- Auction committee will meet Nov 12 & Dec 10 at 7 pm. Location TBA.
- **Mix It Up at Lunch Day** - November 13, 2008 (Grades 2-5). On this day, students take a new seat in the cafeteria. By making the move, students can cross the lines of division, meet new people, and make new friends. Things will be a bit crazy so **parents willing to volunteer from 11:10-12:10** that day will be greatly appreciated. Contact the office.
- **Dream Dinners Fundraiser:** Now thru Nov 22nd. Any available session.

Private party Kids Chef Sessions: enter "kidchef" for password

Saturday Nov 8 @ 1:00

Friday Nov 14 @ 3:30

Contact Lorna Alsbagh for more information (916) 947-8891

Spirit Items are in!



Your Spirit Items have arrived. Please contact Jolene Scates directly for pick up.

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WAVE Corner

Parent Participation Opportunities

- ◆ Board meeting Monday Nov 3rd @ 6:30
- ◆ WAVE meeting Nov 19th @ 6:30
- ◆ Auction committee meetings Nov 12th and Dec 10th @ 7:00
- ◆ Mix-it-up Lunch help Nov 13th @ 11:10-12:10
- ◆ Heifer International recycling Fridays @ 1:30—4:30 (see Student Council page for more details)
- ◆ Scholastic Warehouse Dec 5-9, times vary (see details below)
- ◆ Team Leaders open positions, contact a WAVE officer

Scholastic Books Warehouse Sale

Dates: December 5-19, 2008

Hours: Mon - Friday, 10am-7pm

Saturdays, 9am-5pm.

Location: 875 National Drive, St. 101 in North Natomas

This is a fantastic chance for parents to purchase books at sale prices, earn books for your family or school, and earn parent hours!

What to do

1. Go and purchase Scholastic books at sale prices!

2. Volunteer at the Sale! You will

✓ Earn books for the WCS library or your teacher, OR

✓ Earn books for your children, OR

✓ Earn parent hours (lots of hours at one time; Saturdays great for working parents! Parent Hours earned only if donating your voucher to the school)

✓ Class with most volunteers wins a \$20 Starbucks gift card for their teacher!

Volunteer sales clerks are scheduled by WCS parent and Scholastic employee, Anny Aguilar. She would like to schedule in blocks of time with a minimum of 4 hours. She will consider a 3-hour shift for WCS parents. 2-3 volunteers are needed for each shift.

First Shift: 10 am - 2 pm, 10 am - 3 pm, or 10 am - 4 pm.

Second Shift: 2-7 pm, 3-7 pm, or 4-7 pm.

What you Get

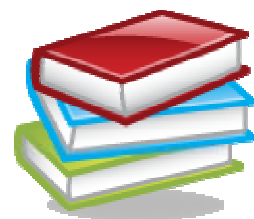
Volunteers receive vouchers for \$20/hr. Vouchers go toward retail value of books and may be donated to your teacher or school.

WCS volunteers receive parent hours for the time worked, if you donate your vouchers to the school/teacher.

Contact Information:

Anny starts officially scheduling on Nov. 17th; however she's giving first chance to WCS parents, starting Nov 10th! Don't hesitate - the volunteer slots fill up fast.

Contact Anny Aguilar: alee-aquilar@scholasticbookfairs.com or (916) 928-7822 x 200 (starting Nov. 10th)



WCS Recycles for the Heifer International Project!

It's time to bring in all of your aluminum and plastic beverage containers to help raise funds for Heifer International. Bring your recyclables to the school on Recycle Fridays (the Fridays when class is in session).

Here's what to do:

- Collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles at home (No milk bottles! Look for the CA Redemption Value symbol)
- Take bottle caps off of the plastic bottles
- Bring them to school on Recycle Fridays in separate bags (one for aluminum, one for plastic)

We are looking for parent volunteers to support our recycling efforts. We need parents to collect the recyclables from the school on Fridays after 1pm, and redeem the recyclables for vouchers at the recycle site, which is open from 1:30pm-4:30pm on Fridays. Ideally we are looking for 4 to 6 volunteers to rotate through this duty, so each will only have to do this every 4 to 6 weeks, beginning Friday October 24th. A truck or SUV would be helpful to deliver the bags of recycling to the site. Estimated time required on each Friday is approximately 1 to 2 hours. This is a great way to support Heifer International and earn your parent volunteer hours!

Please contact Lanie Holmer at sosaholmer@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping out.

New Student Council Elections - Nov. 19th



Lost and Found Items



Please claim your lost items before the end of the term (Nov 21st) otherwise they will be donated to charity.

Also please remember to label all your children's school clothing with their full name so we can reduce the number of lost and found items.

You may be interested to know that Michaels craft store sells iron on tape which can be easily attached to the inside of clothing, it will give you plenty of room to write your child's full name, plus the added bonus of this tape is you can pull it off at the end of the year if you plan to hand them down to your next child or donate them.

Safe and Sane Halloween

Natomas Safe Trick-or-Treat Zone (New this year!)

Noon—6:00 pm

Natomas Promenade stores are offering trick-or-treating and games

Barnes & Noble will be having storytimes, costume contest, face painting, and crafts

Boo at the Zoo

4:30—8:00 pm

\$6 admission @ William Land Park Sacramento Zoo

Halloween Treat or Treat

5:30—7:00 pm

\$2 per child @ Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary

Halloween Bounce

5:00—10:00 pm

Bounce Spot @ West Sacramento

Ikea Trick-or-Treat

5:00—6:00

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