



Westlake Charter News

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A Creation Story

In the beginning there was a dream...a dream of a new and unique school for our children. As the people met, the dream began to take form. This would be a school of academic excellence, a school that offered art and a foreign language and specialized physical education. This would be a school where children could embrace their individual heritages while broadening their understanding of the global world, a school where kids would experience community involvement as a part of life, a place where creative teachers could thrive and find fulfillment in experiencing the best practices of the day. And a place where parents could partner with the school to provide even more for their children.

The people got busy researching, interviewing, planning, and choosing. It was an exhilarating time for this dedicated band of parents, educators, and community people. They worked hard and their passion mounted and their dream grew.

Then the first form of structure appeared as a Board of Directors was established. They began making decisions and leading the development of this dream that had become a vision on paper, called a charter. Then came the Strategic Plan.

An Administrator was hired along with gifted teachers to educate their children and to oversee the day-to-day operations. The school opened its doors after just 9 short months of passionate fury!

It was rough. But it was good...very, good.

And the parents continued to be dedicated and passionate, and to participate with their time, money, and input as the ground work continued to be laid. And the children came, and the children studied, and the children were full of joy in their learning.

What became of the dream? Well, it continues today. As long as there are dedicated Board members, eager Administration and Teachers, and passionate parents who participate in the process, the children will continue to grow and dream their own dreams of greater heights than even imagined.

-Peggy McAllister
W.A.V.E President

Student Council



Westlake Charter School now has a Student Council!

Our very first Student Council elections coincided with this year's Super Tuesday Primary Elections.

The Student Council plays a very important role in every school. Student Council members ensure that everyone in the school contributes to the school com-

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Parent Participation Opportunities

Here is a current listing of opportunities to earn hours. It's also a great way to learn what's happening, get involved, and meet great people.

- **Board meeting** (March 4)
- **Auction Planning meetings** (March 8 & 18)
Tracy Roman 649-3259 or romanclan5@yahoo.com
- **Town Hall meeting** (March 14)
- **WAVE meeting** (March 18)
- **Thank You Thursdays** (March 20) - help our Hospitality Team say "Thanks" to our staff this month

Danielle Steuben 927-4558 or danielle.steuben@doj.ca.gov

- **Creek Clean-up Committee** (April 26)
Cynthia Ortiz 515-1786 or ortizlink@sbcglobal.net
- **Yard duty**
- **Campus monitoring**
- **Library help Wednesdays and Thursdays**

Family Fun

Here are some fun ideas to do this month. Go with other Westlake families or maybe you'll meet some there and make some new friends.

- **Happy Birthday, Dr Seuss**—March 1 @ 2:00 at North Natomas Library
- **Family Night Out—March 19 (see below)** Make it even more fun by trying to converse in Spanish during dinner!
- **Walk-to-School**—as the weather starts turning nicer, think about parking off campus and walking to school. It's a great way to promote physical fitness and just have some personal time with the kids!
- **Craft Fair at Michael's sponsored by Crayola**—March 15th @ 10:00—3:00
- **Dream Dinners Kids Session**—March 15 @ 1:00 and March 21 @ 3:30.

Got an idea or group/club and would like to invite fellow Westlake families? Email newsatwcs@gmail.com

Please Cut and Bring with you to UnaMas!



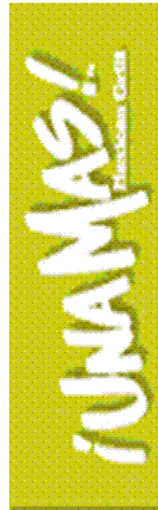
W.A.V.E. Sponsored Event

WESTLAKE ASSOCIATION of VOLUNTEER EXPLORERS

The Parent Teacher Group of Westlake Charter School



"Come out and mingle with other WCS families and join us for a Family Day Out at..."



3230 Arena Blvd, Suite 220
(916) 263-9600

Wednesday, March 19th

ALL DAY

15-20% of your purchases will be donated to Westlake Charter School

Please note this is not a discount, but a donation.

REMEMBER...

*You must present the flyer for our school to get the credit.

**The more you buy, the more the school receives.

*Invite your friends and neighbors to lunch, bring the family out for dinner, or just order take-out!

*Pass out flyers to your family and friends, co-workers... and

ENJOY!!

If you have any questions please contact:

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School News

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munity, enjoys projects and special activities, and works together to solve school problems. They help the students raise funds for school-wide projects and assist the community when they are in need of aid. Being on Westlake Charter School's Student Council is something that will help our students become responsible and active members of the global community.

One of the first projects Student Council will spearhead is "Creek Cleanup Week" April 18-26, 2008. They will receive a "Dipping into the Creeks" in-service and then educate and galvanize the student body to participate in cleaning up Steelhead Creek on Saturday, April 26th.

Student Council Executives

President



Niko Chapman

Vice President



Joey Lopez

Secretary



Simran Mann

Treasurer



Spencer Moore

The following students were elected Student Council Representatives:

- Angelo Pardillo - Kinder District Representative
- Ysa Roberts - Second Grade District Representative
- Nemo Chapman - Mrs. Maynard's 3rd Grade Class Representative
- Mina Kondole - Miss. Rog's 3rd Grade Class Representative
- Elijah Keys - Mrs. Crenshaw's 4th Grade Class Representative
- Joe Suh - Mr. Skipper's 4th Grade Class Representative

Student Council Advisors are Mrs. Crenshaw and Mr. Kunesmiller. Meetings are held Fridays during lunch from 11:30 - 12:15.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Kate Burwinkel** for winning the Panera "Dough for Teachers" Contest. She was awarded with a **\$1000 prize** for school supplies. On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Kindergarteners received bagels and the staff was treated to a fabulous lunch. That evening at 5PM, Panera hosted a little reception to honor Kate. This amazing teacher also just won the **Best Buy Te@ch™** grant and will be awarded **\$10,000**. She will be presented the award at the March 4th Board mtng.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The WCS Recycling Program

We are still recycling plastic and aluminum beverage containers with proceeds to go to **Heifer International**.

The following beverage containers can be turned in for the **California Redemption Value (CRV)**:

- *Beer and other malt beverages
- *Carbonated and non-carbonated water, soda, mineral water, soft and sports drinks
- *Coffee and tea drinks
- *Vegetable juice in containers 16 oz or smaller

The following cannot be turned in for CRV:

- *100 percent fruit juice in containers 46 ounces or larger
- *Vegetable juice in containers larger than 16 ounces
- *Milk
- *Infant Formula
- *Medical Food
- *Distilled spirits

We are not recycling glass. Please send in plastic with all lids removed. Please do not send any plastic or aluminum that is not a beverage container.

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

Creek Clean-Up. Saturday, April 26


The Student Council is spearheading this community service event and partnering with the Urban Creeks Council of Sacramento to help clean-up a portion of **Steelhead Creek**.

Please join this county wide volunteer effort to celebrate and restore our creeks. Keep your eyes open for an informational flier and sign-up.

Questions?

Contact: **Cynthia Ortiz** at 515-1786 or ortizlink@sbcglobal.net

Support Westlake

• eScrips	}	
• Quality of Life Card		\$2,600
• Target REDcard		
• Box Tops		\$630
• Ink cartridge & cell phone 		\$170
• Family Nights Out		\$990
• My School Matters		\$25,800
• Golf Tournament		\$17,500
• Parent Donation		\$625
(PG&E Campaign for the Community 2008)		
• International Festival		coming in May
• Night in Natomas (Auction)		coming June 7
Year-to-date total		\$48,315

2006-2007 WAVE Funds supporting this year

WAVE 1st Trimester support	\$18,559
WAVE 2nd Trimester support	\$17,583
Year-to-date total	\$36,142

Announcements

- **Board Elections** are on Tues March 4th @ 7:00. Please have at least one family member attend the meeting to cast your vote.
- **WAVE Elections**—nominations are due March 20th and Candidate statements are due March 31st.
- **Camp Invention**—A summer camp program to be held at Westlake and sponsored by Ms Thorall. Register by March 31st and get \$20 off (\$25 off online registration). For more information, visit www.campinvention.org or contact Ms Thorall at 567-5760 christina.thorall@gmail.com
- **Box Tops contest**—starts March 1st!
- **International Festival** is coming in May. What a great way to share your heritage.
- **"Night in Natomas" Auction** is coming in June. Please think of the many different ways you might be able to make this event a success. Auction items are now being accepted!

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*This is a correction from the previous newsletter



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