



# Westlake Charter News

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## Taming the Traffic Tangle

*By Principal Smith*

As you might already be aware, parking here at Westlake Charter is very limited. We currently have 32 spaces to accommodate our staff of 26 and all of our families. Although the addition of our drop of zone has helped with moving cars through, it is still an exercise in patience and good manners coming through the parking lot before and after school.

The best way to help with the traffic situation is to avoid it! Carpool, walk or bike to school to assist with minimizing cars in our parking lot. Use of the Natomas Unified school buses is also an easy and affordable option-for about \$2.50 per day, your students are brought safely to and from school on the school bus with other Westlake students.

If you are using the pick up/drop off zone, please cooperate and follow the procedure of pulling all the way to the front of the zone before having students enter/exit the vehicle. Do not park or leave your vehicle while in the zone. Follow the instructions of the parking zone monitors. Take turns entering and exiting the lot. When we all work together cooperatively, the process runs fairly smoothly.

Future plans to help with our traffic tangle include an expansion of the parking lot into the dirt area. This will widen the lot, add a few spaces, and gain a sidewalk on the west side of campus. This work is currently being planned by the District to be completed over Thanksgiving break. We are also working with some parents to work with the City and the North Natomas Transportation Management Agency to investigate the option of a short term parking zone on Del Paso Road to allow parents to park and walk in to pick up their students.

The Board and administration are very aware of the frustration caused by the current situation, and we are working to improve it through the appropriate agencies. We will continue to keep you apprised of the situation and progress as it happens.

In the meantime, if you are interested in carpooling or participating in a walking school bus, please contact the WAVE parent participation committee. If you are interested in more information on the school bus, contact Natomas Transportation at 567-5493.

## ***Important Reminder...***

... beginning September 15, Westlake Charter School students may not arrive earlier than 8:00am. Although we were able to provide this service as a convenience for parents last year, we do not have the staffing or resources available to continue to supervise students coming before 8:00 in a safe manner. 4th R does offer before school care beginning at 7:00am each morning.

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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.

- **WAVE mtng** Sept 24 @ 6:30pm, Rm N3
- **Thank You Thurs** Sept 25  
Contact Paul Hobie 359-6585, [phobie@surewest.net](mailto:phobie@surewest.net)
- **Golf Tournament** now thru Oct 3  
Phil Nanni 215-1798, [pcnanni2004@yahoo.com](mailto:pcnanni2004@yahoo.com)
- **My School Matters Olympics Committee**  
Scott Williams, 799-1555 [scottw75@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scottw75@sbcglobal.net)
- **Handyman** varies  
Various small jobs as required by Principal Smith  
contact Office—[admin@westlakecharter.com](mailto:admin@westlakecharter.com)
- **Curriculum Helper** varies  
Various tasks as required by Curriculum Coordinator  
Kate Burwinkel - [kburwinkel@natomas.k12.ca.us](mailto:kburwinkel@natomas.k12.ca.us)
- **Parent Hour Recorder** varies, work at home  
Join the parent hour recording team  
Paul Hobie - [phobie@surewest.net](mailto:phobie@surewest.net)
- **Print Helper** once a week  
Help with weekly printing of flyers and newsletters  
Lorna Alsbagh, 947-8891 [lornaj1998@yahoo.com](mailto:lornaj1998@yahoo.com)

## 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.

### September's Family Night Out

Mountain Mike's Pizza

Tuesday Sept 16 from 3-8 pm

2069 Arena Blvd, (At Truxel)

419-4434 Dine-in, Take-out, or Delivery

Present the voucher and WCS gets back 20% of your purchase.

### Celebrate Natomas! Community Festival

September 13, 2008, noon - 8 pm

South Natomas Community Center Park

2921 Truxel Rd

Got an idea or group/club and would like to invite fellow Westlake families? Email [newsatwcs@gmail.com](mailto:newsatwcs@gmail.com)



## WESTLAKE PHOTO GALLERY BY SHUTTERFLY

This school year there is way to share all the photos taken here at Westlake Charter School. Photos of class parties, field lessons, artwork, International Festival, class projects, the garden, anything! Each grade will have a separate gallery and password. Proceeds from the sale of photos goes to WAVE.

HERE'S THE PLAN:

1. Turn in the permission slip that gives approval for your child's picture to appear in the photo gallery
2. Take tons of pictures of your child and their classroom activities.
3. Copy the pictures onto a disk and give to your classroom Shutterfly editor.

**ONLY STUDENTS WITH SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS WILL HAVE PHOTOS POSTED ON SHUTTERFLY!**

I will need one person from each class to edit the photos and get the disk to me. If you would like to see a sample of a photo gallery on Shutterfly, go to: [www.shutterfly.com/pro/westlake/sample](http://www.shutterfly.com/pro/westlake/sample). If you would like to be the Shutterfly editor for your classroom, please let me know. Lorna Alsbagh 947-8891 [lornaj1998@yahoo.com](mailto:lornaj1998@yahoo.com)

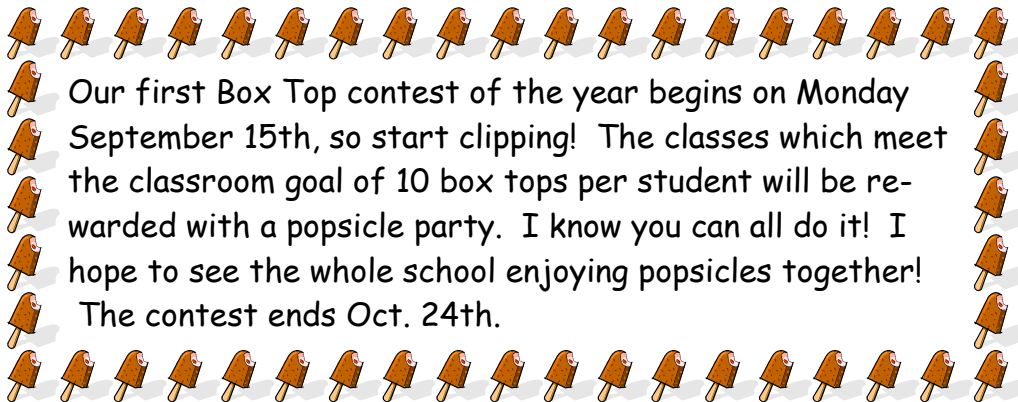
## School News

Hello parents and friends of Westlake Charter School,  
Our 4th annual golf tournament is just a few weeks from now on Friday October 3rd and this is my last chance to ask for your help by signing up to play, sponsor or donate to the event. We rely on parent participation and as of this writing there are only a handful of parents supporting this year's tournament. In past years approximately 50% of all participants were parents and friends of parents so without your support we may fall well short of our fund raising goal. We have enough volunteers to work during the tournament, so if your not signed up to work please consider playing. You do not need to be a good golfer with our scramble format golfers of all skill levels have a great time! If you want more info call me at 916-215-1798.

Thank you,  
Phil Nanni

Golf Tournament Committee Chair

<http://www.westlakecharter.com/golf>  
<http://www.westlakecharter.com/golf/register>  
<http://www.westlakecharter.com/golf/sponsor>



### Here's a SUPER EASY way to earn money for our school!!!

Sign up with one (or all) of the "Scrip" programs WCS participates in. Currently, Westlake is registered with 3 Scrip programs to earn money for our school - escrip, Raleys/Bel Air, and Target. Just visit the websites listed below, register your ATM/Debit card, credit card, and/or grocery loyalty card, and start shopping. These Scrip programs will donate a percentage of your purchases back to our school with no added out of pocket costs. Now how easy is that!!!

escrip: [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) (our school #: 500001206)  
Raley's/Bel Air "Quality of Life Card": [www.raleys.com](http://www.raleys.com)  
Target: [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) (our school #: 125777)

If you currently have a Raley's/Bel Air "Quality of Life" card or received one last school year, PLEASE take a moment to register your card. Additional cards will be coming soon! Have questions? Contact: Toni Coleman - 419.8439 or [colemanfive@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colemanfive@sbcglobal.net)

## Announcements

- WAVE Team Budgets are due Sept 17 to Emily Chan at [emerychan@yahoo.com](mailto:emerychan@yahoo.com)
- No School on Friday, Sept 19
- Next Board Meeting is on October 7
- WCS Spirit Orders are due September 15th and must be paid in full.

For questions, contact Jolene Scates at 928-7228 or [jolenescates@yahoo.com](mailto:jolenescates@yahoo.com)

- Students are to wear PE appropriate shoes on PE days. Sandals (even with straps) are not allowed during PE.
- Students may wear their WCS t-shirts (both past and present designs) with jeans on Fridays. This does not mean Fridays are free dress days.
- Students are not allowed to walk out of campus onto a waiting vehicle on Del Paso Rd. Parents, please use the loading zone inside the parking lot or walk in and gather your children.
- Deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is Friday, Sept 19

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