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WESTLAKE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Academy News

Second Annual Eagle Flight & Silent Auction

May 6, 2005, WCA will be holding its Second Annual Silent Auction on the evening of Eagle Flight. Thank you to Kris Fabrie, Laurie Hogenkamp, and Janice Nicholson, for volunteering to help us with this very important effort! We are in need of a few more parents who would be interested in beginning the planning process for this fun and not-to-be-missed school event. Please contact Nancy Kent, (847) 856-1559 or Cami VanDixhorn (847) 543-4273 if you can lend some time.

Music Booster Meeting

Come one, come all... join us for our Music Booster Meetings. They are held at W.C.A. at 7 pm in the library. Join us April 12! Hope to see you there!

Welcome to the Team!

A hearty welcome to Ruth Lopez as she joins our Lunch Room Team. If you feel the desire to become part of this wonderful team please call Pat Pickerall @ 847-548-2978

Cookbooks!

The WCA cookbooks are here!! You may purchase them in the school office at from 8:00 am-3:30 pm. The cost is \$12.00. Any questions call Lois Hamann at 847-662-3708.

Progress Reports

If you receive a progress report for your child, please sign it and return it to the school office by Friday, February 25th .

Extra, Extra! Read All About It: We need a volunteer to inform newspapers of special events, chapels, sports times and scores, etc.

Experience Westlake!

Invite your friends and neighbors to **Experience Westlake**. It's a special time to visit with our Principal, Mr. Barkhurst, as well as, tour the school and experience first hand the mission of Westlake Christian Academy.

Upcoming Dates for Experience Westlake

Thursday, February 24th
Thursday, March 10th

Volunteer Hours at Home

Knock out some of your Volunteer hours with just one hour a week at home! Our Nurse's Office collects (usually mildly-soiled) towels and blankets that need to be cleaned and returned to the office. If you can help please contact the school office.

"Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Ps. 90:12

J. Bruce Barkhurst, Principal

Re-enroll Now!

"Is it worth it?" In such a consumer culture as ours, that's a frequently asked question that pertains to mostly everything. It's a question I occasionally hear regarding the investment parents make in their child's education.

Let me say that the most important investment you will ever make is in the spiritual and intellectual development of your child(ren). The reinforcement of truth and Biblical principles gained at WCA will strengthen the home and your church life propelling your child(ren) toward lives of service for the Lord.

As you plan to re-enroll your child(ren) at Westlake Christian Academy, know without a doubt that this is the best investment you can make for the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of the precious lives God has entrusted to you. It is worth it!

Remember: Christian school education doesn't cost - it pays!

Important Dates to Remember

- *Re-enrollment Begins February 16th*
- *Basketball Tournament Feb. 18th-19th*
- *No School: Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 21st.*
- *Experience Westlake: Thursday, Feb. 24th 9:00—10:30 am*
- *Science Day Thursday, Feb. 24th*
- ***Date Change!** Elementary Musical Tuesday, Mar. 15th*

Westlake Christian Academy's Mission Statement:

To provide for Christian families a Christ-centered education that challenges students to honor Jesus Christ in thought, word and deed.

American Soldier Helps Iraqi Children

YOU CAN TOO!

Second Lieutenant Scott Nelles, a strong Christian in the US Army, is currently stationed in the ancient city Ur of the Chaldees in southern Iraq. He is a good friend of the Jeffers family and he recently wrote:

“We are currently doing medical missions, and our Battalion is also building schools. The people here are very poor, but they actually like us; so we go out and interact with them. Many of the children don’t have shoes, and their clothes are tattered. If you have extra shoes or clothing that you can send, my battalion and I will personally give them to these families.”

If you wish to donate shoes/clothing for these Iraqi children, please drop them off in Mrs. Jackson’s (3rd grade) room by March 18th. There is also a need for funds to cover shipping costs. For more information, contact April Jeffers at 847-265-9006.

From the Business Manager

LAND'S END GIFT CARDS

We still have an abundant supply of Land's End Gift Cards that are discounted at 15%. So, if you had wanted to purchase \$100 worth of uniforms, it would only cost you \$85 (not including tax and shipping). Please come to the main office to purchase them

DVD PLAYERS UPDATE

Praise God! We have had some generous donations of a DVD Player and a DVD/VCR Combo Player these last couple of weeks!

VOLUNTEER FEE REMINDER

Please remember to get your volunteer hours in. (If you are mechanically or electrically inclined, I've got a few projects you might want to ask about.) In these last months of the school year, if you have fulfilled your requirement, you will have the option to have your paid fee credited towards your remaining tuition or other special arrangements. If you have any questions regarding this, please send me an email

START SAVING FOR COLLEGE

Please take a moment and look at www.upromise.com This is a simple way to earning money for your child's college education with purchases that you are ALREADY making.

Reminders from the Office

Re-enrollment!!

Check the backpacks, check the mailbox!

Re-enrollment packets were sent home this week. Take advantage of the savings by returning your re-enrollment paperwork to the office no later than March 11th!

Parent Sign-in

Parents are always welcome at Westlake. However, parents please note that for security purposes, if you will be in the school for reasons other than dropping off or picking up children, please sign in at the school office. Thank you!

Absences/Late Arrivals

If a student needs to leave school early for an appointment or for any other reason, please send a note, and have them bring the note to the office as soon as they get here in the morning. We will give them a pass for their teacher, and they will be waiting for you in the office at the time you specify in the note.

Elementary parents, if your child will be arriving after 8:25 am, please come to the office to sign your student in, and then they will receive a pass to class.

End Of The Year Notes!

May 23-27 - HS Finals

May 26 - Kindergarten Graduation 7 PM

May 27 - 1/2 Day Last Day of Classes

- Elementary Honors 8:45-10:15 AM
 - 8th Grade Recognition 10:30-11:30 AM
 - 7th-12th Honors 10:30-11:30 AM
 - High School Graduation 7 PM
- @ Lakeland Evangelical Free Church
in Gurnee**

June 8 - Report Cards mailed home if all fees paid

Eagle Flight Silent Auction DONATIONS

This Spring WCA will be holding it's 2nd annual silent auction. Last year's evening event contributed just over \$5000 to Westlake's fund ! (Not to mention the fun time of fellowship amongst WCA families and friends). This year we would like to make it even bigger and better. How? With everyone's help, of course. We are in need of AUCTION ITEMS(\$50+). The items may be something you have or a service you provide. Perhaps you have a connection with someone who is willing to make a contribution. Also, please think about making a request from your place of employment or from a place you patronize frequently. There are contribution letters available in the office to assist in making this process easier. Please make every effort in aiding this event and ultimately enriching our children's education at Westlake.

Wanted!

A few good people to work on a team organizing on-going cash-back for WCA fundraising. We are putting all fundraisers with a cash-back program for our school under one umbrella, including Box Tops for Education, Campbells, Ink Jet cartridges, SCRIP, SchoolPop.com. We would like another one or two people to help administer one of these programs, one or two people to pick up ink jet cartridges from local businesses, and someone who has a flair for advertising/writing/p.r./desktop publishing to help communicate these programs and the results of our families' collective "smart spending". Contact Julie Stroud at stroud5@sbcglobal.net or (847) 918-1948 for this 2-3 hour a month volunteer task.

Prayer Ministry

Do you have a heart for prayer? Do you have the gifts of encouragement, mercy, or administration? WCA's prayer ministry needs several people to join in praying for WCA families, faculty and staff, and students. This ministry is simple - add these items to your personal prayer life and once a month take your turn sending e-cards of encouragement. The prayer team primarily communicates via email, so if you are a computer user, this may be your easiest and also most fulfilling WCA volunteer opportunity. Contact Julie Stroud at (847) 918-1948 or stroud5@sbcglobal.net.

Turn-In Tuesdays

Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, Kemp's milk jug lids, and now Tyson Chicken A+ Labels! As you are shopping, cooking, and recycling, be aware of the items you have and save these labels to benefit WCA. On Tuesdays students can bring to class the labels and lids you have collected at home. When we all participate, the results are fantastic! Through the Campbell's program, supplies were recently obtained for free for the art classroom.

Please also remember to save your empty ink jet cartridges. The average cartridge yields about \$2 for our school! Students can submit these on Tuesdays, or you can drop them in the box near the main door.

See the reverse side of this sheet for the list of Tyson Chicken A+ labels:

