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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.

Saturday Prayer!

Starting Saturday, March 26th, we will have a prayer gathering from 7:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at WCA in the library. More information to come.

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!

Music Aptitude Testing!

April 19th we will be having music aptitude testing at 11:00 a.m. in the Library/Vocal room at WCA. This is required for students in 3rd grade and up desiring to be in the Fall 2005 Beginning Band. More info to follow in the next two weeks.

Welcome to the Team!

A big thank you to Nancy Kent and Julie Stroud for volunteering to be our publicity team! They will be informing newspapers about special events, chapels, and sporting events and scores. Please contact Nancy or Julie if you have any information that you would like to be publicized.

Nancy can be reached at (847) 856-1559 and Julie can be reached at (847) 918-1948.

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 WCA.

Upcoming Dates for Experience Westlake

Thursday, April 7th, 9:00-10:30 am and Thursday, April 28th, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Thank You!

A big thank you to all of you who have purchased Scrip! To date, your purchases have brought in \$644.20 to WCA.

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

J. Bruce Barkhurst, Principal

He's Alive!!

The commemoration of the greatest event of human history is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. As we approach Holy week and Easter our attention is directed to the cross and the empty tomb. What should our actions and attitudes be, as Westlake families, regarding the resurrection? The Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 28, gives us an excellent starting point.

1. "Fear Not" (v.5) The resurrection destroys our fear of death and replaces it with hope and the Lord's promise of eternal life.
2. "Come and See" (v.6) The angel of the Lord invited the women to examine the empty tomb. We can do the same by seeing for ourselves the tomb is empty.
3. "Go and Tell" (v.10) The command is to go tell others what the resurrection means. So go tell everyone you know He's Alive! He's Alive!

That Christ lives is wonderful news, but Christ living in us is the real Easter miracle!

The Lord is Risen!
The Lord is Risen Indeed!

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.

Important Dates to Remember

- Northwestern Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Northwestern University March 19th.
- Easter Chapel Elem. (8:30-9:10 am) Jr./Sr. High (9:15-9:52) and Report cards Sent Home, March 24th, 2005.
- March 25th is Good Friday—No School!
- March 28th through April 3rd is Spring Break
- Experience Westlake Thursday, April 7, 9:00 - 10:30 am
- April 9 Honors Chorus Sing Fest
- Honors Lunch April 15 at WCA

American Soldier Helps Iraqi Children

THANKS TO ALL!

Second Lieutenant Scott Nelles, along with the rest of the American soldiers and Iraqi children would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of clothing. Scott writes:

“Thanks to everyone for your generous donations of clothing. There is also a great need for school supplies, such as paper, pencils, crayons or scissors, and dental supplies, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, or floss.”

If you wish to donate dental supplies or school supplies for these Iraqi children, please drop them off in Mrs. Jackson’s (3rd grade) room by April 8th. 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

2005-2006 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REMINDER

If you are planning on applying for financial assistance, please make sure that you have included copies of your 2004 INCOME TAX RETURN (the one due by April 15, 2005). I would like to request that these forms be completed in order to complete the application process in a timely manner for those interested. Thank you for your prompt and diligent response.

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 or other clothing found in the catalog or online at www.landsend.com it would only cost you \$85 (not including tax and shipping). Please come to the main office to purchase them.

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 and when you do come in to volunteer, please remember to use the Volunteer Sign In Sheet in the main office. Thanks for your service.

From the Office

Spring Break

Westlake Christian Academy Office will be closed from March 25th through April 3rd for Spring Break.

Testing

Parents, please note that we will begin **Stanford Achievement Testing for 1st through 9th grades on Monday, April 11th—Friday, April 15th. Testing will be done from 8:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** We would appreciate it if you please **do not** schedule appointments or vacations during this time. Please remind your children to get plenty of rest and to eat a nutritious breakfast during testing week. Students need to be able to concentrate so they can do their very best on their tests. Thank you for your help and cooperation!!

Honors Lunch

The honors lunch for students who made the honor roll will be Friday, April 15 from 12:40-1:18 in the library at WCA.

End Of The Year Notes!

**May 6 - Eagle Flight during school day
Silent Auction 6-9 pm**

May 9– Sports Banquet at WCA 7 PM

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