

Wiley's Words of Wisdom



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- 3 PTA Mtg. at 7 p.m. / Staff Room**
- 4 Report Cards Go Home**
- 7 WVEEF Mtg. Offsite**
- 21 WINTER RECESS through Jan. 3rd.**



- 4 School Resumes**
- 7 SSC Mtg. - 3 p.m. / Staff Room**
- PTA Mtg. - 7 p.m. / Staff Room**
- 11 WVEEF Mtg. - 7 p.m. / Staff Room**
- 15 Classroom Picture Day**
- 18 Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 19 5th graders leave for SCIENCE CAMP**
- 22 5th grade students return at 11:30 a.m.**
- 25 Pick up Kindergarten Registration
Packets in office**
- 27 Principal's Coffee - 8:15 a.m.
Staff Room**

REPORTING ABSENCES

When a student is staying home from school with an illness, please remember that a parent must call into the school office every day that the student is absent from school. **The 24-hour absence reporting line is (408) 245-0148.**

Due to the new H1N1 guidelines, the parent calling in must furnish the following information:

- Does your child have a fever?
- Is the fever accompanied by, a runny nose, a sore throat or a cough?

The student may return to school **after being fever free for 24 hours, without the use of a fever reducing medication.** The student must also have a temperature check in the school office before returning to class.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Report Cards Come Home Tomorrow!

As we have reached the end of the first trimester, your child will be bringing their report card home tomorrow. Please look over the report card with your child, and spend some time praising them on their accomplishments, and setting reasonable goals for the remaining two trimesters.

Whether your child brings home good grades or poor ones, your reaction may have a greater effect on your child than you realize. Your attitude and how you talk and listen to your child can make a huge difference on how your child responds and sets goals for the future. Here are some ideas for helping you and your child work together to make report card time a positive learning experience:

Don't be surprised: Talk with your child about his/her progress in school throughout each grading period.

Talk with your child about each grade. What does she /he think should be done to improve it? Remember report cards reflect what has already happened. The past cannot be changed.

Don't focus on the problem areas. Even if your child's report card was not as good as you'd like, look for something positive. Comment on a raised grade or a teacher's comment about how hard your child is working.

Focus on the future. Use a poor grade as a platform for change.

Write up a plan. Sit down calmly and discuss what your child can do to improve his/her grades. Consider asking the teacher for his/her ideas.

Lastly, put the report card in perspective. They measure how a student is doing in school. They don't measure a student's worth as an individual, nor do they judge your success as a parent.

I would also like to remind any parent who has not already re-registered on our new site to receive an email of the school newsletter link and information blasts, to please do so now. You may currently be on an older list that will soon be deactivated. We still have over 200 families that have not signed up at the new site. Please go to:
<http://sites.google.com/a/cusdschools.org/west-valley/wiley-words-of-wisdom-subscription-form>

~ Lisa Taormina, Principal



WINTER RECESS
DECEMBER 21, 2009
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JANUARY 1, 2010



SCHOOL NEWS

BOOK AND HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Due to our wonderful West Valley families and local Sunnyvale community, our Scholastic Book Fair and Holiday Craft Fair were a big success again this Fall. With your help, we were able to promote literacy and community, and raise a total of **\$5,636** for WVEEF (West Valley Educational Endowment Fund)! There was **\$2,600** raised from the Book Fair and **\$3,036** from the Holiday Fair.

Thank you so much to everyone who came out and supported these very important fundraisers. We'd also like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make both Fairs run smoothly - we truly couldn't do it without all of you!!

Congratulations to the Holiday Craft Fair Raffle Winners! The Flip UltraHD Video Player was won by Sophia Chen (Room 12), and the Zune MP3 player was won by Mrs. Tanya Yates, a 2nd grade teacher here at our school!

Thanks to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket, and to the Finkelstein and Sato families, for generously donating the raffle items!

FOOD & TOY DRIVE DONATIONS

Thank you to all who put food in our barrels for the Second Harvest Food Bank. The toys that were donated went to the Sunnyvale Community Services, to be distributed to those in our community who would otherwise not have a new toy this holiday.

VOLUNTEERS AT SCHOOL NEED A CURRENT TB TEST CLEARANCE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE. PLEASE CHECK IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR STATUS.

NO PARKING OR DROP OFF AT APARTMENT PARKING LOT

The apartment complex next door to our school, Brookside Oaks, has reported that several West Valley parents are either parking in their resident's or guest spaces, or are pulling into their driveway and dropping students off to walk to campus. By doing so, it creates a problem for the apartment residents, preventing their getting out of the parking lot, and could be potentially hazardous to anyone walking through the parking lot. In addition, neighbors across the street from school, complain of cars blocking or parked in their driveways. This is not fair to those residents and is not mindful of traffic laws.

Please arrive at school with enough time to park along Belleville Avenue. If walking across the street, use the crosswalk at the entrance to the school driveway. If dropping off your student in the car, please use the valet program in the driveway, and follow their directions. (See diagram in 11/19 /09 WWW.) It is for the safety of all to abide by these parking restrictions.

DISTRICT NEWS

H1N1 GUIDELINES

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department guidance recommends that, based on current flu conditions, students and staff with flu-like illness stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).

You can help keep our schools healthy by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Continue to enforce proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette - The recommendations continue to emphasize the importance of the basic foundations of disease prevention: stay home when sick, wash hands frequently with soap and water when possible or alcohol based hand sanitizer, and cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available).
- Leave accurate information as requested on the school's absence line if your child is sick. This will help the school identify any potential issues as soon as possible.
- Promptly pick up your child from school if they are sent home for being ill. The school will keep ill students separated from others until they can be sent home. Please make sure that the school office has your updated contact information.
- Any returning students after an illness with a fever will need to have their temperature taken in the school office before returning to class. Teachers will be sending returning students back to the office to have their temperatures taken if they arrive directly to the classroom without being cleared.

PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

SELPA II (Special Education Local Plan Area II) is proud to host the following guest speaker presentation to parents of students with special needs.

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

"Social Thinking"

Speaker: Michelle Garcia Winner, M.A., CCC-SLP

Back by popular demand: Michelle Garcia Winner, developed social thinking for the treatment of individuals with social-cognitive deficits: those with diagnoses such as Autism, Asperger syndrome, ADHD and Nonverbal Learning Disorder (NLD). Come early. At last year's event seats filled up fast!

The event takes place at Bishop Elementary School (450 N. Sunnyvale Avenue in Sunnyvale) in the auditorium from 6:30-8:30 PM. There is no registration required to attend the event. Onsite childcare is available, but registration is required for childcare and closes one week prior to the event, with no exceptions. For childcare contact Linda Toda at (408) 522-2474.

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Holiday Gift & Craft Fair 2009

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michelle3@sbcglobal.net

I Adorn It! By Dori Powell (408)938-1830

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