

# Wiley's Words of Wisdom



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(Please submit all articles by 10 a.m. on Mondays. The Principal must approve all articles)

## DECEMBER

- 18 Twin Day – dress like a friend today!**
- 21 WINTER RECESS through Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.**



- 4 School Resumes**
- 6 Parent Orientation for SCIENCE CAMP**  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. / GLC
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> graders leave for SCIENCE CAMP**
- 22 5<sup>th</sup> grade students return at 11:30 a.m.**
- 25 Pick up Kindergarten Registration**  
Packets in office

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of the year comes to a close with much joy and celebration. Our students celebrated by learning about different holidays and the traditions of the many cultures in our community. Our students also looked beyond themselves to give to others during this holiday season. It was heart-warming to see our students involved in celebration, learning about other cultures and also inspired to help others in need.



On behalf of the staff at West Valley Elementary, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and New Year.

*~ Lisa Taormina, Principal*

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM THE ENTIRE STAFF  
AT WEST VALLEY SCHOOL*



**WINTER RECESS**  
**DECEMBER 21, 2009**  
~  
**JANUARY 1, 2010**



**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE SCIENCE CAMP**  
**PARENT ONLY ORIENTATION**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**  
**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting in the GLC**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **THANKS FOR THE STUFFED ANIMALS!**

The 3rd Grade Brownie Troop from West Valley School would like to thank everyone at school for their contribution of stuffed animal 'hugs', in our recent drive to collect them. We sent 10 boxes of wonderful hugs to Loving Hugs, Inc. in Colorado, for distribution to needy children dealing with disasters and wars all over the world. Thanks to you, there will be quite a lot of children receiving 'hugs' soon.

### **LOST & FOUND**

Our Lost & Found bin is filling up with jackets, sweatshirts, lunchboxes, etc. The bin is located in the GLC. Please go and look through it if your student is missing an item.

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

### **2010 SPRING REGISTRATION**

### **SAVE YOUR JANUARY OR FEBRUARY PG&E BILL FOR REGISTRATION.**



Kindergarten registration for the 2010-11 school year is scheduled to begin February 1 - February 11, 2010. **You may pick up your pre-numbered Registration Packet, beginning on January 25<sup>th</sup>, in the school office.** These need to be returned between February 1 - 11, 2010, in order to retain your Registration number.

Open enrollment for all schools and Alternative Education is scheduled for the week of February 5 - 11, 2010. For more information check the district website at [www.cupertino.k12.ca.us](http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us).

If you have not already done so, please re-register at the new site to continue receiving the newsletter link and school information.

<http://sites.google.com/a/cusdschools.org/west-valley/wiley-words-of-wisdomsubscription-form>

## DISTRICT NEWS

### **CEEF'S 2010 GALA: "DREAMS ARE MADE OF..."**

**CEEF's 2010 Gala: "Dreams are made of..."  
Saturday, January 30, 2010 5:30 p.m.  
Fairmont Hotel, San Jose**

GALA AUCTION OFFERS STELLAR VALENTINE AND GROUP PARTY PACKAGES ON BEHALF OF ARTS, AND INNOVATIVE APPLICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY

The CEEF Gala Committee is working to raise over \$100,000 on behalf of arts and innovative technology programs at all district schools. The Gala live auction will offer an incredible array of unique packages including; *week's stay for 8 during the high season in a 4 BR/4.5B Four Seasons Resort villa at Punta Mita; champagne reception and \$1,000 gift certificate at Blacy's Fine Jewelers, romantic weekend stay at the Hotel Los Gatos, spa treatment for two at Spa Elia, and dinner at Dio Deko for 2; gourmet cooking demonstration for 16 in the Cupertino Whole Foods Culinary Center; Wine Country getaway for 8; Shark's luxury box for 12; dinner for 20 with paired wines at The Red Crane; festive celebration with wines for 25 prepared by local celebrity chefs: John Gatto, John Giovanola, John Zirelli, and Phil Johnson. Proceeds will provide matching funds for arts and innovative technology programs at all district schools.*

For reservations or more information, please call 408 446-2333 or email CEEF at [gala@ceefcares.org](mailto:gala@ceefcares.org).

### **STEPARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**Starting January 2010  
JFK University Community Counseling Center  
572 Dunholme Way  
Sunnyvale, CA 98087  
Fee for course: \$90.00**

The John F. Kennedy University Community Counseling Center invites interested parents to join a 10-week course with other stepfamily couples. You will learn the typical developmental stages that many stepfamilies go through in order to become a more harmonious and cohesive family. Couples will also have a chance to share their stories with each other in this unique, interactive learning and supportive group experience. The support group will be led by a counselor from the John F. Kennedy University Community Counseling Center, with counseling experience in the Cupertino School District.

For more information or to register, please call the JFK Counseling Center at (408) 524-4900.

**Last Chance for a Tax Write-off in 2009!**

Your tax-deductible direct donation to the **West Valley Educational Endowment Fund (WVEEF)** is by far our most important source of funding. By donating to WVEEF, you will help us to maintain our high quality of education at West Valley.

This year, your child had the following programs because of your donations!

- (1) Weekly library classroom visits
- (2) Weekly computer lab instruction
- (3) P.E. instruction (K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades) twice a week.
- (4) Classroom support from three instructional assistants
- (5) Library and computer lab available to all students at recess and lunch
- (6) \$200 per class in teacher classroom funds for instructional material

**These critical programs would not exist without your support.**

Make your tax-deductible contribution to WVEEF by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Please make your check payable to WVEEF, fill out the information below, tear it off, and mail it to:

WVEEF  
P.O. Box 2813  
Sunnyvale, CA.  
94087-0813

All donations will be acknowledged via receipt. If you have any questions, please contact the WVEEF Co – Presidents, via email, at:

Carol Tadros - carol\_tadros@yahoo.com  
Suzanne Chen - aubergine1995@yahoo.com.

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**West Valley Educational Endowment Fund – Donor Info Card December 2009**

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Names / Grades of Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

- ( ) I am making a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) I would like \$\_\_\_\_\_of my donation to be in the long term Endowment Fund (preserved as principal to earn interest for future use.)
- ( ) Check enclosed: Check # \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) Please contact me about making a stock donation.
- ( ) I do not want my name published as a donor.

