

October 2010

Westpark Elementary Newsletter



Fall Happenings

- * October 20 –IUSD Ask A Scientist Night
- * October 28—International Walk to School Day
- * October 29—Halloween Parade
- * October 25-29—Red Ribbon Week
- * PTA Meetings –10/20; 1/19;2/16;3/16;5/18.
- * November 11 and 12– Veterans’ Day Observation—No School
- * November 22, 23, 24—IUSD Furlough Days—No School
- * November 25 and 26—Thanksgiving Holiday—No School

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Harvest Cup

Westpark boys and girls soccer players demonstrated their talent on the field at this year’s City of Irvine Harvest Cup. This year the students showed incredible perseverance, sportsmanship, and AIR behavior. Just going out for the team and giving it your all, shows a positive attitude and makes you a winner just for trying. Congratulations to all our students who tried out and represented Westpark at this event. A special thanks to the coaches and volunteers who donated their time and talent to make this event happen. Thank you Dr. Bryenton, Rick Simmons, Craig Artrim, Tani Robinson,

Ingrid Green and The City of Irvine .

International Walk to School Day—October 28, 2010

Join the Irvine Unified Council PTA, City of Irvine, IPSF and the Irvine community in support of the health and wellness of our students and walk to school on Thursday October 28, 2010. Many Westpark Families and Staff will be meeting at the Corner Bakery at Main and Harvard at 7:30 to walk to school. PohChee Hurwitz will be handing out gel bands and would welcome volunteers to help her. Please email her at paulhurwitz1@cox.net Please see the Suggested Routes to School at the Westpark website.



Halloween Parade -This Westpark tradition will once again take place on Friday October 29th. Students will be allowed to wear their costumes during the parade. When helping your child decide on a costume, please consider proper school decorum. See Guidelines for more.

Red Ribbon Week—October 25-29

During Red Ribbon Week our community unites to take a visible stand against substance abuse with the symbol of the Red Ribbon. Stu-

dents and staff will don red attire to show support for prevention awareness. There will be activities coordinated with

the Westpark PTA during this week.

Westpark Halloween Parade

Halloween is an enjoyable community festivity in which many children participate. Responding to parent and staff requests for students to be able to celebrate this fun, dress-up day, students will be allowed to come to school dressed in costumes on Friday, October 29. We will hold a short school-wide parade at 8:30 so that each class can see each other's costumes. Dressing in cos-

tume and participating in the parade is a completely voluntary activity. If you would like your child to come dressed in costume on Friday, October 29th, please adhere to the following guidelines that our staff has outlined for you. We truly enjoy the fun and community spirit of this celebration, but it is important that students who wish to dress up do so in a way that does not

interfere with the instructional day.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in making sure that is an enjoyable and productive day for all children! You are welcome to join us for the short parade at 8:30 a.m. **Friday, October 29th.**

All Kindergarten students will come to school from 8:00 – 11:20.

Halloween Safety Tips

Discard treats that are unwrapped

Always trick or treat in groups and with an adult

Carry a flashlight so you can be seen by cars

Costume Guidelines

- Children come to school dressed in their costume. We will not allow costume changes to take place at school
- Children should wear a costume that can be comfortably worn throughout the entire day
- Be sure to have your child wear proper clothes and underclothes underneath their costume just in case they find their costume too hot or uncomfortable and wish to take it off before the day is over
- Children may not wear masks to school
- Children may not wear make-up to school (For example, no full face make-up, no dripping blood, no makeup on hands that will smear papers)
- Children should not bring any object that would be in violation of the zero tolerance policy and State Education Code that

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support

This year Westpark Staff is continuing to implement a school-wide positive behavior support plan. Students have been taught what appropriate behaviors look like in various places throughout the school. For example the students know how to behave during a performance in the MPR and when walking down the hall to the MPR. The entire school has focused on three key behaviors; Accountability, Integrity, and Respect. We call these AIR behaviors. Students are rewarded when they use AIR behaviors and reminded to use AIR behaviors when they are moving to a new location in the school or if they need a reminder of AIR.

Teaching these behavioral expectations helps students to know how to behave in various areas around the school. Students are rewarded with AIR cards. The cards are put into a drawing which results in prizes on a weekly basis. There are larger monthly drawings and recognition by staff.

AIR behaviors are understood by all students. Recently a second grades student explained that Integrity is having AIR behavior even when no body is watching. Ask your child about AIR and what it means at Westpark.

This year the staff has incorporated the Anti-bullying

Policy to this school-wide positive behavior support plan. The staff and students are learning about the policy and how to prevent bullying at Westpark.

Please cross San Carlos in the Cross Walks only. Please encourage your children to walk on the sidewalks and not through the school parking lot.

Before and After School Safety

Please remind your children to walk on the sidewalks around the Westpark parking lot when coming to school and when leaving school.

There are two crosswalks on San Carlo and those are the only safe places for children and adults to cross the street.

This is of particular concern at the beginning of school and after school when there are many people driving on the street.

In the morning students can be on school grounds 15 minutes before the start of their school day; 7:45 for grades 4,5,6; 8:00

for grades 1,2,3 and Early Bird Kindergarteners. After school students must be safely on their way home after 10 minutes. There is no supervision after this 10 minute period.

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Check out the Westpark Website for more information.

School Resumes after Winter Break on January 6, 2011

Other Dates to Remember:

- **Red Ribbon Week October 25-29**
 - **Westpark Book Fair on October 27 -29**
 - **Bingo Night on Nov. 4**
 - **Picture Make-Up Day—Nov. 4**
 - **Veteran Day Holiday—No School Nov. 11 and 12**
 - **Sixth Grade Outdoor Ed. Nov 17-19**
 - **Furlough Days Nov. 22, 23, and 24**
 - **Astonishing Inventions—Nov. 29—Dec. 3 in the MPR**
 - **Talent Show—Dec. 15 and 16**
 - **Furlough Days - Dec. 20 and 21**
 - **School Resumes—January 6, 2011**
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