

**Westpark Journal**  
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### **Principal's Report**

It is difficult for me to write this portion of the newsletter to the community this month. Westpark is a wonderful school and community. Even though I know that I will be able to continue to serve the students and staff, not only of Westpark, but all of IUSD on a larger scale at the district office, I will miss each and every child, staff member, and parent. As I have shared with staff, in the time we have been together we have done great things and brought a great sense of community to this school; started Response to Instruction (RTI), started Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (our AIR program), brought back student council, developed a flourishing Green Team, developed great professional learning communities (PLC's), and many other wonderful things that would fill many pages! 😊 I am lucky that I will be able to visit Westpark and consult the school in my new role.

It gives me great honor and pleasure though to announce your new principal, a friend and colleague of mine for many years, Mrs. Ann Marie Simmons. Mrs. Simmons is currently the school psychologist at Northwood High School. She has also served as a school counselor, curriculum developer, and math teacher. She is the proud mother of an IUSD high school graduate and an IUSD high school sophomore. Mrs. Simmons always puts kids first and will do Westpark proud. She embodies our AIR values! I know that she will continue and expand on the great work we have all done together; please join me in welcoming her to Westpark! 😊

I will miss you all dearly, but will be back to visit-Ingrid Green has already made me promise to be at the Talent Show! 😊

Fondly,  
Erica Hawkes

### **School Safety** **Supervision**

Students may not be on campus any earlier than 15 minutes prior to class start time. Also, students must be off campus 10 minutes after dismissal. Please help us to provide for your student's safety by insisting that he/she goes directly home after school, and only uses the playground equipment when supervised by a teacher or other school personnel during regular school hours.

### **Parking Lot**

Please be mindful of the traffic rules and codes provided by the Irvine Police Department:

1. Use the valet drop-off. It is the safest place to drop your children off for school and eliminates them from having to cross the street or the parking lot.
2. Make sure that your children's backpacks, musical instruments, and other belongings are easily accessible for removal

from your vehicle.

3. When using the valet service, remain in your car. Allow the student valets to assist your children in exiting.
4. Say your goodbyes to your children before you get in the car and leave home. Extended time saying goodbyes at the school delays other parents and their children.
5. Obey the directions of school staff and volunteers while in the school parking lot. They are doing their job and expect your cooperation in making sure that traffic flows smoothly. This especially applies to parents who park in areas not designated for parking such as traffic lanes, and those whose cars block others from getting out.

It is important to note that all signs and markings on the streets around the school be obeyed. There are no parking variances allowing parking or stopping in areas where prohibited. Areas where parking and stopping is allowed are:

1. Parking is allowed along the south curb edge of San Carlo between Amore and San Mateo and from San Mateo to Del Cabo.
2. Parking is allowed on the north curb edge of San Carlo between Del Cabo up to the posted "No Stopping" sign at San Mateo.
3. Parking is allowed along the north curb of San Carlo directly in front of the school and it continues toward Harvard, ending 200 ft. east of Harvard.
4. There is one designated visitor parking space in the school parking lot with a 30 minute time limit.

Areas where you may not stop or park and other applicable traffic concerns are as follows:

1. Within 15 feet of any fire hydrant.
2. No stopping or parking is allowed on the south side of San Carlo, for eastbound traffic, between Harvard and Amore. Stopping where signs prohibit is a parking violation and carries a \$41 fine if cited (IMC 6-3-573).
3. No parking on Amore at the intersection with San Carlo.
4. No parking or stopping within any crosswalk (VC 22500b).
5. No parking in any red zone or where sign prohibit (IMC 6-3-573). This section applies to the designated loading zone on San Carlo.
6. The parking spaces located at the far west end of the school parking lot are designated for people using the city park, not school related business.
7. No left turn from eastbound San Carlo going into the school entrance (VC 21461).
8. All handicapped parking is strictly enforced (VC 22507.8).
9. Observe all posted speed signs of 25 mph when driving in a school zone.
10. Yield to all pedestrians in a crosswalk (VC 21950a) and obey the directions of the crossing guard (VC 2815). This means that you cannot drive through the crosswalk until the pedestrians and the crossing guard have exited the crosswalk. Pedestrians crossing the street anywhere outside of the crosswalks must yield to vehicular traffic (VC 21954a).
11. All pedestrians should be using the crosswalks to cross the street on San Carlo.

Should anyone receive a parking or moving citation in violation of any traffic law, please do not go to the school office and complain to the staff or administration. The enforcement of traffic regulations around the school fall within the jurisdiction of the Irvine Police Department, and not school officials.

There are legal remedies should you want to contest your citation. If you receive a parking citation, you can call the parking administration at the Irvine Police Department at (949) 724-7023 and request a hearing. Any moving citation can be contested at Harbor Municipal Court.

The Irvine Police Department wishes the staff, teachers, students, and parents of Westpark Elementary School. If you have any traffic questions or concerns please contact Jay Indelicato, Crossroads Area Traffic Officer at (949) 724-7212 Ext. 2005 or email [jindelicato@ci.irvine.ca.us](mailto:jindelicato@ci.irvine.ca.us)

## **Parent Support**

### **SSC**

Thank you to David Halterlein for his interest in SSC. He will join our current members for the 2010-2011 school year as they support our Continuous Improvement Efforts and good things we do for kids each and every day!

## **PTA**

### **Pledge Drive**

Thank you very much to everyone that has supported the PTA pledge drive and that has joined PTA. The PTA has raised over \$18,000 to dates. You can join PTA at any time and PTA would appreciate any and all support of its pledge drive. ☺ Each and every tax deductible dollar goes straight to PTA for use in the classroom. None of the money is taken to support vendors-our children are the recipients of all your generosity! Thank you for all of your support! If you need any additional information regarding the pledge drive or PTA membership, please see the PTA webpage. <http://www.iusd.org/wp/PTA.html>

### **Meetings**

Please join us at the PTA Board Meetings. All meetings are held at 6:30 at the school on the following dates:

September 15, 2010-12:00 p.m. –Board Only

October 20, 2010-6:30 p.m.

January 19, 2011-6:30 p.m.

February 16, 2011-6:30 p.m.

March 16, 2011-6:30 p.m.

May 18, 2011-6:30 p.m.

Please also see the PTA page on the school web page for a list of PTA volunteer opportunities and a complete list of PTA activities for the year.

### **Worlds of Westpark**

The second annual Worlds of Westpark International Night is coming up on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>! We hope everyone will join us this evening. It will be a great night to sample foods and get a “taste” of different cultures and meet some new Westpark friends. Please see our homepage if you need another copy of the flyer.

### **2010 Reflections Contest**

The PTA Reflections Program helps parents encourage the creativity and lifelong learning of their children, and offers children recognition for their artistic endeavors. Supporting the PTA Reflections Program is one way you can increase student achievement, foster student talents, and promote the arts in your home, your school, and your community. The 2010-2011 theme is “Together We Can.” Students are asked to create an original piece of literature, musical composition, dance choreography, photography or visual arts that depicts this year’s theme. All entries into the Reflections Program must be new pieces of artwork inspired by the current year’s theme and created expressly for the program. Each entry must be the original work of one student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student’s work. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student’s individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed. Only one student may be recognized as the award recipient for each entry. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited in the literature, visual arts, and photography categories. This includes the use of copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material.

Divisions are as follows: Grades K-2, Grades 3-6, Grades 6-8

In order to be accepted, each entry submitted must include a completed and signed

Student Entry Form. Forms will be available in the school office after September 7, 2010.

Entries are due on Friday, October 22, 2010.

### **Office and IUSD News**

#### **Office Hours**

The school office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, while school is in session. If you bring a forgotten lunch, homework, jacket, etc., for your student, please come to the office only. If a student should arrive after school starts, he/she needs to come to the office to sign in and receive a late pass. Please make sure that your child arrives on time, as tardies and absences are detrimental to your child’s education.

### **Free and Reduced Lunch**

The National Lunch Program helps families that need assistance with lunch. Free and Reduced Price Meals are available to families who may qualify. If your family chooses to apply please complete a "Free and Reduced Meal Price Application Form." The forms can be obtained on-line and completed applications can be returned to any school office or mailed to Nutrition Services department. You can link to the applications below or find them on our homepage. [www.iusd.org/wp](http://www.iusd.org/wp)

#### Application

[Additional Information regarding Free and Reduced Price Lunch](#)

[Nutrition Services Homepage](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

9/2-EIRM Night for K-1

9/6-No School-Labor Day

9/8 Green Team Drive

9/16 PTA's Worlds of Westpark

9/17-Flag Salute in Honor of Constitution Day

9/24-Minimum Day-Last Day of First Quarter

9/25-10/17-Fall Recess

10/18-Second Quarter Resumes

### **GATE**

Each school site is required to designate a parent to serve as a representative to attend three Irvine Unified School District GATE-Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings (Tuesday, Oct. 26; Tuesday, Jan. 25; Tuesday, Apr. 12) from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Each meeting provides GATE information and updates that the GATE parent representative will share with the parent community and Westpark. If you are interested in serving as the representative please notify the office.

### **Constitution Day**

Please join us on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:25 a.m. for an all school flag salute. The flag salute will be presented by our Girl Scout troop as we celebrate Constitution Day. Constitution Day is an American federal observance that recognizes the ratification of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is observed on September 17, the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787. The law establishing the holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd. The act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on that day.

### **Fall Recess**

Fall Recess begins on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> is a minimum day for students. School will resume on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Have a wonderful three week break and congratulations on a great first quarter!